

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 13 Year C**

August 4, 2019

8 & 10 o'clock Holy Eucharist and Baptism



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Welcome! We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents. We have found a loving Christian community and hospitality here, and invite you to join us. If you are seeking a spiritual home, speak to Fr. Henry or Mother Shivaun.



Children are welcome at all services.

Child care is available for infants and children through Pre-K Sunday mornings 8:30 – 11:30am in room 106, in the church undercroft.

While most of our service is written down and can be followed in the bulletin or prayer book, the sermon is not, so if little ones become impatient, or need to regroup, the solarium is a quiet space where you can go and still hear the service or sermon.

Adult Forum Sunday mornings at 9am in the Parish Hall



Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour and fellowship following each worship service.

This Sunday's Coffee Hour is hosted by
Parish Life

*First Aid kits are located in the sacristy,
and on the wall in the narthex behind the door into the nave.*

The Liturgy of the Word

10AM SERVICE BEGINS ON PAGE 11

8AM

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The People are seated.

Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.
They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.
My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.
How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the LORD,
who roars like a lion;

when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.

They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
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and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

Colossians 3:1-11

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Luke 12:13-21

People The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you Lord Christ.

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possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Congregation stands

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
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and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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The Prayers of the People Form III

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray especially for, **Jerry, Pam, Bill, Judith, Tom, Janet, Betsy, June, Chris, Michael, Ron, Mac, Nancy.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

HOLY EUCHARIST CONTINUES ON PAGE 21 OF THE SERVICE BULLETIN

10AM

Organ Music: 'Recit de Cromhorne' from *Mass for the Convents* François Couperin

Hymn 362*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

The congregation stands.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one body and one Spirit.

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

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Sequence Hymn 516

Come down, O Love divine

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People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Infants and Younger Children

Parents and Godparents

I present Emmet Oesch to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

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Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
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Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
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Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in
Christ?
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Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

During the singing of the hymn the children are invited to come forward to witness the baptism.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Baptism

Emmet, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Emmet, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

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The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

10AM

Offertory Hymn 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Eucharistic Prayer B

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The people stand. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The following Preface may be used at any time.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

8AM
Said

10AM

Sanctus and Benedictus, S 125

Robert Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God,...

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung:

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.**

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the Bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. GLUTEN FREE host is available; indicate your desire for GF host by presenting your hands palms crossed facing downward; when the GF host is offered, rotate your hands over to receive. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
And you have fed us with spiritual food
In the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
And grant us strength and courage
To love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Blessing

10AM

Closing Hymn 473*

The Dismissal

Organ Music: 'Fugue sur la Trompette' from *Mass for the Convents* François Couperin

*This hymn is from the favorite hymn list

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. Names remain on the list for four weeks. If you wish to re-submit a name after that time, please contact the office administrator at administrator@stjec.org. In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email rector@stjec.org or mothershivaun@icloud.com

Jerry Bruemmer
Pam & Bill Fleming
Judith
Tom Stevens
Janet Eichacker
Betsy O'Neill
June Thompson
Chris Prinz
Michael Cronin
Ron Blackburn
Mac Angell
Rev. Nancy Soukup



*Altar flowers are given by The Oesch Family in Thanksgiving of Emmet Oesch
and his Baptism August 4, 2019*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECRET WORKSHOP - Donations of NEW, ALMOST NEW, and GENTLY-USED items are needed for Santa's Secret Shop at the Holly Harvest Bazaar on November 9th. Collection basket is outside the rector's office. Questions? Please contact: Nancy Eichacker or Alan Soukup.

MINDFUL YOGA with LORI - Yoga will return Thursday, August 15th at 7pm

RECRUITING GREETERS - Be a part of making people feel welcome at St. John's. We are creating teams of people each Sunday who will purposefully welcome people coming, invite them to coffee hour, get to know who they are and help us gather information so we can follow up with a note or email. If you love to meet new people and want to be a part of making visitors feel at ease, please contact *Mother Shivaun*.

PRAYER REQUESTS - Our world is hurting, we are hurting. We know that even in our darkest days, the Lord is close, He hears our cry, He lifts us up... and we know that when two or more gather in His name, He is there. **HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?** Pastoral line 301/774-3619

AFRICAN PALMS - Will be at the Olney Farmer's Market on Sunday, August 11th. Volunteers are needed to keep Johnna company, while Lori is in Tanzania! Please join us anytime between 9:00-1:30pm for as long as you are able to stay. Johnna's cell is 301-661-4612

HOLLY HARVEST BAZAAR UPDATE - we have 26 Vendors confirmed! Up to 25 more can be added, if you know if a local artist or crafter please spread the word about our wonderful show on November 9th. Contact Johnna for an application. johnnabenson@gmail.com

PUMPKIN PATCH REPORT - Pumpkin crop is looking great out in New Mexico! We can start talking to our local community that we are excited for their arrival on October 5th. As always we are pet friendly and have a great atmosphere for family photos, not to mention the best Pumpkin Staff ever! A sign up genius for volunteers will be out in the next few weeks.

PALM CROSS QUALITY CONTROL VOLUNTTERS - needed 9 to noon on Tuesday mornings. Arrive anytime for fellowship and quality controlling.



Walk so they won't have to... every step counts.

10K 5K WALK FUN RUN FOR WATER save the date!

Saturday
OCTOBER
19, 2019

*Improving life,
one village at a time.*

African Palms is a non-profit ministry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Olney. Since it's beginning in 1976 the ministry has been selling palm crosses and now totes and other handmade items from Masasi, Tanzania. The profits from the sale of palm crosses and totes are returned to Masasi in the form of self-help grants. Our biggest grant support has been to dig wells and help fund clean water sources. Everyday women and children are tasked with collecting water for their families. They miss school and walk over 3 miles to collect water from polluted rivers and ponds.

Together we can make a difference! Every step counts! Partner with us to give hope to those who lack access to clean safe water. Walk with us on Saturday, October 19th.!



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www.AFRICANPALMSUSA.org





Altar Flowers Memorials & Honorariums



We are excited to offer opportunities to give flowers that will decorate the altar for your loved ones for a Sunday service. Weekly flowers can be donated in memory of or in honor of family members or friends, and will be listed in the weekly bulletin. A donation of **\$50** is requested. Checks may be made payable to St. John's Episcopal Church with Altar Flowers noted on the memo line. Parishioners can commemorate a special Sunday by completing the attached form and returning it to the church office.

NAME _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

IN MEMORY / HONOR OF (enter names and wording as you wish them to appear in the bulletin)

WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR (enter date) _____

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Sheri Hall 2022 - *Treasurer*

Dennis Atkinson 2020 - *B & G*

Diana Mayhew 2020 - *Mission Outreach*

Glen Drew 2020 - *Stewardship*

Aparna Williams 2021 - *Communications/Warden*

Selva Selvarajah 2021 - *Parish Life*

Doug Perkins 2022 - *Evangelism*

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SUNDAY SERVICES @ 8AM & 10AM & 5PM Taize