

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

**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 14**

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

**10:30am**

**HOLY EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM**



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# Welcome to St. John's Church

*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 and invite you to join us.*

*If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with Fr. Henry*

## **Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service**

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy some fellowship, coffee and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service. The Parish Hall can be found by walking towards the front of the sanctuary, through the solarium, turn right and head straight to the Parish Hall.

## **Children are welcome at all services**

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Do, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.



**Adult Forum Sunday mornings at 9am in the Lower level of the Parish Hall**

**Holy Household Half-Hour is on summer break  
and will resume in the Fall.**

# HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude: Voluntary no. 6

Paul Page

Opening Hymn: 68

Rejoice, rejoice believers

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.  
Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

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

*People* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*People* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Genesis 15:1-6**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*People* The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 33:12-22**

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.**
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.**
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
he is our help and our shield.**
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.**

**A reading from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: VF 142

Bless Now

C G Bm Em

1 Bless now, O God the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way—  
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

C G B $\flat$  Am

the path thru noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
 whose hope burns through out the ter - rors whose love sus - tains the day.  
 We wait for land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.

D C G Am F

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom, while of - ten we are bound.  
 But wait - ing not for pla - ces— you meet us all a - round.

C G Am Dsus4-3 G

1. 2.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
 To - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

3.  
G

found.  
found.  
found.

*Play either keyboard or guitar accompaniment, but not together.*

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## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:32-40

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

## **THE SERMON**

### **The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Madison Jane to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.

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

*I will, with God's help.*

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.*

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

**We will.**

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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*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,  
the resurrection of the body,  
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?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God  
in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your  
neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **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.

*Leader* Deliver her O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her 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.**

## Hymn: The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where you don't  
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 call your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 kind And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 free And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 side And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 you And nev - er be the same. In your



let my love be shown, Will you let my  
 risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -  
 kiss the lep - er clean And do such as  
 use the faith you've found To re - shape the  
 com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and



name be known, Will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, Through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown In you and you in me?  
 prayer In you and you in me?  
 mean In you and you in me?  
 sound In you and you in me?  
 grow In you and you in me.

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## 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

Madison Jane, 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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an 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.**

Madison Jane, 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.**

*People* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Silence*



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Anthem: Voluntary no. 1

Paul Page

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

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

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

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:

Sanctus S130

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and

daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem: Eat this bread

Refrain

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The first system of music is accompanied by the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry." The second system of music is accompanied by the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, and the Taizé Community  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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## The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar.*

Communion Hymn: 316

This is the hour of banquet and of song



1 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;  
 3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
 yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,



here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the  
 the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou  
 giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the



brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.  
 still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.  
 Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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

Closing Hymn: 701

Jesus, all my gladness

1 Je - sus, all my glad - ness, my re - pose in sad - ness,  
 2 Hence with earth - ly trea - sure: thou art all my plea - sure,  
 3 Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy be - stow - er,

Je - sus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plain - eth, ah, my spi - rit  
 Je - sus, my de - sire! Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they  
 Je - sus, en - ters in! Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from des - o -

strain - eth, long - eth af - ter thee! Thine I am, O ho - ly Lamb;  
 were not rank and for - tune's hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;  
 la - tion, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,

on - ly where thou art is plea - sure, thee a - lone I trea - sure.  
 nought that I may suf - fer ev - er shall from Je - sus sev - er.  
 thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness!

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Voluntary no. 11

Paul Page

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

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*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 at [accounting@stjec.org](mailto:accounting@stjec.org). In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

Tim Wittig  
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Tara Dowling Yell  
Scott Smith  
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Peter McWilliams  
Rinchen Khandro  
Jon Rucker  
Joseph Sears  
Lu Soukup  
Frances Hunt  
Mary Persinger  
Chris Prinz



*Today's Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving of*  
**OUR DEVOTED AFRICAN PALMS VOLUNTEERS**

*by*  
*Mary Lou McMaster*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**“ART+FAITH: A THEOLOGY OF MAKING”** - Discussion reading groups are being offered on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10am | Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm  
Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9am.

**VETERANS & ACTIVE-DUTY MEMBERS** of St. John’s! If you served in the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines, Space Force, Public Health Service, or NOAA as active duty, retired, separated, National Guard, or Reserves, we would like to document your experience and help preserve this living history for future generations! To share your story, please contact Joy Reiff at 717-673-4884 or email at [reiffjoy@comcast.net](mailto:reiffjoy@comcast.net)

**MONDAY MISSION SOCIETY** - Meetings resume via ZOOM on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. See Friday’s Bell Tower for the Zoom link. The September meeting will be held in person at the home of Mary Ellis. Details for the September meeting will be shared as we get closer to the date.

## PRAYING IN COLOR

*A visual, active, meditative, and playful way to pray*  
Friday, AUGUST 19 | 6pm in the Parish Hall



**PRAYING IN COLOR** - Join us as we experience a visual, active, meditative, and playful way to pray doodling and drawing the love and concerns of our hearts. Come and experience a different way to pray on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9am - 2pm Monday - Thursday | CLOSED on Friday

## BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

*Sacred Ground* is a film and readings, based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups, or circles, are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

In September of 2021 St. John's Olney offered its first *This Is Sacred Ground Circle*; we are pleased to offer a second circle beginning September 15, 2022.

The circle will meet 12 times, 6:30 to 8:30 PM Eastern time from September 15, 2022, to March 16, 2023, via Zoom. Most months the meetings will take place on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The circle meets via Zoom because this format allows participants to join from anywhere and removes the need to travel at night or when the weather is inclement.

*This is Sacred Ground* is a creation for, and of, the National Episcopal Church. The catalyst for it came out of the 2015 Episcopal Church's 78th General Convention Resolution - *Work for Racial Justice and Reconciliation*, and was reaffirmed at the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention held last month in Baltimore. Since its inception there have been over 1,000 circles held with over 25,000 participants. The clear message is there is no turning back, or slowing down, the work of Becoming Beloved Community.

If you want to know more about *This Is Sacred Ground*, you may find information here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>

If you are interested in participating in this up-coming circle, or have questions, contact Gail Rucker at: LGRUCKER@VERIZON.NET.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - Flowers for Sunday worship can be donated in memory, honor or thanksgiving of family, friends or a special occasion. A suggested donation of \$75 is requested along with the completed form below. Flower donations can also be made online at [www.stjec.org/give](http://www.stjec.org/give).



*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 **\$75** 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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