

**St. John's Episcopal Church and School  
& African Palms USA**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**February 16, 2020**

**8 & 10 o'clock Holy Eucharist**



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**W**elcome! 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.

Worship in the Episcopal / Anglican tradition has had as its foundation, since 1549, the Book of Common Prayer. This service bulletin notes the page numbers needed during worship as found in the Book of Common Prayer (red book) that is in the bookrack within each pew. During 10am worship the music can be found in the hymnal (blue book) and is noted by hymn number. Please do not hesitate to ask those seated near you for help if you are new to our worship.

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**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.

*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

*The congregation stands.*

*People* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit **BCP, Page 351**  
**And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Confession and Absolution** **BCP Page 352**

**Gloria** **BCP Page 356**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.*

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his

ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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

### **Psalm 119:1-8**

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
    who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
    and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
    but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
    that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
    that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
    when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
    when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
    do not utterly forsake me.

## 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

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## Matthew 5:21-37

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are

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## **Sermon**

*The Congregation stands*

### **The Nicene Creed**

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### **The Prayers of the People**

Response: O God, in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer**

### **The Peace**

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

# The Holy Eucharist

## Rite II

### **Eucharistic Prayer C**

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... Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship from generation to generation. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*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.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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### **The Blessing**

### **The Dismissal**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Organ Music: Praise to the Living God

Richard Proulx

Hymn 372

Praise to the living God!

The Opening Acclamation

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*Celebrant*

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

*People*

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

The Confession and Absolution

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Song of Praise, Hymn 679

Surely it is God who saves me



1 Sure - ly it is God\_\_\_ who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds\_\_\_ known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

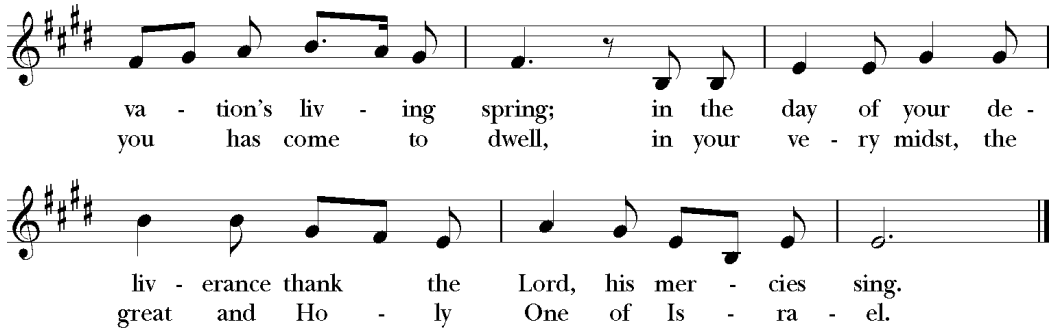


fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with





va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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Anthem: 'Tis Winter Now

Monte Mason

*Tis winter now; the fallen snow has left the heavens all coldly clear;  
through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow, and all the earth lies dead and drear.  
And yet God's love is not withdrawn; his life within the keen air breathes;  
his beauty paints the crimson dawn, and clothes the boughs with glittering wreaths.  
And though abroad the sharp winds blow, and skies are chill, and frosts are keen,  
home closer draws her circle now, and warmer glows her light within.  
O God! who givest the winter's cold, as well as summer's joyous rays,  
Us warmly in your love enfold, and keep us through life's wintry days.*

The St. John's Choir

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Sequence Hymn 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

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                                    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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**The Prayers of the People**

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**The Peace**

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Offertory Hymn 593

Lord, makes us servants of your peace

# The Holy Communion

## Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus and Benedictus 859

Ronald Arnatt

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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

*\*Optional choir part repeats first phrase here.*

\*Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

*The Celebrant continues on pg. 371*

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**The Lord's Prayer**

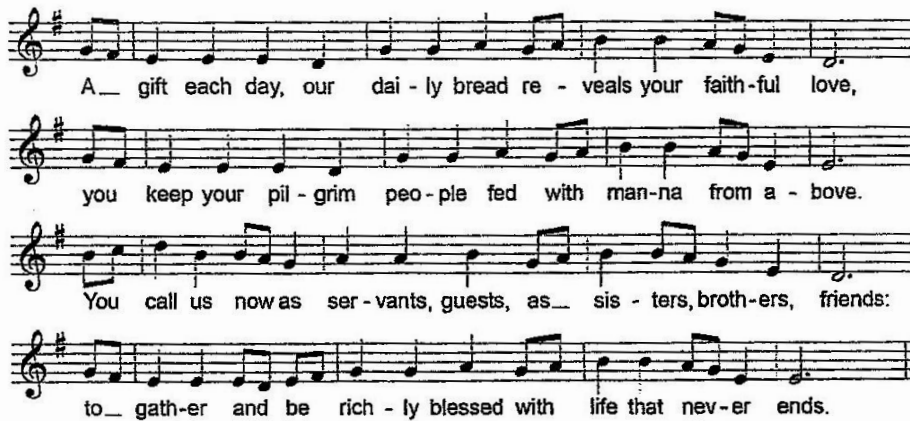
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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

## Fraction Anthem



A gift each day, our dai - ly bread re - veals your faith - ful love,  
you keep your pil - grim peo - ple fed with man - na from a - bove.  
You call us now as ser - vants, guests, as sis - ters, broth - ers, friends:  
to gath - er and be rich - ly blessed with life that nev - er ends.

*Eucharist is a gift and blessed mystery from God; all who are called by God to receive this sacrament are welcome at God's Table. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. GLUTEN FREE host is available; to indicate your desire for GF host, please present your hands palms crossed facing downward; when the GF host is offered, rotate your hands over to receive. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. For those who prefer to intinct the bread, a second smaller intinction chalice will be available. If you would like a blessing, please come forward, cross your arms in front of your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.*

Communion Hymns 512  
635

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove  
If thou but trust in God to guide thee

**Post Communion Prayer**

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**Blessing**

Closing Hymn 594

God of grace and God of glory

**The Dismissal**      *all respond*      **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Music: God of Grace and God of Glory

Theodore Beck

*~ This morning we welcome Linda Pannebaker as our guest organist ~*

## 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 [administrator@stjec.org](mailto:administrator@stjec.org). In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [rector@stjec.org](mailto:rector@stjec.org) or [mothershivaun@icloud.com](mailto:mothershivaun@icloud.com)*

June Thompson  
Mary Almasi  
Edith Pangisa  
Lois Taylor  
Mary Lou McMaster  
Dorcas Taylor  
Frances Hunt  
Marilyn Lee  
Joan Ashcroft  
Sherrice Ajebon  
Betsy O'Neill  
Ron Blackburn  
Mac Angell  
Rev. Nancy Soukup



*This Sunday's Altar Flowers are given by Mathy & Andy Downing  
In memory of our beloved angel, Candace Leigh on the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of leaving us.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
& Silent Auction**

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 23rd**  
following the 8 & 10am services

**Join us for a small stack  
with a big cause...  
Ministries & Missions**

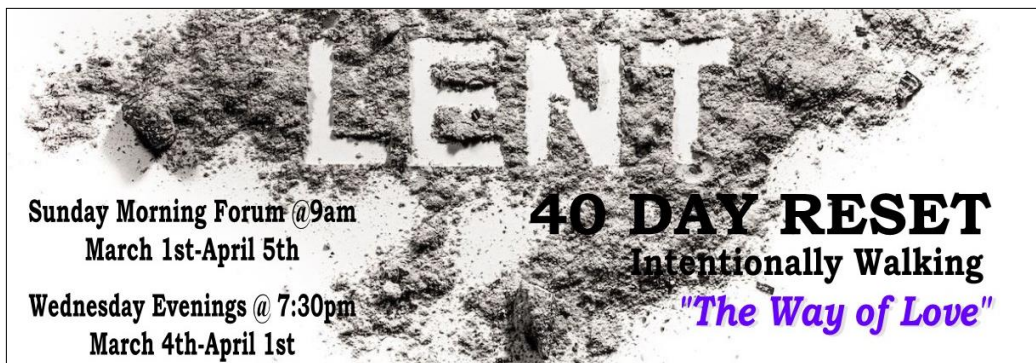
**PANCAKE BRUNCH, SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE** - February 23rd is our Annual Pancake Brunch and Silent Auction. Silent Auction items include beach houses, excursions, baking, birds and much more! The Silent Auction will end promptly at noon and you do not need to be present to win. NEW this year will be a raffle for our large contingent of children. The Raffle for our youngsters will include toys, trinkets, arts & crafts and age appropriate activities. Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or 10 for \$5. Pancakes will be served after the 8am & 10am services. As always all proceeds from the clothesline donations and auction items will be donated to the various missions and ministries of St. John's.

**SMALL GROUPS** - This Lent, we invite parishioners to a more intentional study, in a Small Group. The groups are made up of a group of 8-12 people who agree and commit to meet as a group for the weeks of Lent - March 1st -April 5th. Each Small Group meets with the same people, with the same host, at the same location and time each week. Each week the group will take an in-depth look at the components of Bishop Curry's *Way of Love* and discuss how to incorporate a Christian rule of life, or routine Christian moments, throughout the day.

**SUNDAY MORNING FORUM** - March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We will be reading Bishop Mariann's book, "*Receiving Jesus.*"

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** - March 4<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> Soup Supper, Faithful Conversation and Evening Prayer at 7:30pm.

**HOLY HOUSEHOLD TOOLS** - Materials will be provided for household devotions and suggested activities to further your personal Lenten walk on "*The Way of Love.*"



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Into the Wardrobe, A Family Vacation Bible School inspired by *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis. August 3rd-7th, 6PM-9PM each evening.

Each night transports participants into the world of Narnia with activities designed to engage all ages and faith levels, in household groups, in mixed Narnia "houses" and in small groups by age. Every night includes dinner and all supplies necessary for a full evening of seeing the Gospel in the magic of C.S. Lewis' masterpiece. All are encouraged to attend - families, empty nesters, young adults, prayer partners and teenagers. Early Bird Registration at: [WWW.STJEC.ORG](http://WWW.STJEC.ORG). Sign up today to get the discounted rate of \$50 per household - for 5 nights of dinner, formation, fellowship and fun.

**COFFEE HOUR** - St. John's Coffee Hour is a time of fellowship and socializing. St. John's, has a wonderful tradition of fellowship and hospitality and Coffee Hour is a special part of that tradition. This service is an important ministry to the church, not only to regular attenders and members, but also to visiting guests. Providing coffee is a great way to make people feel welcome and provide a way for them to feel more comfortable engaging others. If you are interested in partnering with one of our ministries to host a Coffee Hour, we would be so grateful! Hosting is simple! Plates, cups, cutlery, coffee and tea are supplied, and beyond that anything you want to offer is welcome. Coffee Hour Host Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall near the kitchen.

**2020 Coffee Hour schedule is below:**

January	Vestry	July	Parish Life
February	Altar Guild	August	Parish Life
<b>March</b>	<b>Choir &amp; Handbells</b>	September	Monday Mission
April	African Palms	October	Ushers
May	Esther Deel	November	Christian Education
June	EM's & Lectors	December	Outreach



**COFFEE HOUR**

I am interested in hosting coffee hour \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name)

Please sign me up for **SUNDAY**, \_\_\_\_\_ **2020**.  
(Month & Date)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ *\*Reminder will be sent out.*

# SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL & AFRICAN PALMS USA

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## **VESTRY**

Aparna Williams 2021 – *Communications/Warden*

Selva Selvarajah 2021 – *Parish Life*

Doug Perkins 2022– *Evangelism*

Bruce Hohl 2022 – *Worship*

Nancy Olkewicz 2023

Sheri Hall 2020 – *Treasurer*

John Ellis 2021

Julia Metcalf 2022 – *Pastoral Care/Registrar*

Glen Drew 2023

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