

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

**The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

February 17, 2019

**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.



**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.

Sunday School for children ages K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
9am in room 109 in the undercroft

Adult Forum Sunday mornings at 9am  
in the Parish Hall and the Meeting Room



Please join us for coffee hour and fellowship  
in the Parish Hall following each worship service.

This Sunday's Coffee Hour is hosted by  
Altar Guild

*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

Organ Music: Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

Paul Manz

Hymn 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

## 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.**

## 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.*

## Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is in the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse--  
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Anthem: Day by Day

Martin How

*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray.  
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

The St. John's Choir

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

## Luke 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,  
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in  
that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven;  
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors  
did to the false prophets."

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

## **Sermon**

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

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

#### **Infants and Younger Children**

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Maryanne Katherine to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Benjamin Miles 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 these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

*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 Congregation stands*

## **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 these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

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

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

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Leader*            Bring them 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.*

Baptismal Hymn 295

Sing praise to our Creator

### **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**

Maryanne Katherine / Benjamin Miles, 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 these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.**

Maryanne Katherine / Benjamin Miles, 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

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

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

Offertory Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

## The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer C

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*Celebrate*            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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

S - 125 Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

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.**

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  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

### Fraction Anthem



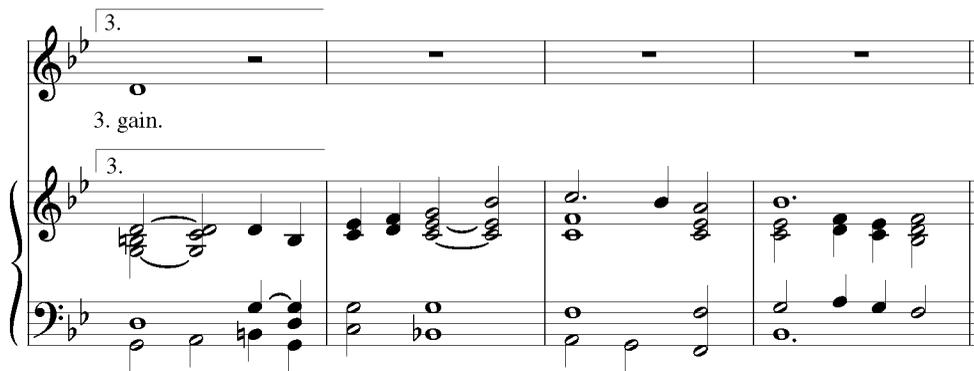
A gift each day, our dai - ly bread re - veals your faith - ful love,  
you keep your pil - grim peo - ple fed with man - na from a - bove.  
You call us now as ser - vants, guests, as sis - ters, broth - ers, friends:  
to gath - er and be rich - ly blessed with life that nev - er ends.

*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.*

1. From miles a - round the sick ones came, in hope that One they  
 2. And still they come, new preys of plague, while of - ten in their  
 3. Re - call us to our mis-sion, Lord, to reach for those cut

heard rooms was Lord would make their souls and bod - ies  
 off, in prayer God's peo - ple wor - ship, safe and  
 of, in pain; to of - fer friend-ship, strength, and

well, with heal - ing touch or sav - ing word.  
 sound, un - heed-ing, e - ven un - a - ware.  
 peace and be a faith - ful church a -



Communion Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

*The People standing, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Minister 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.**

## **Blessing**

Closing Hymn 544

Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun

**The Dismissal**      *all respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

Organ Music: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach

## 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 let us know. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact The Rev. Henry P. McQueen at 717-203-4055 or email at [rector@stjec.org](mailto:rector@stjec.org).*

Pruitt family  
Kathleen Lawson  
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Kyle  
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Kristan Boyland  
Chris Prinz  
Darren Ruppert  
Joanne Gallo  
Steven Lemery  
Kristen  
Stan Simpson  
Howard  
Janet Middletown  
Linda Niemczyk  
Patricia Hong  
Ed O'Neil  
Ron Blackburn  
Mac Angell  
Rev. Nancy Soukup



*Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Henriette Brown and Pete Craig  
From Cindy and Justin Brown*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**AFRICAN PALMS** -African Palms welcomes volunteers every Tuesday morning from 9am-11am.

Packing crosses, quality control, stuffing envelopes and fellowship. Join the Tuesday morning work session if you can.

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**ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH** - We could use your help Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Pancake Brunch. Please show up at 8am, in the Kitchen ready to have fun! We should be finished about noon.

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION** - Have an item or two you'd like to donate to the silent auction on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>? Please contact Diana Mayhew (202.309.5823) to arrange pick-up. Be sure to include the value and any special description you may want to include.

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**ALS VOLLEY BALL GAME** - Each year, the St. John's faculty and staff engage in a volleyball competition against the eighth graders. Proceeds from the \$5.00 game entry fee, St. John's will benefit the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia Chapters of the ALS Association. The match will take place on Friday, March 1 at 2pm in the gym. We hope that you will come out to support this year's charity, ALS.

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**MINDFUL YOGA WITH LORI** - Please join us for a time of guided relaxation, gentle stretching, breathing and movement every Thursday evening at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. \$10 donation is suggested.

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**SPRING ARTIST'S FAIR** - Calling all Artists and Crafter - St. John's Spring Artist's Fair is coming to St. John's on April 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information and for vendor application, please contact Johnna @ [Johnnabenson@gmail.com](mailto:Johnnabenson@gmail.com).

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Thank you to all who donated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund last week. Thanks to your generosity we have \$643 to share with those in need.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES @ 8AM & 10AM & 7PM Taize  
Sunday School @ 9AM**