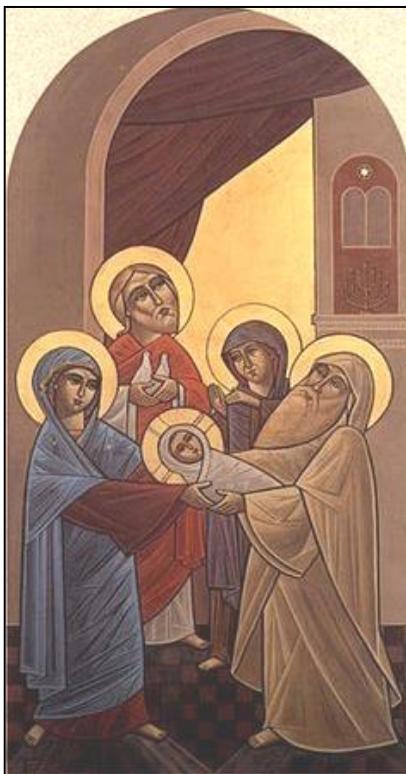


**St. John's Episcopal Church and School
& African Palms USA**

**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
CANDLEMAS**

February 2, 2020

8 & 10 o'clock Holy Eucharist



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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.

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.

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

Candlemas Procession

The congregation stands.

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 Thanks be to God.

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Let us pray.

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At this time the candles are lighted. Please keep the lit candle upright, dipping the unlit candle into it to light it.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the light of the world. **Amen.**

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

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The following antiphon is said as the procession approaches the Altar.

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All extinguish their candles.

The Collect of the Day

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and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

Malachi 3:1-4

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For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
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and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

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Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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Luke 2:22-40

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Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

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There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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: Lord God, You Now Have Set Your Servant Free J.S. Bach

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During the singing of the hymn, the candles are lighted. Please keep the lit candle upright, dipping the unlit candle into it to light it.

Hymn 499

Lord God, you now have set your servant free

Unison or harmony

Lord God, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in
 peace as prom - ised in your word; my eyes have seen the
 Sa - vior, Christ the Lord, pre - pared by you for all the
 world to see, to shine on na - tions trapped in dark - est night,
 the glo - ry of your peo - ple, and their light.

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Presider Let us pray.
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 with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk
 in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the
 light of the world. **Amen.**

The Procession

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 People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn Voices Found 31 When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day

1 When can - dles are light - ed on Can - dle - mas Day
 2 The kings have de - part - ed, the shep - herds have gone,
 3 They go to the tem - ple, o - bey - ing the law,

 the dark is be - hind us, and spring's on the way.
 the child and his par - ents are left on their own.
 and of - fer two pi - geons, the gift of the poor.

 A glo - ry dawns in ev - ery dark place,

the light of Christ, the full - ness of grace.

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 Music: *Lourdes*, French traditional melody.

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Hymn 96

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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People The Word of the Lord
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Psalm 84:1-7, 9

David Hurd



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The Word of the Lord.

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Sequence Hymn 277

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

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

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When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

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 Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn 278

Sing we of the blessed Mother

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus and Benedictus 859

Ronald Arnatt

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, and a half note D5. The piano accompaniment features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both starting with a whole rest. The right hand melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and a half note D5. The left hand bass line consists of quarter notes G3, A3, B3, C4, and a half note D4.

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 image shows a musical score for a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est." The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line.

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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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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.

The image shows a musical score for a Fraction Anthem. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent rhythm.

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.

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Blest are the pure in heart
How lovely is thy dwelling-place

Post Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Closing Hymn 489 (Stanzas 1-4)

The great Creator of the worlds

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

Organ Music: How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Marcel Dupré

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 at administrator@stjec.org. In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email rector@stjec.org or mothershivaun@icloud.com

Mary Lou McMaster
The Cooper Family
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Pam Brekke
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Eleanor Thurber
Marilyn Lee
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Lt. Col. Donald Hartranft
Betsy O'Neill
June Thompson
Chris Prinz
Michael Cronin
Ron Blackburn
Mac Angell
Rev. Nancy Soukup



This Sunday's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLNEY HELP is truly grateful for the support of St. John's parishioners in 2019. Last year 760 deliveries of food was made which represents a 15% increase over 2018. With your support Olney Help was also able to provide 99 holiday meals for families in the community. They look forward to a great 2020 and appreciates St. John's continued support.

FOSTER CARE INFO NIGHT - St. John's is hosting an information night on foster care on Wednesday, February 12th at 7pm. Kate Davenport, a county social worker, will paint the overall picture of foster care and what you can do to help as well as answer questions.

MINDFUL YOGA WITH LORI -Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION - **Sunday, February 23rd**. We are in the process of collecting items for the silent auction and welcome any contributions! Please bring items for donation to the church office or contact Diana Mayhew at kamdmm8@verizon.net to make arrangements for pick up. In-Kind-Donation forms can be found on the website at www.stjec.org/forms.

ASH WEDNESDAY  **february 26**

8:30am Chapel . 2:45pm Ashes-to-Go . 7:30pm Service

40 DAY RESET - **Begins Wednesday, February 26th**. Spend Lent this year intentionally walking "The Way of Love."

Sunday Morning Forum at 9AM (March 1st-April 5th) Reading together Bishop Mariann's book, *Receiving Jesus*.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:30PM (March 4th-April 1st) Soup Supper, Faithful Conversation and Evening Prayer.

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Nancy Olkewicz 2023

Dan Phillips 2023

SUNDAY SERVICES @ 8AM & 10AM & 5PM Healing Service