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

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 4, 2024 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 visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.

If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.

# 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.

#### Children are welcome at all services

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

The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

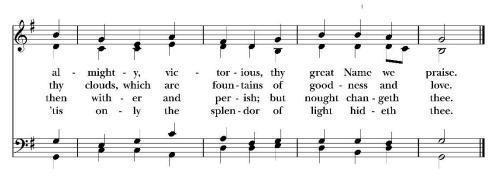
SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S —	
8am	Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary
9am	Adult Forum: Book & discussion group in the undercroft
	Meeting Room
9am	Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room
9:30am	Holy Household, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall
10:30am	Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary
12-1pm	Middle & High School Youth Group in The Gathering Space upstairs
12-1pm	Hand Bell Choir in the undercroft Choir Room

# **HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Prelude**: Be Thou My Vision Scott

The people stand





Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

# **Opening Acclamation**

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

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

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.

## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God

#### Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \* how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \* he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \* and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \* and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \* there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \* but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \* make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \* and prepares rain for the earth;

- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \* and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \* and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \* he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \* in those who await his gracious favor.
- 21 Hallelujah!

#### 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.



Words: Michael Perry. Music: Sharpe, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Tunes for Grace.

#### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:29-39)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

People

The Rev. Henry McQueen

#### The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Diego Alejandro 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 his 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 him O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart 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.** 

# 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

Diego Alejandro, 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 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.** 

Diego Alejandro, 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 of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Silence



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Anthem: My Heart is Longing Bradley Ellingboe

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C** 

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The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The celebrations continues.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of

glory and praise.

People 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.

People 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.

People 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.

People 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:

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<sup>\*</sup>Optional choir part repeats first phrase here.



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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,

# People 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.

#### People 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,

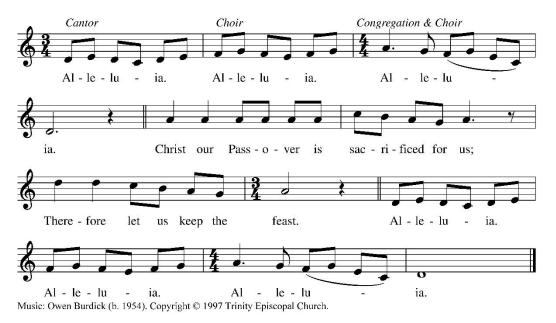
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

# and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

A period of silence is kept

#### **Fraction WLP 866**



# The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread put your hands out. To receive wine, please drink from the chalice. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

The People are seated.



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#### Let us pray.

#### Celebrant and People

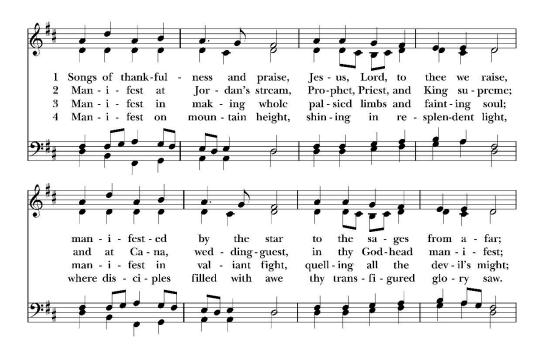
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

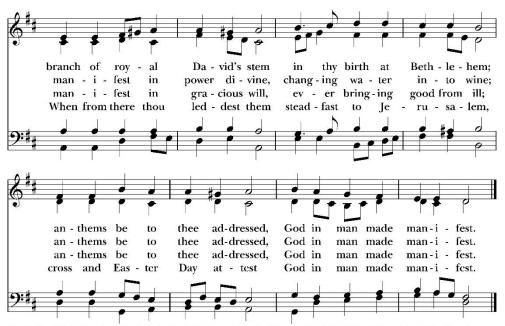
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### The Blessing

#### Hymn #135

Songs of thankfulness and praise





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#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord *People* **Thanks be to God.** 

Postlude on "Salzburg"

Phil Lehenbauer

#### TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

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. If you wish to submit a name, please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email <u>pastoralcare@stjec.org</u>.

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If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: pastoralcare@stjec.org.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us TODAY, from 12:15-1:30pm in the Parish Hall for a **Newcomers' Welcome**! If you are new the parish, if you have never attended a newcomers welcome before, if you want to hang out with the clergy and vestry to ask questions – please join us. Spend some time with other newcomers, clergy members, and members of our vestry. Enjoy the opportunity to learn about the church, ask questions, and if interested explore how to get involved with various ministries. We are excited to officially welcome and meet you. We are glad you are here and want to get to know you and share all the wonderful things that St. John's has to offer.



"Ashes for You" offered betweem 4-5:30pm in the circle drive @ church entrance this year, a special service for families with young children @ 5:30pm

**Lenten Evening Prayer and a Meal of Soup and Bread -** Wednesday evenings February 21-March 27 with Dinner at 6:30 followed by Worship at 7:30. As in years past, each Wednesday evening in Lent we will take time to share a simple meal of soup and bread followed by the beautiful service of Evening Prayer. A special feature of Evening Prayer will be the inclusion of Taizé music accompanied by classical guitar, Jake Simpson will join us as a guest musician.

Each week two people will provide soup, one a vegetarian option, and someone will provide bread. We will all pitch in to clean up, but ask that two people sign up to lead us in the clean-up duties prior to worship. This is a wonderful way to mark our Lenten journey and share in fellowship. Come for the fun, stay for the holy.

#### **UTO NEWS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I just wanted to say thank you for the success of UTO Sunday. Contributions totaled a little over \$1250.00, which will be added to the amount already collected by UTO in the amount of \$187,260.82 to support aid to Jerusalem. Thanks for the continued support of the United Thank Offering. We are making a difference with those who need our help so desperately. Sharing is caring. Thank you.

Mathy UTO Coordinator

**Saturday**, **February 10**<sup>th</sup> – Communion Class – For children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger (please bring your parents, guardian, or adult) for lunch from 12pm – 1:30 pm and to learn about taking communion. For questions and to RSVP for the class, please contact Mo. Shivaun.



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 11th

Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes from 8:30 to 10:15am and 11am to 12:30pm

\*made and served by the Youth of St. John's

Pancake Breakfast – Join folks in the Parish Hall from 8:30am – 10:15 am and again from 11:00am – 12:30pm. Thanks to the the youth of St. John's for cooking and serving.

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