

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



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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 Parish Hall

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

Prelude: Slane

David Terry

10:30AM

Opening Hymn 126

The people who in darkness walked

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
3 To us the prom-ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7

Music: Dundee, melody *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

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

People

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

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria: 831

Ubi caritas

Descant

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

A

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

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u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

8AM

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
 and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God

Psalm 36:5-10

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, ***
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,**
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! ***
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; ***
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, ***
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, ***
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

Hymn 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Copyright ©1911 by Stainer and Bell, Ltd. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2:1-11

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants

who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again**

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the community of Olney, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For **Stephen, Jon, Peter, George, MaryAnn, Joseph, Stephanie, Jerry, Lu, Vinson, Betsy, Frances, Stan, Mary, and Chris**, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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



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Anthem Day by Day Shelley Spencer & Dar Rowland Schweizer

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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:

8AM

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

10:30AM

Sanctus S125

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: 423

Immortal invisible, God only wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Dix

Andrew Fletcher

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 accounting@stjec.org. In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org.

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Stephanie Sidella

Jerry Bruemmer

Lu Soukup

Betsy O'Neil

Frances Hunt

Stan Simpson

Mary Persinger

Chris Prinz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FORUM - Sunday mornings at 9am in-person or on ZOOM. We start the New Year with Henri Nouwen "The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming." The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger. The challenge to love as God loves, and to be loved as God's beloved, will be seen.

January 16th

The Story of Two Sons and Their Father

Prologue: Encounter with a Painting

Introduction: The Younger Son, the Elder Son, and the Father

January 23rd

Chapter 1. Rembrandt and the Younger Son

Chapter 2. The Younger Son Leaves

January 30th

Chapter 3. The Younger Son's Return

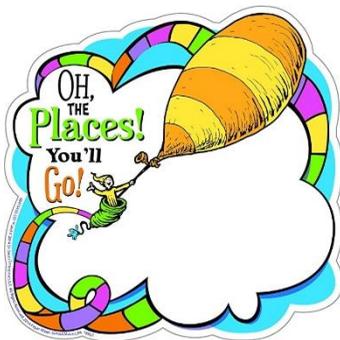
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Saturday mornings at 9am in the Parish Hall. Our study of the 5 women named in the genealogy of the Gospel of Matthew resumes on Saturday, January 22nd. This is your opportunity to discuss and learn about the women of Bible without heavy reading or homework. The study is open to all. Join as you are able.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH ANNUAL MEETING is Sunday, January 30th at 1pm via ZOOM. Due to the extreme transmissibility of the Omicron variant the Rector and Vestry feel it is prudent to hold the annual meeting digitally via ZOOM as we did in 2021. A link for the meeting will be provided in the Bell Tower as we approach the January 30th date.

ALTAR FLOWERS - The beautiful altar flowers that adorn our altar every Sunday morning are donated by parishioners in memory of loved ones, in thanksgiving of someone or something, or in honor and celebration of an event or person. A donation of \$75 is request for altar flowers and will be noted in the Sunday bulletin. Payments can be made through the website - www.stjec.org/give or by check made payable to St. John's Church with Altar Flowers noted on the memo line. Donation forms can also be found on the website - www.stjec.org/forms.

HOLY HOUSEHOLD HALF-HOUR - Our re-invention of Sunday School

Sundays mornings starting February 6th, at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. Based off of our wildly popular intergenerational VBS style, we will explore lessons inspired by the Episcopal Children's Curriculum but re-designed to engage all-ages in fun, faith and learning. Whole households are encouraged to attend together and every age of learner is invited. Holy Household Half-Hour is OPEN to ALL.

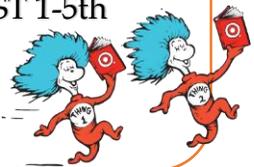


SAVE THE DATE

Oh! the Places You'll Go!

6 to 9pm each night | AUGUST 1-5th

A Seuss inspired journey through the Epistles.
An all parish, all ages, all household VBS extravaganza!



ST. JOHN'S UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS SAFETY PROCEDURES

When we first encountered the disruption that has accompanied the pandemic it would have been difficult to imagine that we would still have our lives affected so much some 22 months later, but that is where we continue to find ourselves.

Despite the disruption, St. John's continues to be an important part of the lives of many; we have continued to worship God, and we have continued to adapt. Early in the pandemic St John's installed **special air filtration in the church**, which continues to cleanse the air we breathe.

Most recently, in response to the extreme transmissibility of the Omicron variant we have again **roped off every other pew** so that people are seated with physical distancing between rows. Another temporary measure that we have taken is the **removal of the bell tables** in the choir area so that the voice choir can sing with more physical distancing.

The church has maintained the requirement of wearing masks in the building; and now we ask that you **consider wearing a surgical mask, KN95, or N95 mask** rather than a cloth mask. Purchasing masks can be confusing as there is confusion about the quality or the counterfeit masks that are flooding the market. Mask Testing Data is one source of information from an engineer independently testing masks which might help you make better purchasing choices. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eE2BERAvRzs28kG87ft3a27FS9-gHvdC>

As it was last year, the annual parish meeting, scheduled for 30 January, will now be held via Zoom at 1pm. Prior to the Annual Meeting a ZOOM link will be sent in the Bell Tower.

A more subtle change that has occurred is that **Mother Shivaun and Fr. Henry are not meeting in the same space**, they are limiting their contact; this is done in the hope that if they become ill with Covid they hope not to be ill simultaneously so that worship services can continue.

We will continue to hold worship in-person, with some accommodations, for those who are comfortable meeting together, and we will offer Morning Prayer each Sunday at 8:30am via ZOOM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83215682358?pwd=TlBiNHdlNWlXeExlU1NoQjltUUg2QT09>.

If you are not comfortable meeting in-person, are ill, or have had a recent exposure to COVID-19, please join us online each Sunday.

Adult Forum also continues with our group meeting simultaneously in-person and online. Please know that you are welcome to join the conversation online or in person. The Holy Household Half-Hour, for our youngest disciples and their adult companions, will begin in February when we hope the worst of the Omicron flood will have passed.

Other events will be reviewed as they are scheduled as conditions change so rapidly. Flexibility and adaptability have become the new normal.

As people of faith we also continue to be people of hope. We do have hope for the future, and we do continue to make plans for this year and the coming years. And we have faith that we are not walking alone, God is with us. We are glad that you too are with us, either in-person or digitally.

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