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

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 29, 2023

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 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-Do, 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	
9:45am	Holy Household Half-Hour, 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	
1 - 2pm	Children's Choir in the undercroft Choir Room	

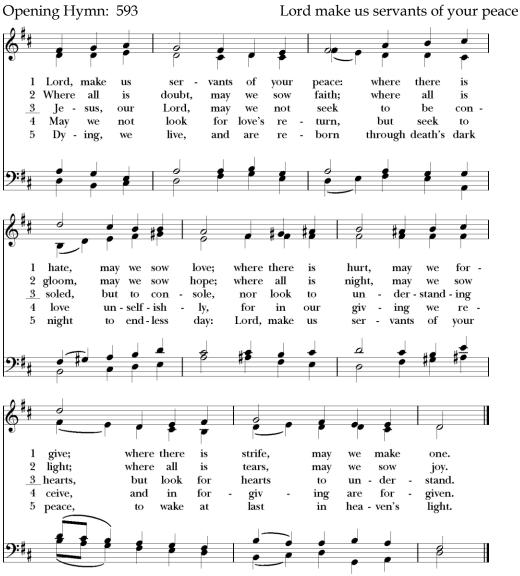
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10:30AM

Prelude: Eventide

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10:30AM



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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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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.**

8AM

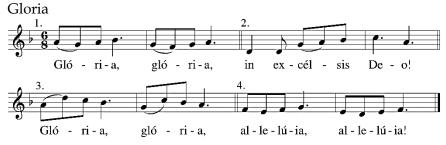
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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.

10:30AM



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The Collect of the Day

PeopleThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God

Psalm 15

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *		
who may abide upon your holy hill?		
2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *		
who speaks the truth from his heart.		
3 There is no guile upon his tongue;		
he does no evil to his friend; *		
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.		
4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *		
but he honors those who fear the LORD.		
5 He has sworn to do no wrong *		
and does not take back his word.		
6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *		
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.		
7 Whoever does these things *		
shall never be overthrown.		

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PropleThanks be to God.

Hymn: WLP 803



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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:1-12PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

PeopleThe Gospel of the LordPraise 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially, **Diane, Dorothy, David, Brenda, Donald & Susan, Dee, Matt, Jane**,

Young Dave, Peter, Tim, Lu, and Mary, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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

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People

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Anthem: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky

Aarons

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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.

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.

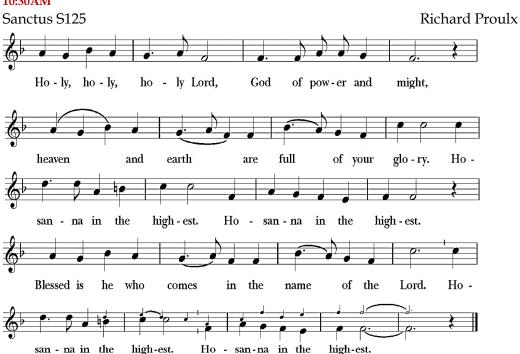
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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:

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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



The Celebrant continues

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 fore-bearers: 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, for ever and ever. Amen. Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both hands, bread and wine or in just one. 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 Breaking of the Bread

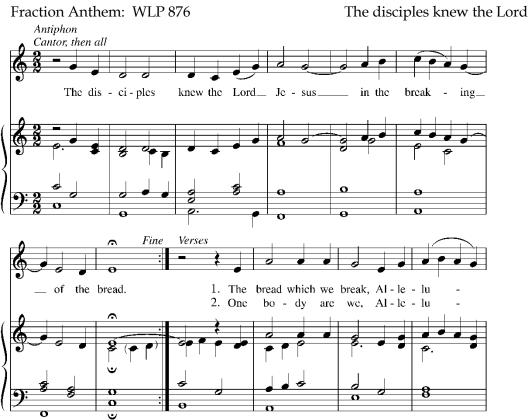
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

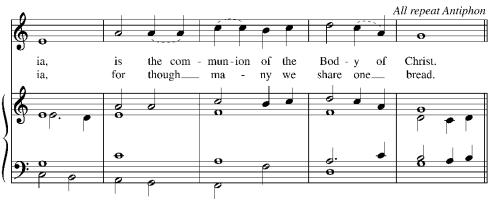
A period of silence is kept.

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

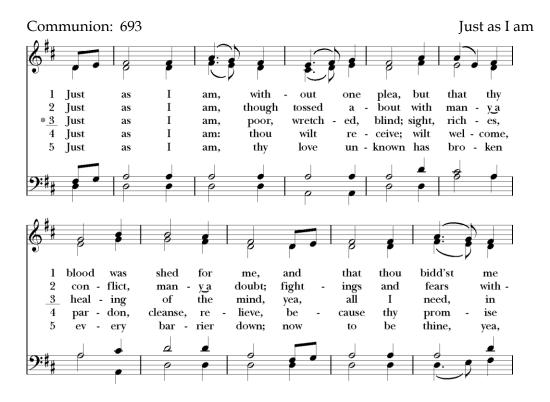
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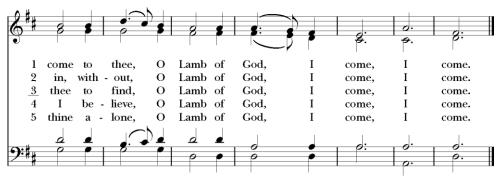




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The Gifts of God for the People of God.





6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871) Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

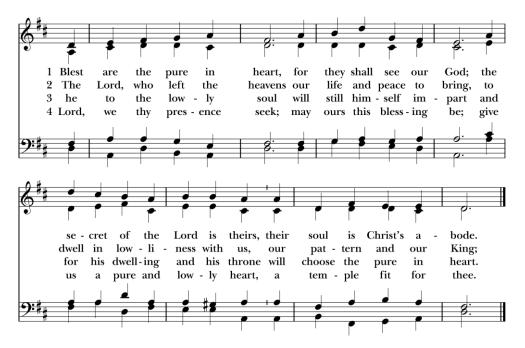
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

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: 656

Blest are the pure in heart



Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Voluntary no. 11

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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 <u>accounting@stjec.org</u>.

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

Diane Janeczko Dorothy Finneyfrock David Lee Brenda Goodman Donald & Susan Ferritti Dee Milling Matt Ladd Jane MacDonald Young Dave Peter McWilliams Tim Wittig Lu Soukup Mary Persinger

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: <u>pastoralcare@stjec.org</u>.

If you feel called to pray intentionally in a small group for the needs of the congregation or community, visit those who cannot attend service, or write cards and make calls for encouragement or support, we want to know and be in touch with you. Please email <u>pastoralcare@stjec.org</u>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JOHN'S PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – TODAY at 9am in the Parish Hall. Please plan to attend this important meeting of the parish.

ADULT FORUM - NO Adult Forum this morning due to the Annual Meeting.

YOUTH GROUP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES with the PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Episcopal tradition finds families needing to rid their kitchens of sugar and fat before the six-weeks of Lents begins. St. John's tradition is having the Pancake Breakfast the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. The youth of St. John's cook and the older elementary children serve the pancakes. The Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, February 19th. Youth are encouraged to sign-up to help at this event. Please see Friday's Bell Tower for the sign-up link.

NURSERY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - Although there is a paid staff person in the nursery, there is also a need for a volunteer second leader in the nursery on Sunday mornings. A rotation of volunteers has been created for the second nursery leader. If you are interested, or your 'tween/teen is interested in being on the volunteer nursery rotation on Sunday mornings from 8am to 12pm, please email Mo. Shivaun.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – This Saturday at 9am in the Meeting Room or via ZOOM.

PRAYER PARTNERS - If you are interested in being a Prayer Partner to a young person in the parish, please contact Mo Shivaun. Prayer partners commit to pray for one another, connect with one another as they are able to, and serve in ministries together.

A Day of Remembrance and Volunteering

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

A big heartfelt THANK YOU to all who participated in our Martin Luther King volunteer service day. Thank you to the following people who helped with the pantry organization and or the coat drive:

Sabrina Ayoab | Robert Brekke | Dave Brown | Glen Drew | KC Dhingra | Mary Ellis Diane Marie Gray | Ian Arthur Gray | Ellie Hinton | Melissa Hinton | Sophia Jones Julie Metcalf | Cathy McDermott | Mary McQueen | Carol Oesch | Katie Phillips Annie Puente | Becca Puente | Belinda Russell | Nancy Stockbridge Annabelle Tust | Jackie Tust | Miriam Wilkinson

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK - The Food Pantry is collecting items suitable for the cold winter weather. This **EXCLUDES ALL** canned goods. **Please check the expiration date before donating as we cannot use expired food items. Please leave ALL pantry donations on the bench outside the Rector's office.** We're happy to stock your donations. Thank you.

Bottled Water | Rice (single servings) | Chef Boy R Dee (single serving) Tuna (foil packs in oil) | Spaghetti Sauce (plastic jars) | Dried Soups





Save the date!

If you have not already registered for the Online Directory, we encourage you to do so. The directory allows you to view and download your contribution statements. 2022 year end statements will not be mailed out this year unless requested. <u>www.stjec.org</u> to register.

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