

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

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**January 5, 2020**

**8 & 10 o'clock Holy Eucharist**



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**W**elcome! 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.

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**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

*The congregation stands.*

*People* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit **BCP, Page 351**  
**And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Confession and Absolution** **BCP Page 352**

**Gloria** **BCP Page 356**

### **The Collect of the Day**

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*People* **And also with you.**

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O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## Jeremiah 31:7-14

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and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
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the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

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and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

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and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

*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; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
    he will give grace and glory;  
11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
    from those who walk with integrity.  
12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
    happy are they who put their trust in you!

### **Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a**

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I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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### **Matthew 2:1-12**

                              The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
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*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 Peace**

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

## **The Holy Eucharist Rite II**

### **Eucharistic Prayer C**

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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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*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: How Bright Appears the Morning Star      Dietrich Buxtehude

Hymn 117      Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

**The Opening Acclamation**      **BCP Page 351**

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Confession and Absolution**      **BCP Page 352**

Song of Praise Hymn 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

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Anthem: Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

Arr. Simon Andrews

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.  
His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.  
For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.  
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

The St. John's Choir

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The Word of the Lord.

*People*

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Sequence Hymn 124

What star is this, with beams so bright!

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### Sermon

### The Peace

*People*                    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
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*The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace. After the peace, the People are seated.*

Offertory Hymn 128

We three kings of Orient are

### The Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer C

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*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.

*The Celebrant continues on pg. 371*

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**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 S154**

**David Hurd**

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

*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.*

Communion Hymns 84  
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Love came down at Christmas  
Earth has many a noble city

**Post Communion Prayer**

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**Blessing**

Closing Hymn 119

As with gladness men of old

**The Dismissal**      *all respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

Organ Music: How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Max Drischner



## 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 contact the office at [administrator@stjec.org](mailto:administrator@stjec.org). In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [rector@stjec.org](mailto:rector@stjec.org) or [mothershivaun@icloud.com](mailto:mothershivaun@icloud.com)*

Dorcas Taylor  
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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

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**EPIPHANY, A SERVICE OF LIGHT** - Join us as we celebrate the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at our 5pm Epiphany service. A spaghetti dinner follows the 5pm service in the Parish Hall.

**ANNUAL MEETING of ST. JOHN'S** - The annual meeting of St. John's Parish will be held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING** - Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the undercroft. The lesson focuses on Paul's Foundation of Faith. Please join us for the lesson, games and lunch.

**PRAYER PARTNERS** - Make a great impact on a St. John's youth by letting them know that someone is praying with and for them. Our Prayer Partner ministry is a way to agree in prayer. Contact Mo. Shivaun to become a Prayer Partner.

**MINDFUL YOGA WITH LORI** - Kick off the year with Mindful Yoga with Lori. Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation of \$10.

**COFFEE HOUR** - St. John's Coffee Hour is a time of fellowship and socializing. St. John's, has a wonderful tradition of fellowship and hospitality and Coffee Hour is a special part of that tradition. This service is an important ministry to the church, not only to regular attenders and members, but also to visiting guests. Providing coffee is a great way to make people feel welcome and provide a way for them to feel more comfortable engaging others. If you are interested in partnering with one of our ministries to host a Coffee Hour, we would be so grateful! Hosting is simple! Plates, cups, cutlery, coffee and tea are supplied, and beyond that anything you want to offer is welcome. If you need suggestions, 3 dozen bagels and fruit seem to work well, and your receipts can be submitted as an In-Kind-Donation to the church. In-Kind-Donation form can be found on the website at: [www.stjec.org/forms](http://www.stjec.org/forms). Coffee Hour Host Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall near the kitchen.

**2020 Coffee Hour schedule is below:**

January	Vestry	July	Parish Life
February	Altar Guild	August	Parish Life
March	Choir & Handbells	September	Monday Mission
April	African Palms	October	Ushers
May	Esther Deel	November	Christian Education
June	EM's & Lectors	December	Outreach

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**COFFEE HOUR**

I am interested in hosting coffee hour \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name)

Please sign me up for **SUNDAY**, \_\_\_\_\_ **2020**.  
(Month & Date)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ *\*Reminder will be sent out.*



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The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, *Bishop*  
The Right Reverend Chilton R. Knudson, *Assisting Bishop*

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Selva Selvarajah, *Verger*

Velma Collymore / Taylor Perkins  
*Nursery Care*

**VESTRY**

Stephen Simpson 2020 – *Warden/Education*

Dennis Atkinson 2020 – *B & G*

Glen Drew 2020 – *Stewardship*

Selva Selvarajah 2021 – *Parish Life*

Bruce Hohl 2022 - *Worship*

Sheri Hall 2022 - *Treasurer*

Diana Mayhew 2020 – *Mission Outreach*

Aparna Williams 2021 -*Communications/Warden*

Doug Perkins 2022 - *Evangelism*

Julia Metcalf 2022 – *Pastoral Care/Registrar*

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