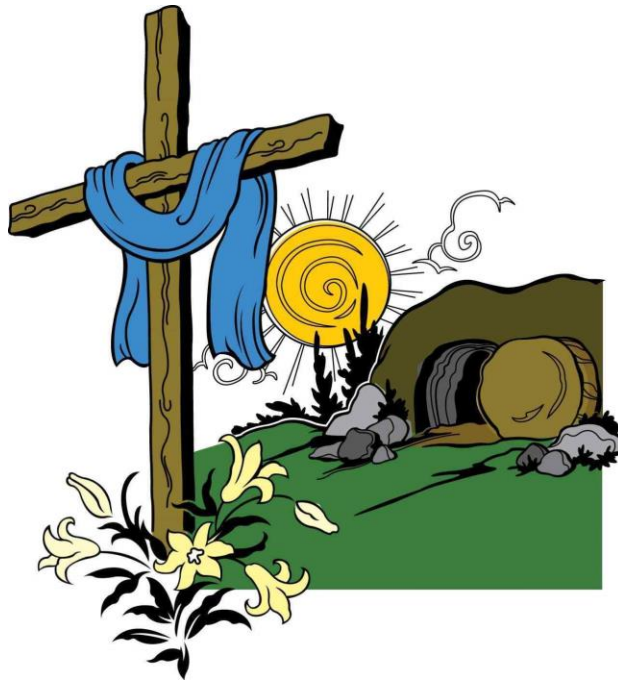


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
& AFRICAN PALMS USA

# Easter Sunday

FAMILY INTERACTIVE SERVICE



**MARCH 31, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
3427 Olney Laytonsville Rd. Olney, MD 20832  
Phone: (301) 774-6999  
Website: [www.stjec.org](http://www.stjec.org)



After Alleluia  
use your noisemaker!

Prelude: Easter Carol

*Children's Choir*

Clarke

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*People*

**The Lamb is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



Wave your ribbon  
wands

Hymn #180 (v. 1 & 4)

He is risen

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



After "This is the day..."  
Use your noisemaker!

---

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*This is the day*, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

*This is the day*, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

*This is the day*, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

### COLLECT:

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A Reading from the Book of **Corinthians 15:1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Wave your ribbons!

Sequence Hymn:

Anthem Lord of the Dance

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, And I  
2. I danced for the scribe and the phar-i-see, But  
3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame: The  
4. I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black; It's  
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; ⁊

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I  
they would not dance, and they would-n't fol-low me; I  
ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame. They  
hard to dance with the dev-il on your back. They  
I am the life that-'ll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll

came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth; At  
danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; They  
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; And  
bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone; But  
live in you if you'll live in me: ⁊

Beth-le-hem I had my birth.  
came with me and the dance went on.  
left me there on a Cross to die.  
I am the dance and I still go on.  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be; I am the  
Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher-  
ev-er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

Text: Sydney Carter, 1915–2004, © 1963, Stainer & Bell, Ltd., London, England. (Admin. by Hope Publishing Company)  
Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE, Irregular with refrain; adapted from a traditional Shaker melody by Sydney Carter, 1915–2004, © 1963,  
Stainer & Bell, Ltd., London, England. (Admin. by Hope Publishing Company)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark 16:1-8.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Jesus is Resurrected from the Dead, Mark 16:1-8*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**



Raise your arms for  
Holy Water

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give out thanks and praise.**



Place your arms out in  
"orans" position.  
The ancient church  
Prayed with arms out.

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God, for you are the Lord of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life.

And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.



Shake eggs on  
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

### Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you.



Shake eggs on  
"Do this in  
remembrance of me"

Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; *do this in remembrance of me.*"

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, *in remembrance of me.*"

Great is the mystery of faith,  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God,  
for you have rolled away the stone of despair,  
the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief,  
the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear.  
Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace,  
breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life,  
that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger,  
and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread  
and be lifted up by your touch.



Shake eggs after  
"Amen"

Shape your church to be your risen body;  
make our scars beautiful like your scars,  
make our lives life-giving like your life,  
and make our communion holy with your saints,  
until you come again in glory  
and we eat with you in your kingdom,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **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** (*silence*)

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*This is God's table; communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, 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. For health reasons, we do not intinct (dip) the bread. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.*

Let us pray.

**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.**





Wave your ribbon  
wands

*The Priest blesses the people.*

Hymn #207 (vs. 1 & 4)

Jesus Christ is risen today

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

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

**Postlude:** Toccata

Leclerc



## *Easter Flowers and Music to the Glory of God...*

Hazel Ann Barrett

*Easter Altar Flowers & Music are given to the Glory of God.*

Al Barth

*Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Edith Barth; and Easter Music in Memory of June Thompson.*

Elaine Bentley

*Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Louise Lincoln.*

Mary Ann Britton

*Easter Altar Flowers and Easter Music are given with thanks and praise for all the blessings in my life.*

Harry & Arlene Brooke

*Easter Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving of God's Blessings and in Memory of all our loved ones.*

Andrew & Mathy Downing

*Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of our beloved angel, Candace Leigh; and Easter Music in Thanksgiving of our beautiful daughter, Caroline Suzanne.*

Glen & Kay Drew

*Easter Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving of Elizabeth, Amy, Sarah, Mel, and Eric; and Easter Music in Memory of John & Lea Drew.*

The Dunn Family

*Easter Music is given in Memory of Elizabeth and John Vogdes.*

Pam & Bill Fleming

*Easter Music is given in Memory of Col. & Mrs. William Fleming, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Wandell, and Lana Fleming.*

John & Kay Flickinger

*Easter Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving of our new Granddaughter, Paislee.*

Sheri Hall

*Easter Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving of the Hall and Foley families.*

Ken & Meredith Hambright

*Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Lorraine Austin; and Easter Music in Thanksgiving of the great music.*

Ann Hartsell	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Kenneth Hartsell, and Easter Music in Thanksgiving for my grandchildren, Eamon, Will, Rose, and Ben.</i>
Christopher, Melissa, Ellie & Wyatt Hinton	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Linda Luttner.</i>
Alexis & David Huey	<i>Easter Music is given in Thanksgiving for our grandchildren.</i>
Jenny & Will	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving of the Shepherd, Lederer, Elliott &amp; Fletcher families; and Easter Music given in Thanksgiving of Harper, Gregory, Owen, and Madeline.</i>
Mary Judge	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving of my family.</i>
Mary Alcuin Kelly	<i>Easter Music given in Memory of Jennifer T. Helfer, Susan Loftus, William Mackaye, Ellen Buynard, James Addison, and Deacon Mary McCue.</i>
David & Mary Kerr	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of departed loved ones; and Easter Music in Thanksgiving of family and friends.</i>
Lee & Julie	<i>Easter Altar Flowers and Easter Music are given in Memory of our loving parents, Edward and Julia Metcalf.</i>
Jay Lozier & Mary Lou McMaster	<i>Easter Altar Flower are given in Thanksgiving for the lives of Charles E. Gordon and Alvergia Guyton; and Easter Music in Memory of James B. Calvert, Samuel O. Rhinesmith, Harvey L. Woodruff, and Kay Simpson.</i>
Maureen & Silas	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Peter &amp; Louisa Cook, and Peter Cheung.</i>
Henry & Diane McQueen	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Mimi McQueen and Susan McQueen; and Easter Music in Memory of Barbara Hertz and Dan Hertz.</i>
The Rentz & Willier Families	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of John N. Rentz.</i>

Gina Rentz	<i>Easter Music is given in Thanksgiving of the Rentz and Willier Families.</i>
Becca Roberson and Bryson & Camden Turett	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Whitney Wherrett Roberson, who loves everything about Easter; and Easter Music in Thanksgiving of the amazing choirs at our church, especially the new Children's Choir and Youth Bell Choirs.</i>
Rob & Vicki Schellhase	<i>Easter Music is given with joyful thanks for the talent, inspiration and hard work of the people who bring us music at St. John's.</i>
Alan Soukup	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving of the Congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church, who I consider as family; and Easter Music given in Thanksgiving of my family's great musical heritage, past and present that has and continues to inspire me, especially in praise of God.</i>
Shelley Spencer	<i>Easter Music is given in Memory of Judith Spencer.</i>
Shelley Spencer & Bryson Turett	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Carl Ridenour.</i>
Nancy Stockbridge	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Carl Ridenour for his love and service to St. John's.</i>
Lois Taylor & Stephen Simpson	<i>Easter Music is given in Thanksgiving of our parents.</i>
Lauren and Lena Watkins	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving of our family.</i>
The Watkins Family	<i>Easter Music is given in Memory of our family, who came before.</i>



## LOOKING AHEAD

---

### Wednesday, APRIL 3

- Compline evening Prayer on ZOOM at 7pm

### Sunday, APRIL 7

- Resurrection Stories and Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Household at 9:30am
- Resurrection Stories and Songs at 10:30am
- Youth Group Meeting at 12pm
- Esther Deel Meeting at 11:30am in the Parish Hall

### Wednesday, APRIL 3

- Compline evening Prayer on ZOOM at 7pm

### Sunday, APRIL 14

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Household at 9:30am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- Bible Challenge Discussion Table in the Prayer Room at 11:30am
- Youth Group at Monster Golf (details coming soon)

### Wednesday, APRIL 17

- Vestry Meeting at 6:30pm

### Saturday, APRIL 20

- End of Life Seminar from 9am to 12pm

The Church Office will be **CLOSED** March 29 through April 2.

Fr. Henry and Mo. Shivaun will be out of the office April 1-6.

For pastoral emergencies please call the office at (301-774-6999) and leave a message.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### RESURRECTION STORIES & SONGS ~ Remembering the stories of the Resurrection of Christ ~

We invite you to join us for a  
Morning of Worship, the Music of Easter,  
and the Readings of the Resurrection

SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>  
Resurrection Stories and Holy Eucharist at 8am  
Resurrection Stories and Songs at 10:30am

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall  
following the service

**WOMEN of ST. JOHN'S** – The Women of St. John's will meet in Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Meeting Room to make and pack home baked goods for the Cathedral Flower Mart scheduled for Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY** - Given the enormous need in the community, the food pantry is often empty by noon each day. The ministry is seeking to expand and is in need of volunteers to help stock the pantry twice a day, mornings and between 12 and 8pm one day a week. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact [fpaganini1@gmail.com](mailto:fpaganini1@gmail.com).

**CPR TRAINING OFFERED AT ST. JOHN'S** - St. John's will be offering CPR training through a basic life support program teaching CPR and AED skills approved by the American Heart Association on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall from 9am-1pm. Cost is \$69.99 per person. If you are interested in the training, please contact [jmetcalf4309@gmail.com](mailto:jmetcalf4309@gmail.com) or call the Church Office to reserve your space..



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ An Intergenerational VBS ~

Join us as we explore Scripture  
through the lens and images of some  
of your favorite Disney stories.

Cost of \$75 per family includes dinner  
and the promise of a fun filled week  
with activities for ALL ages.

[WWW.STJEC.ORG](http://WWW.STJEC.ORG) to register

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

## Diocese of Washington

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, *Presiding Bishop*  
The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, *Bishop*

## STAFF

The Reverend Henry P. McQueen, *Rector*  
rector@stjec.org

The Reverend Shivaun Wilkinson, *Associate Rector*  
associate@stjec.org

The Reverend Nancy Stockbridge, *Deacon*  
deacon@stjec.org

Tammy Turner, *Parish Administrator*  
accounting@stjec.org

Cambria Van de Vaarst, *Minister of Music*  
music@stjec.org

Lourdes Hurtado  
Africanpalms@stjec.org

Margery Bank, *Head of School*  
Margery.bank@stjes.org

Jonathan Choi, *Sexton*

Selva Selvarajah, *Verger*

## VESTRY

Glen Drew – *Treasurer*  
Aparna Williams – *Asst. Treasurer*  
Vicki Hudson, 2027 – *Stewardship*.  
Carmen Jones, 2027 – *Evangelism*  
Becca Roberson, 2027 – *Outreach*  
Julie Metcalf – *Registrar*

Barry Gough, 2025 – *Sr. Warden*  
Phil Reiff, 2025 – *STJES*  
Alan Soukup, 2025 – *Worship, STJES*  
Lindsay Cooper, 2026 – *Parish Life*  
Bill Fleming, 2026 – *Formation, Jr. Warden*  
Mary Kerr, 2026 – *Pastoral Care*

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
3427 Olney Laytonsville Rd. Olney, MD 20832  
(301) 774-6999

~ On the Land of the Piscataway Nation ~