

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

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**8am & 10:30am**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**



*Study For Nicodemus Visiting Jesus by Henry Ossawa Tanner*

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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	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum: Book &amp; discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9am	<i>Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12-1pm	<i>Middle &amp; High School Youth Group in The Gathering Space upstairs</i>
12-1pm	<i>Hand Bell Choir in the undercroft Choir Room</i>
1-2pm	<i>Children's Choir in the undercroft Choir Room</i>

# HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

Prelude: Trio I

Rheinberger

*The people stand.*

10:30AM

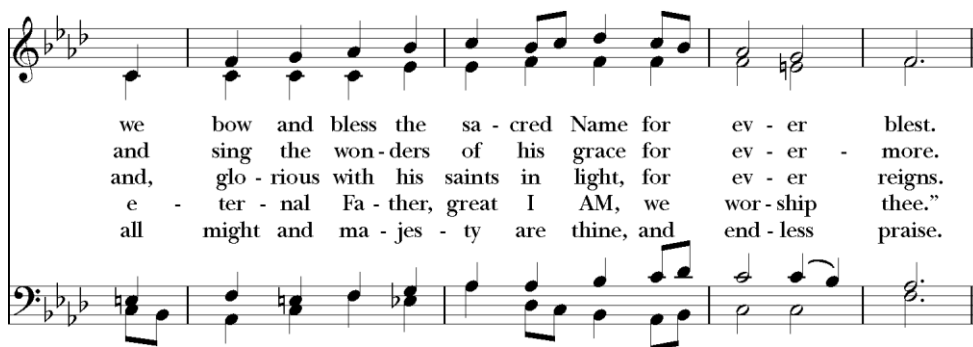
Opening Hymn 401

The God of Abraham praise

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*Kneel as you are able.*

## The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**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 People stand.*

**8AM**

Lord, have mery

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**10:30AM**

Gloria WPL 838

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/2 time. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), alt.  
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## The Collect of the Day

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people are seated.*

### **Genesis 12:1-4a**

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God</b>

**8AM**

### **Psalm 121**

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?**
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

10:30AM

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes; from whence shall come my aid?  
2 He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he safe - ly keeps;  
3 Thy faith - ful guard - ian is the Lord, thy shelt - er and thy shade;  
4 From e - vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy strength re - store

My help is from the Lord a - bove who heaven and earth hath made.  
with watch - ful and un - tir - ing eye he slum - bers not, nor sleeps.  
nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need make thy soul a - fraid.  
and guard thy go - ing out and in, both now and ev - er - more.

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## **Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say?

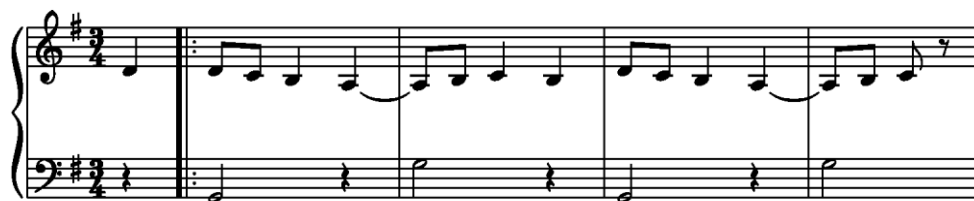
“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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



1 Bless now, O God the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
 2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way—  
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path thru noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
 whose hope burns through-out the ter - rors whose love sus-tains the day.  
 We wait for land of prom-ise where milk and hon - ey flow.



D C G Am F

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom, while of - ten we are bound.  
But wait - ing not for pla - ces— you meet us all a - round.

C G Am Dsus4-3 G

1. 2.

then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
To - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

3.

G

found.  
found.  
found.

*Play either keyboard or guitar accompaniment, but not together.*

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*The people stand.*

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 3:1-17**

*People*                    **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

## **THE SERMON**

Deacon Nancy Stockbridge

*The people stand.*

### **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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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, **Bud, Matthew, Penelope, Patti, Sandy, Diane, Dorothy, David, Brenda, Donald & Susan, 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.**

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



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Anthem: Guide Us, Lord

*St. John's Children's Choir*

Patterson

*Guide us through these days, O Lord  
Help us to seek your way  
Trusting as you lead us with love  
Teach us again to pray*

*Help us know you more clearly*

*Help us love you more dearly  
Help us follow you more nearly  
Day by day, day by day  
Guide us, Lord, we pray*

*Guide us through these days, O Lord  
Help us to seek your way  
Seeking wisdom from your word  
Strengthen our tender faith*

*Refrain: Help us know you more clearly*

*Help us love you more dearly  
Help us follow you more nearly  
Day by day, day by day  
Guide us, Lord, we pray*

*When we stray and fall to sin  
Help us find your path again  
Draw us closer in your fellowship of love*



*Help us know you more clearly  
Help us love you more dearly  
Help us follow you more nearly  
Day by day, day by day  
Guide us, Lord, we pray*

*Lead us, teach us, guide us Lord  
We pray*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

**PG 361**

*The people stand.*

*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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

**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 S130

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed 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*

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.

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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

*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.*

**8AM**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us  
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace**

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: WLP 871

Lamb of God

The musical score is for a piece titled "Lamb of God" in 3/8 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. — Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace." The piano accompaniment features a repeating eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex, flowing line in the left hand, often using triplets. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano grand staff. The first system covers the first line of the vocal melody. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line. The fourth system covers the final line, ending with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy on us. — Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The People are seated.*

Communion: Beach Spring

Kristian Langlois

Let us pray.

*The people stand.*

*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**

## Closing Hymn: 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tourum militum*, from *Antiphoner*; 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.;  
 harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Meditation

Bridge



## TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

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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. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at [accounting@stjec.org](mailto:accounting@stjec.org).*

*In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

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Patti  
Sandy Lenthall  
Diane Janeczko  
Dorothy Finneyfrock  
David Lee  
Brenda Goodman  
Donald & Susan Ferritti  
Peter McWilliams  
Tim Wittig  
Lu Soukup  
Mary Persinger



*This Sunday's Lenten arrangement is in memory of our loving parents,  
EDWARD AND JULIA METCALF  
from  
Julia and Eleanor Metcalf*

*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](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**LENTEN EVENING PRAYER & Soup Supper** - Wednesday evenings through April 5. Start the evening with soup, bread and fellowship at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall followed by Lenten Evening Prayer at 7:30pm.

**SHARE YOUR FAVORITE PRAYERS** - Do you have a favorite family prayer? Perhaps, it is one that represents your culture, is one you learned as a child, or has special meaning to you. Please share a prayer and a brief description of why it is a favorite. Please include its source or author if you know. You may share a prayer which you have written or one you will write for this project. Submit as many prayers as you like. They will be used as appropriate during worship and included in a digital collection for members. Please email your favorite prayer/s to: [stjohnsprayerproject@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsprayerproject@gmail.com).

**ADULT FORUM** - A Journey with John: The 50 Day Bible Challenge. Journey with us as we move through the great story of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. John focuses on Jesus' last years of life—his public ministry and miracles. Please join us with fifty days of scripture, meditations, and prayers Sunday Mornings at 9am in the Meeting Room.

**EASTER EGG HUNT & CARING CARNIVAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES** - Help is needed on Easter morning to scatter Easter Eggs before the Easter egg hunt. **NEW this year** - Children (12 and under) will be able to use the coins found in the Easter eggs on carnival games and experiences that will help teach about service and outreach to others. To help run the games, volunteers are needed. Please contact Mo. Shivaun if you are interested in helping with the egg scattering or carnival games.

**ESTHER DEEL** - Esther Deel Ministry makes baby blankets and prayer shawls to present at Baptisms and to the sick or grieving. Anyone who enjoys knitting or crocheting is invited to join the meeting on Sunday, March 12th following the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall.

**THE CASSEROLE CLUB** - Gather with other mourners at the Casserole Club meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in the Parish Hall. This is an informal, come-as-you-are, safe assembly of griever joined by their experience of loss of a loved one. Drop-ins always welcome!

**NURSERY SERVICE** - Sunday mornings from 8am to 12pm. While we have a paid staff person for the nursery, we also need a second leader. We are trying to create a rotation of volunteers to be the second leader in the room. If you or your teen is interested in being on the volunteer nursery rotation please email Mo. Shivaun @ [associate@stjec.org](mailto:associate@stjec.org).

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