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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 15, 2022 8 & 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 (also where the bathrooms are located) 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 Lower level of the Parish Hall

Holy Household Half-Hour at 9:45am in the Parish Hall Engaging questions, lessons, and interactive activities for all ages.

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

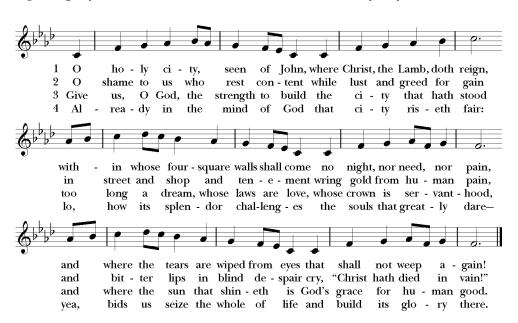
Prelude: Joyful Dance (Bell Choir)

Tucker

10:30AM

Opening Hymn 583

O holy city, seen of John



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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

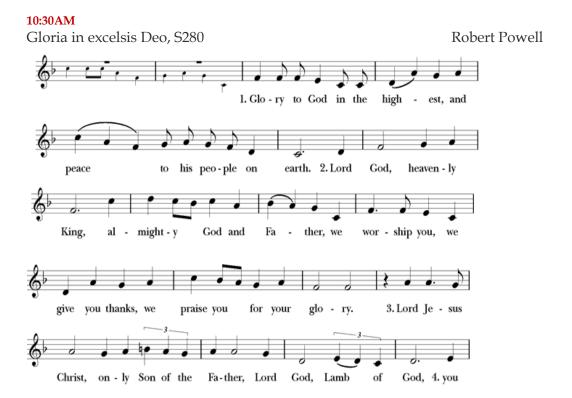
8 AM

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

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, `By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *

fruit trees and all cedars;

- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

A reading from Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 13:31-35 People Glory to you, Lord Christ

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

People

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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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For Emi, Andrew, Roberta, Rinchen, Karen, David, John, Jon, Joseph, Lu, Frances, Mary, and Chris.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Silence



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Anthem: Jesus Shall Reign (Bell Choir) Dobrinski

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The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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.

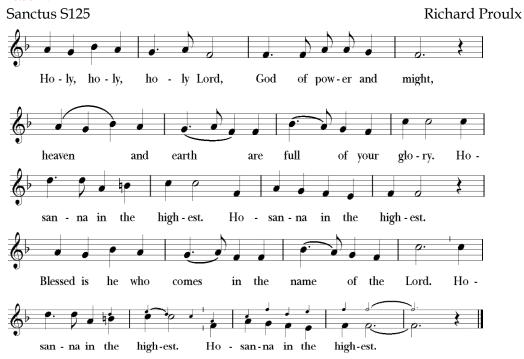
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

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:

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



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 Fathers: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

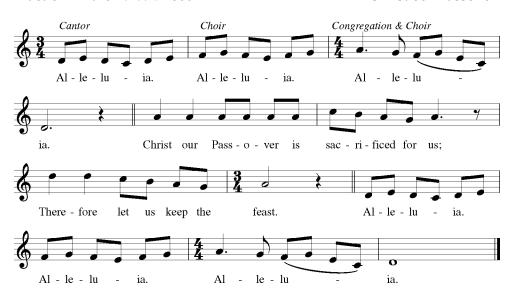
A period of silence is kept.

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

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: WLP 866 Christ our Passover



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.

Communion Hymn: Ubi Caritas (Taize chant hymn)



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

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





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Dismissal

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

Postlude: Voluntary Stanley

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

Emi Cooper
Andrew
Roberta Ridenour
Rinchen Khandro
Karen
David Lee
John Rentz
Jon Rucker
Joseph Sears
Lu Soukup
Frances Hunt
Mary Persinger
Chris Prinz



This Sunday's Altar Flowers are given to all those in need of PRAYERS, HUGS & LOVE

~ Anonymous ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During Eastertide, by tradition, our worship does not include the corporate confession. This is not to say we do not sin, or that we no longer need to confess; rather, the celebration of Eastertide overwhelms our worship so the act of corporate confession is silent for this period. The confession will return to regular worship with the celebration of Pentecost.

SUNDAY FORUM - Sunday mornings at 9am in the Lower Level Parish Hall. Jesus is the Question: the 307 Questions Jesus Asked and the 3 He Answered" by Martin B. Copenhaver.

SATURDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE – Rachel Held Evans "Year of Biblical Womanhood" Saturday morning at 9am in-person or on ZOOM.

PRAYER PARTNER EVENT - Labyrinth Walk on Sunday, June 26th @ 11:30am If your child needs a prayer partner, please email Mo. Shivaun. We are in search of additional adult prayer partners for our young people. Prayer partners are meant to go across the generations. For our young children the preference is to have partners in a different phase of life than the younger prayer partner families. Please email Mother Shivaun if you are interested in being a Prayer Partner or have questions.

GRADUATE BLESSING SUNDAY – Sunday, June 26th. Have a student being promoted in Kindergarten, 6th or 9th grade, graduating High School, College etc.? Please email the following information to Mo. Shivaun @ associate@stjec.org or accounting@stjec.org - name (s), grade and where they are leaving from or going to.





PENTECOST SERVICE & INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK BRUNCH

Pentecost commemorates the day the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles causing them to speak in foreign tongues. Pentecost follows the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus and also marks the beginning of the church's mission to the world. The liturgical color is red which symbolizes the apostles "tongues of fire" and also the blood of martyrs.

On Sunday, June 5th we commemorate Pentecost with services at 8am & 10:30am followed by an International Potluck Brunch in the Parish Hall at 11:30am. Please bring a dish from your place of birth or family's heritage to share. In memory of Jerry Bruemmer, a lover of ice cream, there will also be an Ice Cream Social following the brunch. Jerry's favorite ice cream, along with many toppings, will be available for your enjoyment.

WORSHIP | FELLOWSHIP | REMEMBER

We have mounted a large world map on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please take a few minutes to mark on the map your family's heritage using the YELLOW pins and with the RED pins your place of birth.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.



REGISTRATION

"Oh, The Places We'll Go"

An All-Ages, Seuss-inspired Bible Adventure
AUGUST 1ST-5TH | 6-9PM EACH EVENING

Last Name		
Adult Name		
Child(ren) Name	Age	Grade Entering
Address —		
Parent's Email		
Parent(s) Cell numbers, *please indica	ite the best number,	and to which parent it belong
Home Church		
Allergies, Medical Information or othe (If none, please write none)	er concerns. Please	include dietary restrictions

The cost of VBS is \$50 per family. Payment made to St. John's Episcopal Church, via check or cash, by mail or dropping it to the office or placing in Sunday's collection plate. Card payment can be made on the STJEC website under GIVE. Be sure to include VBS on the memo line along with the family's name.

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