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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 22, 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 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

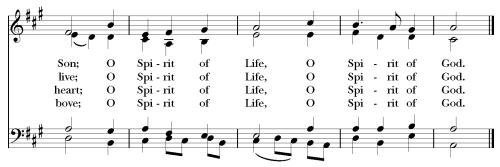
Prelude: Bless This House May Brahe

10:30AM

Opening Hymn 505

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God





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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

10:30AM

Gloria in excelsis Deo, S280

Robert Powell



The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

A reading from Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

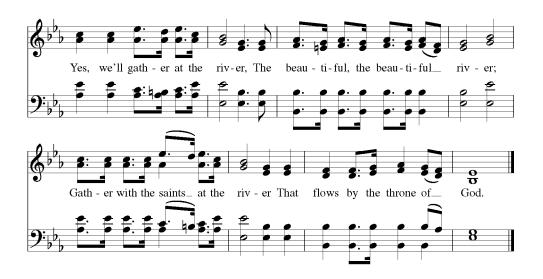
Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the

street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 5:1-9

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise 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

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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 Peter, 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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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.

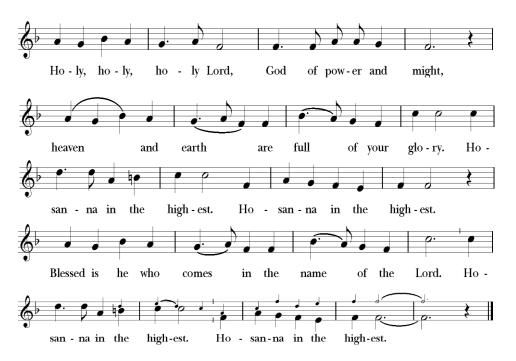
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

Sanctus S125 Richard Proulx



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.

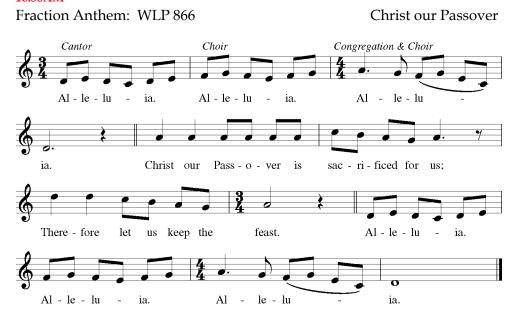
A period of silence is kept.

8AM

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30AM



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.



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Saint Agnes, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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



Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: Kingsfold, English melody; adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Dismissal

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

Postlude: March #1 Giacomo Rossini

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>.

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Karen
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Chris Prinz



This Sunday's Altar Flowers are given by the Oesch family in Memory of KENNETH & EVELYN GRAHAM

We welcome Bill Stief on organ this morning.

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.

PENTECOST SERVICE & INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK BRUNCH - To commemorate and mark the beginning of the church's mission to the world, we celebrate with Pentecost services at 8 and 10:30am followed by an International Potluck Brunch in the Parish Hall. Please take a few minutes to mark on the world map in the Parish Hall your birth place using a RED pin and your family's heritage using the YELLOW pin. We ask that you bring a dish to share from your country of origin or your place of birth. There will be an Ice Cream Social in memory of Jerry Bruemmer following the brunch. For planning purposes, please sign-up for the brunch and ice cream social. See Friday's Bell Tower for the sign-up link.

GRADUATE BLESSING SUNDAY - Do you have a student being promoted to Kindergarten, 6th grade, 9th grade, graduating High School, or College? So that we may blessed them during worship on Sunday, June 26th please send the following information to Mo. Shivaun (associate@stjec.org) or to the church office (accounting@stjec.org): name, grade, what and where they are leaving from and where they are heading

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

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









PRAYER PARTNER OPPORTUNITY Labyrinth Walk ~ Learn to pray in motion ~

Sunday, June 26th @ 11:30am

If your child needs a prayer partner, please contact Mo. Shivaun. Prayer Partners are open to children as early as 3 to 4 years old. The ministry is also in need 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 a partner who is in a different phase of life than the younger prayer partner families. If you would like to be a prayer partner or would like your child to have a prayer partner, please email Mo. Shivaun @ associate@stjec.org.

HOLY HOUSEHOLD HALF-HOUR

Formation for ALL Sunday mornings at 9:45-10:15am in the Parish Hall

"THE REFORMATION - What it was and why it matters"

An opportunity for households, families and Prayer Partners to explore, be engaged in fun, faith and learning.

(Come early have coffee, tea and a breakfast snack)



"Oh, The Places We'll Go" a Seuss inspired VBS

I'm not a kid, is VBS just a kids camp that you want adults to attend?

No. Oh the Places We'll Go is an exciting adventure through the worlds created by Dr. Seuss. Together we explore larger questions of our discipleship and apostleship, challenging us to tasks that feel greater than ourselves, to serve God and God's creation.

This is not your typical VBS, rather this VBS is an all-ages formation experience designed to meet you exactly where you are in your faith. Purposefully set at night to fit around work schedules, we begin by eating together and end every night with prayer. This is a richly layered opportunity to use our child-like wonder to play and dig deeper with God.

So then, what can I expect?

Each day has a pithy theme: "We've been Sent," "We've been Challenged," "We've been tasked," "We've been Grown" and "We've been Loved to Love" which will be explored through the lens of a Seuss book, a scripture story, thoughtful challenges and Bible studies.

- We eat together
- We are introduced to the topic through an interactive icebreaker activity
- We hear a Seuss Story
- We make a tool to help us in our exploration of the story
- We compete in a friendly challenge pushing the topic further
- We explore a scriptural story, break into age-groups discussion
- We are invited into a challenge taking us beyond the evening and lesson
- We pray

What if I can't come to every night?

Sign up and come to as much as you can.

Can't make the whole week?

Join us for our ending Seuss-inspired Eucharist on August 5th at 8:30PM.

We've been Sent" | "We've been Challenged" | "We've been tasked" "We've been Grown" | "We've been Loved to Love"



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	ate the best number,	and to which parent it belong
Home Church —		
Allergies, Medical Information or oth (If none, please write none)	er concerns. Pleas	e 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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