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THE SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE THE INCARNATION

Proper 28

Sunday, November 14, 2021

8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



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10:30AM


Organ Music: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Marianne Forman

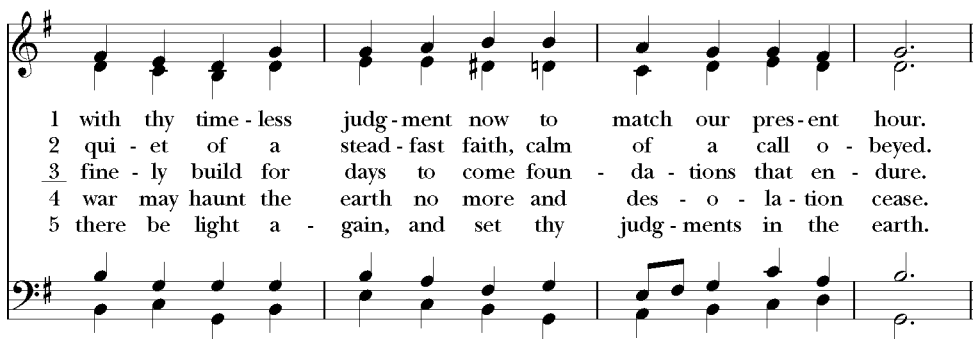
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Opening Hymn 601

O day of God, draw nigh



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let



1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.**

Stay with me [*Noho pu*]

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
No - ho pū, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a

pray watch and pray.
pu - le, kiai a pule.

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

cf John 1.23

Turn to us again, O God our savior, and let your anger cease from us:
Lord, have mercy.
All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your compassion, O Lord, and grant us your salvation:
Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you, that glory may dwell in
our land: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we
may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you
have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before
the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their
hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9-10)

Advent candle is lit

1. Kin - die this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.
2. God's realm is our de - sire, where peace and jus - tice reign.

Light-ing the way that is of God, the jour - ney we pur - sue.
Hea - ven and earth com - bined as one, when Christ shall come a - gain.

Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God

Psalm 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

**9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.**

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

**11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

A reading from Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

Hymn 628

Help us, O Lord, to learn

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:1-8)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation

will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

People The Gospel of the Lord
 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.

Prayers of the People

Wherever we are, in the wilderness, the countryside, or the city, God you are there. That our hearts may be stirred up in thanksgiving for the life you have given us, let us pray, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the gifts of creation, for the sun that lights our day and the moon and the stars that shelter the night: May our eyes be open to the beauty around us, the subtle changes in the sky, the delicate coating of the soil from which breaks forth our food and flowers and in which animals make their home. Help us to protect and nurture your creation around us and ever proclaim its wonders.
Lord, in your mercy,

For the church in every place: May we ever be mindful of the richness of the family of the church, the persons next to us in the pew, those in neighborhood churches, the national, international, and ecumenical church of every race, nation and economic circumstances. Let us give thanks for the web of friendship and trust that you give those who are called the friends of Christ.
Lord, in your mercy.

For those in authority: Let us pray for Christians who witness in places hostile to the gospel, and let us be thankful for our freedom to practice our faith. Let us pray for the leaders of nations that Christ may transform strangers into friends that all may see your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

For this community in our joys and sorrows: Let us remember those who have gone before us, those who have sacrificed for us. Help us to look for what is below the obvious, and from this depth reach out to others. Help us to know that joy that is mingled even with our utmost grief. Let us give thanks for this gathering of God's people and for the renewal of life we are given.

Lord, in your mercy,

For those at greatest risk among us: Let us pray for those lonely, rejected, or oppressed, for the sick and those who struggle to regain their strength, for those among us with the longest memories to link to the past, and for the newborn, in whose baptism our baptism is again renewed.

Lord, in your mercy,

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for **Stephanie, Jenny, Jerry, The McHenry Family, Cheryl, Don, Matthew, Lu, Peter, Robert, Virginia, Sean, Vinson, Betsy, Frances, Stan, Mary, and Chris.**

Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place, and as you prepare the way, making every valley filled and every mountain brought low in blessing and adoration, guide us to Christ our Lord.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

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



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Organ Music: My Inmost Heart Now Raises

J.C. Bach

CHURCH OF ENGLAND NEW PATTERNS OF WORSHIP #6

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word
goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with
them in heaven's song:

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 S129

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. _____

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

All **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All **This is our song:
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All **This is our song:
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one
bread.**

Let us pray.

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: 607

O God of every nation

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo-riouswhen truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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

Organ Music: Paeon

Philip Moore

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

Stephanie Sidella
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Don Saul
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Lu Soukup
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Robert Kokal
Virginia Whitefield
Sean Miller
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFRICAN PALMS needs your help! We have a large order to fill for one of our distributors by the end of December. If you have any time to come in on Tuesday or Thursday morning at 9:00 to help, it would be most appreciated. The work is easy - putting a label on a bag, looking and bagging bundles of crosses and packing them in boxes of 3,000. We hope you can join our regular packers to help with this order.

COLLECTING GIFT CARDS - This year we are collecting gift cards for families/teens through Linkages to Learning (LTL). Linkages to Learning is a community school partnership between the Montgomery County Department of Health and human-Services, MCPS and non-profit service providers. LTL supports student learning, strong families, and healthy communities. LTL provides social, mental health and other community school services to thousands of children and their families in 29 MCPS elementary and middle schools with high rates of poverty. Linkages to Learning is seeking gift cards for Christmas for families. They are especially interested in gift cards from Target and Walmart for the teens, as this group of kids frequently gets overlooked. Gift cards in the amount of \$25 or \$50 is suggested. Please drop them off at the church on Sundays by Sunday, December 5th. Questions? Contact: Katie Phillips at Katie.judge@gmail.com.

COAT DRIVE - MoCoats is a new initiative by local volunteer parents to help MCPS obtain coats for any student in need throughout the year. They are looking for new or gently used coats sizes 2t- adult. Please no stains or tears. Coats can be dropped off at Greenwood Elementary School or Rosa Parks Middle School during the week. On Sundays, coats can be dropped off at St. John's before or after church services. A collection bin will be placed just outside the rector's office. For questions about the coat drive please contact Katie Phillips Katie.judge@gmail.com.



PIE AUCTION

 SUNDAY . NOVEMBER . 21 . 2021 

CALLING ALL BAKERS & PIE LOVERS

BAKE a PIE | ENTER a PIE | BID ON a PIE | WIN a PIE

A delicious way to start the holiday...
while supporting our music ministry as we raise
up new voices from across the generations.

**BAKERS OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED
TO BAKE AND ENTER A PIE OR TWO OR THREE
TO THE PIE AUCTION**

The Pie Auction will take place in the
Parish Hall starting at 11:45am

BAKERS PLEASE DROP YOUR PIES OFF
TO THE KITCHEN ON SUNDAY MORNING.

Please also be sure to include an index card
listing ingredients and type of pie.

Questions?
Contact: The Church Office



PIE AUCTION – Bake a Pie, Enter a Pie and Bid on a Pie! Sunday, November 21st at 11:45am in the Parish Hall. Bakers can drop pies off to the kitchen on Sunday morning. Please be sure to note the type of pie and ingredients.

AFRICAN PALMS – African Palms “Make us an Offer” Sale on Sunday, November 21 in the Parish Hall. African Palms will have a variety of items on sale. Make us an offer and the item is yours. Woven Baskets, Soapstone magnets, bracelets, note cards, pillows and more. Handwoven totes will also be available for purchase. It’s not too early to start your holiday shopping.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE – Thanksgiving Eucharist service will be held at St. John’s at 12 noon on Thursday, November 25th. Please join us as we give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

CALLING ALL MUSIC MAKERS! - The music program at St. John’s is being rekindled for the advent season and is looking for participation! The program intergenerational and inter-skill level program, welcoming all. The only requirement for joining is a desire to make music. We’ll teach you the rest. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 9am for choir and 11:45am for Bell. Please contact Music@stjec.org if interested in joining this ministry, or just show up to rehearsal!

CHILDREN’S CHOIR - Do you have children interested in music? Help us prepare for a children’s program by emailing your interest to music@stjec.org.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR TOMORROW!



Celebrating ADVENT

Lessons & Carols and the Advent Dinner SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th

We begin our celebration of the Advent Season by bringing back the Advent Dinner on Saturday, December 4th. The adult only evening begins with a service of Lessons and Carols at 5:30 pm followed by a catered dinner at 6pm in the Parish Hall. COVID safety practices and protocol will be followed.

The Advent Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 4th. We begin the evening in the church with a service of Lessons & Carols at 5:30pm. At 6pm we move to the Parish Hall for appetizers and your pre-purchased boxed dinner. There will be ten (10) round tables set up, seating up to 6 people per table. Each table will be set up with Red and White wine as well as bottled water. Coffee and Tea will also be available. We ask that you bring an appetizer and/or a dessert to share. The appetizer will be shared only at your table. There will also be a dessert table. If you are bringing a dessert, if possible, we ask the dessert be wrapped in individual servings.

The boxed meals for the dinner will be from Sardi's catering service. Cost per dinner is \$25.00 per person, which is payable at the door. Please look for the Advent Dinner sign-up email on Monday. Meanwhile, please save the date and plan to join us for Lesson & Carols, Dinner and Fellowship.

Menu options can be found below:

- Braised short ribs with mashed potatoes and green beans
- Salmon with mashed potatoes and green beans
- Vegetarian Lasagna with salad

PLANTING SEEDS FOR TOMORROW!



2022

Your gift to God, in support of the ministries of St. John's can be offered:

- Online at: www.stjec.org/give
- In the Collection Plate on Sunday
- By mail to: St. John's Episcopal Church - Attn: Stewardship
PO Box 187
Olney, MD 20832

Having prayed about the covenant with God to love God and love our neighbor, I / We are prepared to Plant Seeds for Tomorrow, in support of the ministries of St. John's.

God willing, our annual contribution to St. John's will be:

\$

January 1 to December 31, 2022

Name(s)

Address

Email

Phone

THANK YOU

For your commitment.

You will be sent a letter confirming your pledge in December and a Pledge Statement for your tax use reflecting your 2021 contributions before the end of January 2022.

Mail your completed pledge certificate to:

St. John's Episcopal Church
PO Box 187
Olney, MD 20832
Attn: Stewardship

or place in the collection plate on Sunday.

You may also pledge online at
WWW.STJEC.ORG



I / We intend to give:

- Weekly Monthly Quarterly Full Amount Annually

BY: On-Line Giving Offering Plate / Mail

I / We are interested in making a separate gift (in addition to the annual support listed above) to a specific project for which funds are needed. Please have the Rector contact me about having this conversation.

I / We are interested in receiving information about planned giving (estate planning, charitable trusts, making a will or living will etc.) Please contact me/us about this by sending literature which will help to inform my/our planning.

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