

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

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE THE INCARNATION
CHRIST THE KING**

Proper 29

Sunday, November 21, 2021

8am & 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, playdough, or a rubriks cube, these can be found at either entrance.

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

Harp with Flute: Whispers

Linda DeBrita

10:30AM

Opening Hymn 494

Crown him with many crowns

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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.**

Gloria: WLP 826

Stay with me

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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your
well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the
peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought
together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; 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.” (Revelation 21:3-4)

Advent candle is lit

1. Kin - dle this flame of peace. 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.

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Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
 and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
 and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
 coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
 and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
 and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
 that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
 that shall never be destroyed.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God

Psalm 93

1 The LORD is King;

he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.

A reading from Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
 every eye will see him,
 even those who pierced him;
 and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was
 and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 435

In the Name of Jesus



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 *5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 *6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (18:33-37)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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,

Hear our prayer.

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.

Hear our prayer.

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,

Hear our prayer.

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,

Hear our prayer.

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, **Hear our prayer.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for **George, Diane, MaryAnn, Joseph, 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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Athem: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Collins

CHURCH OF ENGLAND NEW PATTERNS OF WORSHIP #6

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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.**

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. Healing prayers and anointing are available to the side of the altar.

Communion: Andante Cantabile from Serenade no. 10 Vincent Persichetti

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: 477

Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

- 1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. _____
- 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. _____
- 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____
- 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
- 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. _____

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Dismissal

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

Organ Music: Coronation

Ryan Meyer

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.

George Jones
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating ADVENT

The Advent Dinner will be 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 a pre-purchased boxed dinner catered by Sardi's. Details and sign-up can be found in Friday's Bell Tower.

COLLECTING GIFT CARDS - This year we are collecting gift cards for families/teens through Linkages to Learning (LTL). Linkages to Learning is seeking gift cards for Christmas for families, and are suggesting gift cards in the amount of \$25 or \$50 from Target and Walmart for the teens. Card may be dropped off at the church on Sundays through December 5th. Questions? Contact: Katie Phillips at Katie.judge@gmail.com.

COAT DRIVE - MoCoats, a new initiative by local volunteer parents to help MCPS obtain coats for any student in need throughout the year. MoCoats is 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 and on Sundays, at St. John's before or after church services. For questions about the coat drive please contact Katie Phillips Katie.judge@gmail.com.

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.

A decorative header featuring a red ribbon tied in a bow on the left, and a string of warm white lights hanging across the top. The text 'You are Invited' is written in a cursive font inside a white box with a dashed border.

*You are
Invited*

ADVENT DINNER w/ Service of Lessons & Carols

An Adult only Evening
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th

The evening begins in the church
with a service of Lessons & Carols at 5:30pm,
followed by appetizers and Sardi's boxed dinner
at 6pm in the Parish Hall

Cost is \$25 per person
(payable at the door by Check, Cash or Credit Card)
Sign-Up can be found in Friday's Bell Tower

~ SARDI'S MENU SELECTION ~

Braised short ribs with mashed potatoes and green beans

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Salmon with mashed potatoes and green beans

*

Vegetarian Lasagna with salad

Please bring an appetizer and a dessert to share.

*The appetizer will be shared only at your table.

Desserts will be shared at the dessert table.

*If possible, please have the dessert wrapped in individual servings.

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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