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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE THE INCARNATION

Sunday, November 28, 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.

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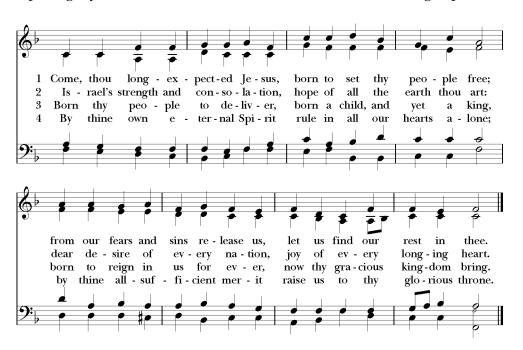
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Prelude: Andante Krieger

10:30AM

Opening Hymn 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus



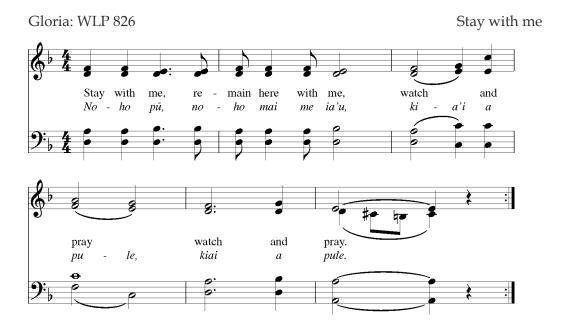
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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

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

Collect for Purity pg. 355

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.**



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.

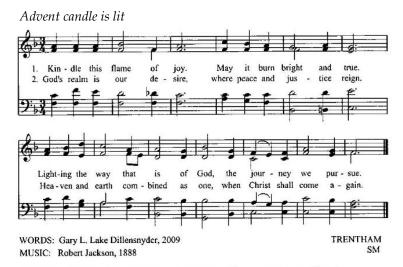
All: Christ, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in this glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son on Man is coming at an unexpected hour. (Matthew 24:42-44)



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Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

- 8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860; harm. after The English Hymnal, 1906

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:25-36) People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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.

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 is, 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 is, 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, Jerry, Lu, 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.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



For your convenience use the QR code to donate quickly and easily from your mobile device.

Anthem: Savior of the Nations, Come St. John's Bell Choir Behnke

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.

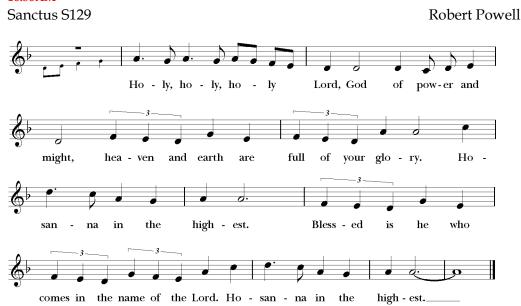
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

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



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.

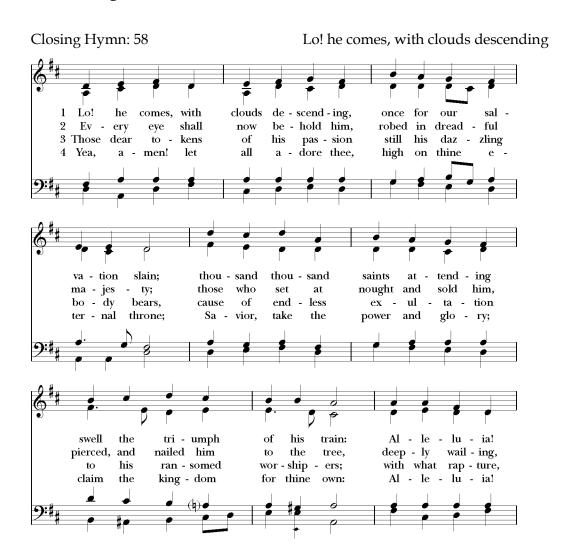
Communion: Andante Cantabile from Serenade no. 10 Vincent Persichetti

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





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: St. Thomas, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Allegro Buxtehude

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>.

George Jones
Diane McQueen
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Mary Ann
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Jerry Bruemmer
Lu Soukup
Betsy O'Neil
Frances Hunt
Stan Simpson
Mary Persinger
Chris Prinz



ADVENT DINNER - Saturday, December 4th

Lessons & Carols @ 5:30pm | Dinner @ 6pm

COLLECTING GIFT CARDS for families/teens through Linkages to Learning. LTL is suggesting \$25 or \$50 gift cards from Target and Walmart. Card may be dropped off at the church through December 5th. 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 and provides social, mental health and other community school services to thousands of children and their families in 29 MCPS elementary and middle schools. Questions? Contact Katie Phillips @ Katie.judge@gmail.com.

COAT DRIVE - MoCoats is a new initiative by local parent volunteers to help MCPS obtain coats for students in need throughout the year. MoCoats is looking for new or gently used coats sizes 2t- adult. Coats can be dropped off at Greenwood Elementary School, Rosa Parks Middle School or at St. John's weekdays or on Sunday. For questions about the coat drive please contact Katie Phillips <a href="Mattengengergen

STJES CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING - Thursday, December 2nd 5:30 – 7pm. Come one, come all and join us for this festive event. Carols, hot chocolate, cookies, & more!

AFRICAN PALMS has a large order to fill 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.

BOOKS TO GIFT - The library at St. John's School has undergone a recent renovation and is a very bright and inviting space in which to read and learn. In contrast, many of the books are dated or recent editions are missing. This Christmas we hope to update the St. John's library with new books that will support curricular needs and student interests: a selection of books to gift to the library is on display in the solarium. A lot of the fiction books are ones that students have requested for the library. The nonfiction books will update the book collection so that it can provide students with current information that is most accurate. These books will help modernize the collection and appeal to the student body to encourage and increase reading and learning.

Choose a book, write your name on the card. Place the card along with your donation in an envelope and drop in the donation box located in the solarium. Payment or donations can be made by cash or check (payable to: St. John's Church with "STJES BOOK" written on the memo line). Thank you for giving the gift of knowledge to the students of St. John's School.

GIVE THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

In support of and to enhance STJES library program



SUNDAY FORUM - Sunday mornings at 9am in-person or on ZOOM "The Carols of Christmas: A Celebration of the Surprising Stories Behind Your Favorite Holiday Songs". Find out the story and history of some of our favorite Christmas Carols as written by Andrew Gant.

ALTAR FLOWERS - The beautiful altar flowers that adorn our altar Sunday mornings are donated by parishioners in memory of, in thanksgiving of, or in celebration of someone, something or an event. To donate flowers, a donation of \$75 is requested and payment can be made through the website or by placing in Sunday's collection plate. Donation forms can be found on the website at www.stjec.org/forms. Your memorial will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

| Altar Flowers | \$75 Donation Requested |
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| IN MEMORY / HONOR OF (enter names and wording as you wish them to appear in the bulletin) | |
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PLANTING SEEDS FOR TOMORROW!



2022

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 on line at WWW.STJEC.ORG



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 I / We intend to give: Quarterly Full Amount Annually Weekly Monthly 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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