

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

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Proper 19**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

**8am & 10:30am**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**



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# HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

Organ Music: Andante in A

Mendelssohn

10:30AM

Opening Hymn 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler 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**

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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.**

**Glory to God**

*Gloria in excelsis*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.****

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

## The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

### **Psalm 116:1-8**

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.**
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.**
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord has treated you well.**
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living.**

### **A reading from James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (8:27-38)**

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it

profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann and Chilton our Bishops; and  
for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**



For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for **Don, Cynie, Matthew, Lu, Peter, Robert, Virginia, Sean, Vinson, Betsy, Frances, Stan, Mary, and Chris.**

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Harold and Hattie May, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

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.  
**And also with you.**

*People*



Offertory plates are located as you enter or exit the sanctuary,  
or for your convenience use the QR code below.

### Hymn at the Preparation of the Altar

Hymn 654

Day by day



Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,  
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**8AM & NOON**

**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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

*A period of silence is kept*

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

Organ Music: Fugue in C

Handel



## *Altar Flowers*



This Sunday's Altar Flowers are given by Henry & Diane McQueen  
In Honor of

MIMI MCQUEEN'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
SEPTEMBER 13



We are excited to once again offer opportunities to give flowers that will decorate the altar for your loved ones for a Sunday service. Weekly flowers can be donated in Memory, in Honor or in Thanksgiving of family members or friends, and will be listed in the weekly bulletin. A donation of \$75 is requested. Payments can be made through the website - GIVE or by check made payable to: St. John's Episcopal Church with Altar Flowers noted on the memo line. Donation forms can be found on the website - [www.stjec.org/forms](http://www.stjec.org/forms).



## DAILY DEVOTIONS

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*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](mailto:accounting@stjec.org). In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

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Virginia Whitefield  
Sean Miller  
Vinson  
Betsy O'Neil  
Frances Hunt  
Stan Simpson  
Mary Persinger  
Chris Prinz

*We have resumed Eucharistic Visits for those who are not able to attend church.  
Contact the office at 301-774-3619 or request a visit on line at [www.stjec.org](http://www.stjec.org).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*This morning we welcome our organist, Cambria Van de Vaarst*

**DEUTERONOMY BIBLE STUDY** - Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm on ZOOM. To join the Bible study group, please contact Jerry or Bree Bruemmer ([think36man@gmail.com](mailto:think36man@gmail.com)) or ([isak3@hotmail.com](mailto:isak3@hotmail.com)).

**PARTNERING WITH HARVEST SHARE** - St. John's continues to partner with Harvest Share through the month of September. Last Sunday 74 pounds of fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs was collected. Parishioners are asked to donate excess produce from their gardens Sunday morning from 8am through noon. The produce is distributed to those in need through Montgomery United Ministries. Volunteers are needed for set up, tear down and to deliver the produce to the food pantry. To sign up to volunteer for the last 2 Sundays, please see Friday's Bell Tower.

**MONDAY MISSION SOCIETY** - MMS will be meeting on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 via Zoom. Please join the meeting and help plan for 2021-2022. Zoom link can be found in Friday's Bell Tower.

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**TODAY**  
**Following the**  
**10:30am service**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  
Monday - Thursday 9am to 1pm  
Masks are required when inside the building.



## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

*Designed for young people in grades 6th-12th*

*Middle School and High School Youth Ministry  
in collaboration with St. John's, St. Bart's and St. Nick's.*

The Youth Group is going to the Rope Course at  
The Adventure Park at Sandy Springs Friends School

**September 26th at 3:45pm**

Tickets are \$50

(scholarships are available - email [associate@stjec.org](mailto:associate@stjec.org) to inquire)

**There are ONLY 16 spots.**

If interested you **MUST** do the following -

1. You **MUST** reserve your spot - contact Mo. Shivaun to do so
2. You **MUST** complete the waiver (found on the link below)  
<https://go.theflybook.com/Manage/VGSTHQ#/lite>
3. You **MUST** arrange payment or for the scholarship

Friends are welcome, however you **MUST** contact Mo. Shivaun prior...

And as always, we welcome adult chaperones.



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## VESTRY

Glen Drew, 2023 - *Sr. Warden / Stewardship*  
Dan Phillips, 2023 - *Jr. Warden / Christian Ed.*

Nancy Olkewicz 2023 - *Outreach*  
Anna Mazzucco, 2024 - *Parish Life*  
Carolyn Schopp, 2024 - *B&G / STJES*

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Julia Metcalf 2022 - *Pastoral Care/Registrar*  
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