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

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Sunday, September 14, 2025 8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



Lamb of God by Jorge Cocco

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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 visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.

If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.

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 fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children are welcome at all services

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S	ò
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8am	Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary
9am	Adult Forum in the undercroft Meeting Room
9:45am	Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall
10:30am	Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary

COME JOIN US

TODAY

- Episcopal School Sunday
- Townhall @ 1pm Council Members Evan Glass & Dawn Luedtke

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Bishop James Visits
- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- T'ween Club @ 2pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

• Youth Group Service Sunday @ 12pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

- Newcomer's Coffee Hour @ 12pm
- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- Animal Blessing @ 1:30 3pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- Neuro-Spicy Group @ 1:30pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

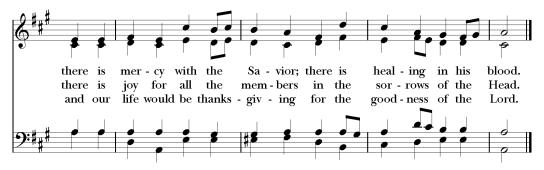
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HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM Prelude

The people stand.





Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt

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

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

THE 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.**

8AM Gloria

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

10:30AM WLP 825 Bless the Lord my soul

Jacques Berthier



Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities and especially St. John's Episcopal School, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Lector A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the LORD is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Lector A reading from Saint Paul's first letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.



Words: Hymns for the Young, ca. 1830, alt. Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody, from The European Magazine and London Review, 1792

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1-10)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, `Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Henry McQueen

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon With the Lord's encouraging words resounding in our hearts, let us

frame again the prayers which linger in all human hearts, saying:

Hear us, O Lord.

We are weary of war and threats of war. Let us pray for peace in our

world, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord.

We fear for our children. Let us pray for all children, their health

and well-being, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord

We are anxious about our security. Let us pray for an end to hunger

and want, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord

We yearn for faith in an uncertain world. Let us pray for all who

preach the gospel, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord

We tremble at our own vulnerability. Let us pray for the victims of

illness, accident, and disaster, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord.

We mourn for those who have died. Let us pray for those who are

now in the nearer presence of our Lord, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord.

We carry worry in our hearts. Let us pray for the needs we can

hardly bear to name, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord.

We pray especially for Terra, Bob, Carol, David, Kim, Christina, Alan, Etta, Phillip, Ivy, Mary Faith, Steve, Celeste, and Mary, and those who are on our hearts and minds, saying,

People

Hear us, O Lord.

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Loving God, our Father, you fashioned the human heart; you know the needs that make it ache. Hear us, your children, praying as your Son taught us. His is the name we invoke; his is the kingdom we await: Jesus Christ, the Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Teachers and students please stand.

God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all the schools across this country, which are part of The Episcopal Church. We remember them in their variety, in their differences, and in what they share. Give us open doors, open minds, and open hearts that we might accept, learn, and love everything and everyone whom you have given us. Today we pray especially for St. John's Episcopal School - that it may be a place of learning and character.

We ask that you cultivate in our church and school, shared mission and discernment from you, that we may come together in our different aspects of ministries and find commonality in our shared language of you.

We ask you to take particular care of the faculty and staff of the school. Let them know their work as a ministry of yours and let them feel your influence and grace in all that they teach and guide.

We pray in the name of Jesus who experienced the wonder in joy in being taught in your Temple and then became a teacher of millions. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

Enriching Our Worship

The people stand.

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Celebrant continues.

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.

lessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest.





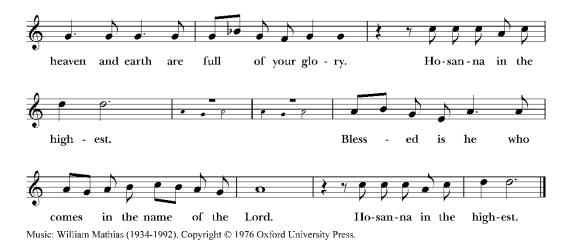
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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, dishonored one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with beloved John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language closest to our hearts, 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.

Πάτερ ήμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς · άγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου · ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου · γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς · τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον · καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν · καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκης ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ. ἀμήν.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

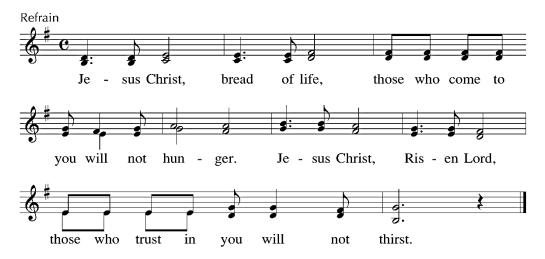
A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



Text: John 6; Taizé Community Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994 © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people are seated.

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both hands, bread and wine or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread, put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. For health reasons, we do not instinct (dip) the bread. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

Sending Prayers for Eucharistic Visitors

Deacon In the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing

these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the

communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread

and one cup.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people stand.

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

Hymn #410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven



Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

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. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org.

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

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If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: <u>pastoralcare@stjec.org</u>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• TOWN HALL with County Councilmembers

County Councilmembers Evan Glass and Dawn Luedtke will be at St. John's on Sunday, September 14th at 1pm to respond to your questions and share information as it affects the residents of Montgomery County. This is your opportunity to ask questions and voice your concerns about issues you may have. Please join us for this informative session.

• ST. JOHN'S COMMUNICATION SURVEY

St. John's Vestry is reviewing our communication strategies to ensure we are effectively sharing information about church events, volunteer opportunities, and outreach initiatives. We value your input and would appreciate it if you could take a moment to complete this brief anonymous survey (email addresses are not recorded). Your response will help us enhance our efforts to better serve our church community.



How well are we communicating?

Please tell us by scanning the QR code to begin the survey.

HOLY HOUSEHOLD

Holy Household, our intergenerational Sunday School, open to all ages for Bible study, discussions and reflections officially begins on Sunday, September 21st at 9:45am.in the Parish Hall.

• LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD - sponsored by the Women of St. John's Join us on Monday, September 15th at 7pm in the Sanctuary for a unique opportunity to harness the power of our voices and learn effective practices for communicating with our elected officials. Whether you are a seasoned letter-writer or a first timer, we welcome everyone to share their insights and experiences. This is an ALL-Parish event. Everyone is invited to participate.

• BISHOP JAMES ALMASI VISITS ST. JOHN'S

Bishop James Almasi, who serves as the bishop of the Diocese of Masasi in southern Tanzania will be visiting with us, and preaching, on Sunday, September 21st. Please join us in welcoming Bishop James.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Shelf Stable Milk | White Rice Canned Chicken | Canned White Beans | Red Beans | Canned Chili | Beef Stew | Canned Corn | String Beans | Peas | Fruits Cups | Taco Kit Pudding Cups | Spaghetti Sauce | Pasta | Peanut Butter | Canned Soup

Please leave donations on the bench outside the Rector's office; we are happy to stock them.

DELEGATE NOMINEES

The votes have been tabulated for Diocesan Delegates, and the results are as follow; Diocesan delegates are Bill Fleming (2 yr term); Stephen Simpson (1 yr term); and Mary Kerr (Alternate).

Our Nominating Committee for Vestry is active and preparing a slate of candidates for election at our Annual Meeting next January. Candidates for Vestry must be baptized communicants in good standing, givers of record, and over the age of 18. If you have an interest in serving on the Vestry, or wish to learn more, please contact our nominating committee members: Bill Fleming, Mary Kerr, Will Lederer, and Carolyn Schopp.

Sermon NOTES

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