

T. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8am & 10:30am



"Washing of the feet" by Gisele Bauche

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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

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum: Book & discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
8:45am	<i>Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room</i>
9:30am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12-1:30pm	<i>Middle & High School Youth Group in The Gathering Space downstairs</i>

COME JOIN US

TODAY

- **Hospitality Sunday**
Spring Clean-Up for Easter – Sanctuary, Parish Hall, and Garden area (lunch provided).
- Newcomer's Coffee Hour @ 12pm
- Spring Clean-Up for Easter

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

- Lenten Soup & Bread Supper @ 6:30pm
- Lenten Evening Prayer @ 7:30pm

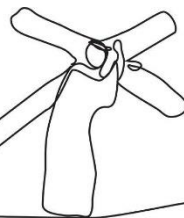
SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- **Formation Sunday**
Painting Stations of the Cross images for Holy Week.
- Deadline to submit Easter Flowers & Music Donation Forms
- Confirmation Class @ 9am
- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- Neuro-Spicy Meeting @ 1:30pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- Women of St. John's Meeting @ 7pm in the Meeting Room

STATIONS OF *Holy Week*



Palm Sunday | Sunday, April 13

HOLY EUCHARIST

*In keeping with our seasonal theme of "Back to Basics"
please enter in silence and allow the music to begin your worship experience.*

10:30AM

Prelude

The people stand.

10:30AM

WLP #753

When from bondage we are summoned

1. When from bond - age we are sum - moned out of dark - ness in - to light,
2. When our God names us a peo - ple, Je - sus leads us by the hand
3. Through all stag - es of the jour - ney Christ is with us, night and day,
4. We must not lose sight of Je - sus, who ac - cept - ed pain and loss,
5. See the prize our God has prom - ised: end - less life with Christ our Lord.

1. we must go in hope and pat - ience, walk by faith and not by sight.
2. through a lone - ly, bar - ren des - ert to a great and glo - rious land.
3. with com - pas - sion for our weak - ness ev' - ry step a - long the way.
4. who, for joy of love un - meas - ured, dared em - brace the shame - ful cross.
5. Now we fix our eyes on Je - sus, walk by faith in Je - sus' word.

Refrain

Let us throw off all that hin-ders; let us run the race to win!

Let us hast-en to our home-land and, re-joic-ing, en-ter in.

Words: Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939). Music: *Grid*, Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962).

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Kneel as you are able.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and people.

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 people stand.

8AM

Lord, have mercy.

People

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

10:30AM

WLP #837 Kyrie eleison

Musical notation for the Kyrie eleison. The score is written for a single voice part on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), alt.
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn #474

When I survey the wondrous cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Rockingham, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12:1-8)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

People The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge

Reflective Music

In keeping with our seasonal theme of "Back to Basics" enjoy the music, or the silence and take a moment to reflect on the sermon.

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 In this holy season let us turn to God in prayer, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the people of God, that we may be led by the Spirit to hunger for God's holy Word, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

For the peoples and nations of the world, and for those in authority, that power and glory lead us in the way of justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

For all who are afflicted and oppressed, that God will open our ears so we hear their cry, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

For this community, that we may believe in our hearts and confess with our lips, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

For our own needs and those of others especially, **Mary Faith, Julie, Lois, Steve, Celeste, Paula, and Mary**, that God is walking with us, will hear us in our need, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

For those who have died, may they rest in peace and rise in Glory, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

Officiant Strong and faithful God, hear us as we cry to you. Stretch out your hand to save us, that we may praise you for your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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



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Anthem: Will Thou Forgive?

Clarke

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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The people stand.

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

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

People 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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 WLP#850

Dimmock

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, Ho-san-na,
Ho-san-na in the high-est, the high-est.—

Music: Jonathan Dimmock (b. 1957), from *Missa Appalachia*. Copyright © 1996 Jonathan Dimmock.

The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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, 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 ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς ·
ἀγιασθήτω 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 εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς
πειρασμόν,
ἀλλὰ ῥύσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.
ἀμήν.**

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

8AM

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

10:30AM

WLP 871

Lamb of God

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. — Lamb of God, you". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand. There are repeat signs and first/second endings in both parts. The score concludes with a final cadence.

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people are seated.

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 #313

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain

of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

In keeping with our seasonal theme of "Back to Basics" we invite you to enjoy and experience the music as a time of reflection.

Postlude

*Please join us at the front garden for the blessing of our Sweetbay Magnolia
 in memory of John Rentz.*

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

Mary Faith Almasi
Julie Metcalf
Lois Taylor
Steve Ruff
Celeste McGee
Paula Fangboner
Mary Persinger

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: pastoralcare@stjec.org.

Holy Week



Wednesday
April 16
7:30pm



Thursday
April 17
5:30pm & 7:30pm



Friday
April 18
12pm & 7:30pm



EASTER Vigil

Saturday
April 19
8pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SPRING CLEANING FOR EASTER**

Join us TODAY following the 10:30am service, as we prepare the inside and outside of the church for Easter. Supplies will be provided as well as lunch.

- **LENTEN EVENING PRAYERS**

Join us Wednesday evenings through April 9th for a simple soup and bread meal at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall followed by Lenten evening prayers at 7:30pm. Please see Friday's Bell Tower to sign-up to bring soup or bread on the coming Wednesdays.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Spaghetti Sauce | Meal Helper Stuffing Mix | Rice | Water | Canned Chili | Canner Stew | Sardines Individual Cereal | Taco Kit | Jelly.

Harris Teeter; Giant; and Safeway currently have items on sale that would be useful and appreciated. Harris Teeter - Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Cheerios & Cinnamon Toast Crunch (buy 1 get 1 free); 1 lb rice @ \$.99; Giant - Ragu Sauce @ 2/\$4; Safeway - Chicken of the Sea Tuna @ 10/\$10

- **EASTER FLOWER & MUSIC**

Celebrate the Resurrection and honor loved while beautifying our church with a donation toward the Easter flowers on Easter Sunday. The Easter flowers in the church are provided by your contributions. Each flower is available for a donation of \$40. We also offer the opportunity to contribute towards special Easter music. All donations, (Flowers & Music) will be recognized in our Easter morning bulletin. Deadline to fill out and return the form is NEXT Sunday, April 13th.



Easter Altar Flowers

Return completed form along with your check for **\$40** made payable to:
St. John's (Easter Flowers on the memo line)
place in Sunday's Collection Plate, Bookkeeper's mailbox or mail to church office.

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Easter Music

Return completed form along with your "Special" Easter Music Donation to:
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