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

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Proper 25

Sunday, October 27, 2024

8:00am & 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 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. If you have questions, email us at **welcome@stjec.org**



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.

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.

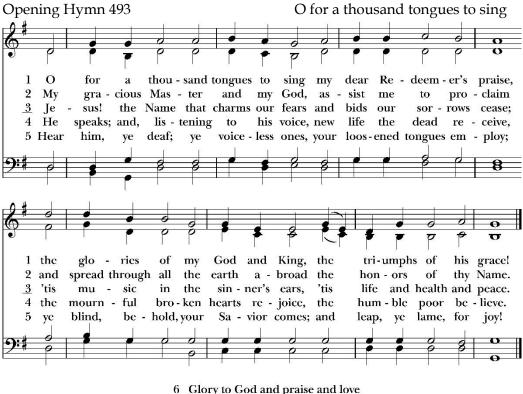
The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY @ ST. IOHN'S

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

The people stand.



be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

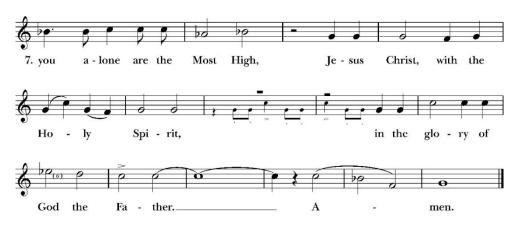
CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy SpiritPeopleAnd blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen

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.**

8:00AM	
Gloria	BCP, pg. 356
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 Fathe	er,
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 F	ather:
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.	





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

> Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

People are seated.

JOB 42: 1-6, 10-17

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB

Job answered the Lord:

"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.'
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

HEBREWS 7: 23-28

Reader A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE HEBREWS.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

The People stand

Sequence Hymn 693

Just as I am, without one plea



Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MarkPeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the LordPeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Reverend Henry P. McQueen

BCP, pg. 358

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

Let us pray for the life of the world...

People	For our loved ones those whom we know and hold in our hearts, and all of your children who are unknown to us but always known to you. Help us keep the needs of all, especially the youngest amongst us, in our prayers. Bond us through your love and inspire us to action alongside the voiceless. God of love, Receive our prayer .
People	For those who teach us our teachers at school and church, our family at home, and in all places that we learn and grow. Help us to listen and pray with patience as we learn from God and one another. God our teacher, Receive our prayer.
People	For those who lead us give the leaders of our nations, towns, communities, and homes wisdom to serve people of all ages in love and peace. Give us all the language and intention to share your love in the world. God who guides us, Receive our prayer.
People	For the sick and poor We pray for access that meets the needs of those who do not have enough. For nutritious food, housing, loving relationships, and all the things that help us to thrive. We pray especially for Harry, Celeste, Jessica, Paula, Mary Helen, Jere, Roberta, Tim, Mary, Joseph. God of the vulnerable, Receive our prayer.
People	For ourselves Thanksgiving for play, for music that moves us and all of the good things you bless us with. Inspire us to dwell in the stories of others and respond to the needs of our neighbors as you have taught us. God who walks with us, Receive our prayer.

The priest offers a concluding collect.

God, we thank you for always being with us. Open and transform our hearts that we might connect more deeply with the needs of others and be moved to be your love and care in the world. Help us to keep courage as we learn, share, and give. **Amen.**

CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION

BCP, pg. 360

Deacon	Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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.
Celebrant	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.

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, pg. 367

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 our 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
	8:00AM
	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 S128 Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly Lord, God of power and might, _ full and earth of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the heaven are high - est. Bless ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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,

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

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, 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. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

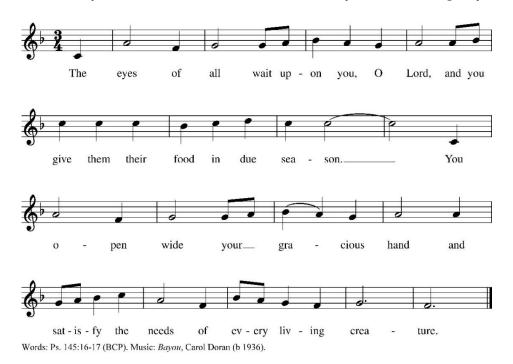
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

8:00AM

PeopleChrist our Passover is sacrificed for usTherefore let us keep the feast.

10:30AM Fraction Hymn WLP 820



The Gifts of God for the People of God

This is God's table; communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, 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 intinct (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 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.

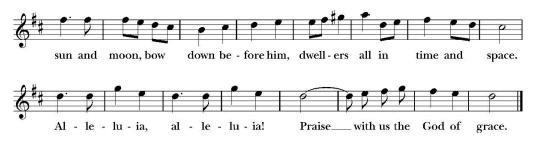
The people stand.

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

Recessional Hymn: 410





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DISMISSAL

- DeaconGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.
- **POSTLUDE :** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Bish

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 <u>accounting@stjec.org</u>.

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

Harry Brooke Celeste McGee Jessica Brice Paula Fangboner Mary Helen Roberta Ridenour Tim Wittig Mary Persinger Joseph Sears

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>.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, November 2

- Blood Drive St. John's School Gym at 6:00am-2:00pm
- Installation of Presiding Bishop Elect Rowe
- Chili Cook-Off & Pie Action at 4:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday, November 3

- All Saints Services at 8:00am and 10:30am
- Newcomer's Coffee hour

Monday, November 11

• Veterans' Day – Office Closed

Sunday, November 17

• Casserole Club at 12:00pm

Sunday, November 24

• Advent Wreath Making at 9:30am

Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29

• Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFRICAN PALMS 2.0

African Palms has received a large order for palm crosses from our distributors. In order to meet their delivery date, we WILL need help! If you have time Tuesday and or Thursday mornings 9 to 11am, please consider helping with this task. The work is easy and the fellowship is fun. We currently have a total of 124 boxes that need to be packed and ready to ship by the end of December. Packing is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 5th in the Parish Hall. If you are able and would like to help Tuesdays and or Thursdays mornings please email <u>africanpalms@stjec.org</u>, or just show up on Tuesday, November 5th at 9am in the Parish Hall. An occasional Sunday afternoon for packing will also be offered. Check upcoming Bell Towers and the bulletin for those dates.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Serving on the Vestry is a wonderful way to share your gifts with the parish. Vestry members must be baptized Christians, worshiping members of this parish for at least a year, and contributors to the financial welfare of the parish. The nominating committee is preparing a list of candidates for Vestry that will stand for election at our Annual Meeting in January. If you or interest in serving, please speak with the clergy or nominating committee (Barry Gough, Phil Reiff, Alan Soukup, and Shelley Spencer).

ALTAR FLOWERS

St. John's parishioners have the opportunity to donate flowers that will decorate the altar for a Sunday service. Weekly flowers can be donated in memory of, in celebration of, or in Thanksgiving of loved ones or a special occasion. Suggested donation of \$75 can be paid at <u>www.stjec.org/give</u>. Flowers may be taken home to enjoy following the 10:30am service.

ALL SAINTS SERVICE

Celebrate saints gone before us, and give thanks on Sunday, November 3rd at the 8am and 10:30am service. If you would like to commemorate loved ones during the service, please submit names to <u>accounting@stjec.org</u> by October 31st. There will be a "Space of Remembrance" table in the Parish Hall for photos of loved ones. Following the service, join us for a simple brunch as we remember and share stories of our loved ones and the saints who came before us.

NEWCOMERS COFFEE HOUR

Please join the Clergy and Vestry for the "Newcomer's Coffee Hour" on Sunday, November 3rd at Coffee Hour when we to meet and officially welcome our newcomers and give them the opportunity to spend some time with other newcomers, clergy and members of our Vestry. Learn about St. John's, ask questions, and explore how to get involved with various ministries. If you are not able to join us this week, please join us next month.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Join us on Sunday, November 24th at 11:30am in the Parish Hall as we begin a non-traditional 6 weeks of Advent with Advent Wreath Making as we wait for Christmas to arrive. Advent is a time of expectation and hope filled with rich traditions. "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming," and it prompts us to pause and remember why Jesus came at Christmas.

FOOD PANTRY

Pantry needs for this week include:

- White Rice
- Meal Helper Kits
- Black Beans
- Stuffing Mix
- Chef Boyardee (individual)
- Pasta (boxed)

- Canned Chili
- Taco Kit
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Beef Stew
- Shelf Stable Milk (cow's milk)



~ Fundraiser to support STJEC's Community Ministries ~

Come taste the best and join us for an evening of delicious, spicy fun with live music from Bluegrass Band, "Cherry Blossom Special DC" Invite family, friends, and neighbors to experience it with you!

ADMISSION - \$15/Person | \$30/Family * Additional tickets at 5 for \$10 Price includes chili tasting and 5 tickets per individual or 10 tickets per family. Tickets can be used to vote or purchase other food items – (hot dogs, pizza, soda, and adult beverages at the beer wagon).

Purchase your tickets & buy extra tickets early at <u>www.stjec.org</u> or directly from Deacon Nancy at Coffee Hour. *Tickets purchased in advance can be picked up the day of the events at the REGISTRATION TABLE.

Cook up your best batch of Chili and Cornbread and join the Chili Cookoff and Pie Auction. Please consider making 2 pies or desserts for the Pie Auction. **Chili or Cornbread ENTRY FEE is \$25 and can be paid at** <u>www.stjecorg</u> or to directly to Deacon Nancy.

In our effort to recycle, please bring food storage containers for left over chili or cornbread and pop-up tents **Please be sure to mark your tent with your name.*

In order to make this Cookoff a success we will need help. It takes a village! Help is needed with set-up, decorating, registration & tickets, games, emcee, break down & clean up. See Friday's Bell Tower for the signup link or speak with Deacon Nancy or Bree Bruemmer during Coffee Hour.

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