

**St. John's Episcopal Church and School
& African Palms USA**

**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27**

November 12, 2017

10 o'clock Holy Eucharist



Welcome! 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. We have found a loving Christian community and hospitality here, and invite you to join us. If you are seeking a spiritual home, speak to Fr. Henry.

The Ministry of the Word

Organ Music: "Prière à Notre-Dame" from *Suite Gothique* Léon Boëllmann

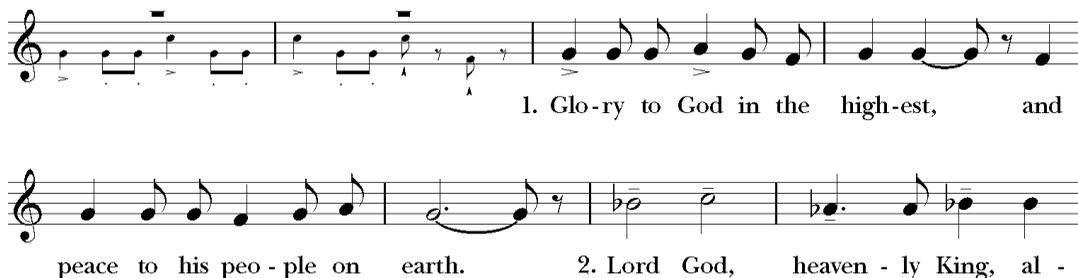
Hymn 596 Judge Eternal, throned in splendor

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

Hymn of Praise S-278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



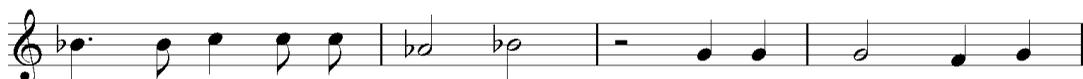
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

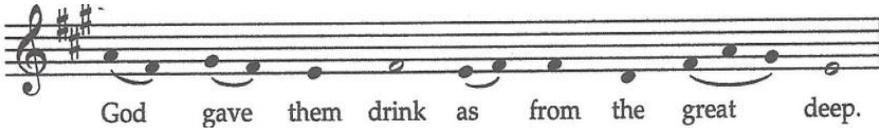
“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7



- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **Antiphon**
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done. **Antiphon**
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments; **Antiphon**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with

the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 655 O Jesus, I have promised

Mark 10:17-22

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

People

Glory to you Lord Christ.

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good-except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

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 Leader and People pray responsively

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; Mariann, our Bishop; and the clergy of this Diocese, especially Henry and Shivaun, 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 those affected by hurricane, earthquake, or gun violence, for those who are expecting, serving in the military, seeking adequate employment, or in need of healing; especially for **Pat, Julianna, Maureen, Jim, Anne, Paula, Christine, Emma, Mac, the Hardy Family, Robert, Robin Lee and Family, Chris, Lois, and Mary.**

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

We pray for all who have died, especially our sisters and brothers of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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.**

The Absolution

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace. After the peace, the People are seated.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester L. J. White

*O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, Amen.*

The St. John's Choir

Please stand

The Holy Communion

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

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

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Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven 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 in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God...

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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...

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,

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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung:

S 156 Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Gerald R. Near

Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Gifts of God for the People of God

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the Bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. GLUTEN FREE host is available; indicate your desire for GF host by presenting your hands palms crossed facing downward; when the GF host is offered, rotate your hands over to receive. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

Communion Hymn 709 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
 Hymn 574 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

The People standing, the Celebrant says

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

The Dismissal *all respond* Thanks be to God.

Organ Music: “Menuet” from *Suite Gothique* Léon Boëllmann

*In case of pastoral emergency, please contact
The Rev. Henry P. McQueen at 717-203-4055 or email at rector@stjec.org.*

First Aid kits are located in the sacristy, and on the wall in the narthex behind the door into the nave.

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
In Memory of Richard T. Hunt by Frances Hunt.*

Announcements

Printed copies of the sermon are available before the service from the ushers for those who need them.

Calling all families with children elementary school-aged and younger: Join us for a free spaghetti dinner today, November 12th from 4-6 PM in the Parish Hall. We are going to focus on fellowship and the possibilities of formation and programming for Christmas and the upcoming new year. Young families have been growing in leaps and bounds and we want to discern God's dream for families at St. John's together. Please RSVP to Mother Shivaun at mothershivaun@icloud.com so we can have enough dinner for everyone. Also please advise on any dietary restrictions.

Holly Harvest Bazaar – Thank you to everyone for making the Bazaar a huge success.

The **Veterans** of our country are commemorated November 11. Memorial poppies will be distributed, free, after the 8am and 10am services on November 12. If you know a veteran, tell them 'thanks for serving'!

Please return your 2018 Stewardship Pledge Certificate by Sunday, 19 November, either by mail or by placing it in the offering plate.

Paying It Forward at Christmastime. We all look forward to receiving gifts or spending time with loved ones at Christmas. Many less fortunate are not that lucky. To share our many blessings, the Outreach Committee will decorate a Christmas tree with ideas for how each of us can pay it forward during the season. We are in need of as many of these ideas as possible, so please write yours down on a piece of paper and put it in the collection plate on Sunday. Thank you and remember not to take yours when you see it hanging on the tree 😊.

St. John's School - You're invited to St. John's fall Admission Open House on November 19th from 1 – 3 pm! If you are exploring private school options for your PK-8th grader, this is a great opportunity for prospective families to learn more about St. John's. There will be tours, given by Student Ambassadors, and interaction with faculty and administrators. This event provides a view into the school, campus and programs in which families can learn more about how St. John's Episcopal is graduating students of Character and Faith. Highlights of school include: Small Class sizes, accelerated learning, 1:1 technology program, STEM, global community, sports and the arts. To RSVP, please email: margaret.curry@stjes.org or register at: <https://goo.gl/TwMWdB>

Holy Play is a worship-filled playdate designed for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and a caregiver held every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Prayer Room. The program explores the lives of Holy Men and Women and is loosely based on a Morning Prayer service. Holy Play is sensory, interactive and engaging, allowing the child to learn while still having fun! For more information, contact Mother Shivaun Wilkinson (mothershivaun@icloud.com).

Refugee Ministry - We hope to furnish a 3 bedroom apartment for a REFUGEE family in early December. The link on the website will show you what is needed and record your gift. If you have something that can help, please bring it in. If there are too many donations of one item for our December family, we will hold goods for the next arrival around Easter. If you have a large item, please go the list, tell us where it is, and give contact info so that we can come to get it. Thank you from those who have so little and hope so much.

Daily Devotions

submitted by

Julianna Cantrell
Maureen Hurley
Jim Baer
Anne Ligon Falls
Paula Fangboner
Christine Smith
Emma Wyatt
The Hardy Family
Mac Angell
Robin Lee and Family
Robert Smith
Robert (Chris) Prinz
Lois Parker
Mary Throckmorton
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Pam Fleming
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Roberta Feldhausen
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Alan Soukup
Sheri Hall
David & Alexis Huey
Gail Prinz
Pastoral Care
Mary Twigger
Pastoral Care

*Names will be included for a period of four weeks.
If you wish to re-submit a name after that time, please let us know.*

Up and Coming Events

Date	Time	Event
November 12	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	Handbells Rehearsal
	4 - 6 pm	Pre-K/Elementary Spaghetti Dinner
November 13	8:30 am	School Chapel
	7:00 pm	Monday Mission Society w/ African Palms
November 15	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
November 19	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday Forum
	9:40 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	Esther Deel
	11:30 am	Handbells Rehearsal
November 20	8:30 am	School Chapel
November 21	7:30 pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
		Sandy Spring Friends School
November 23-24		Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving

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