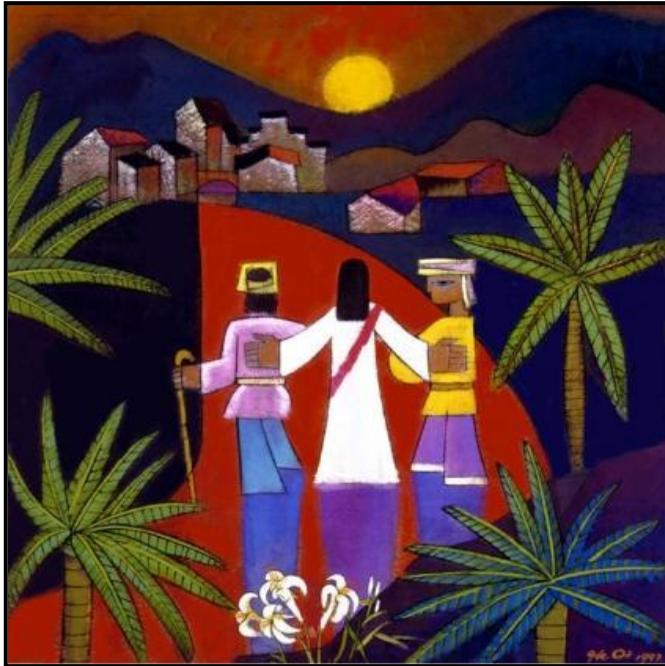


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

The Third Sunday of Easter

APRIL 15, 2018

10 o'clock Holy Eucharist



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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: Christ Has Burst the Bonds of Death

Dietrich Buxtehude

Hymn 182

Christ is Alive!

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Christ Our Passover (WLP 880)

Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

The musical score consists of three systems. The first system includes a descant in G major, followed by three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics and includes a piano accompaniment. The third system concludes the lyrics and includes a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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 made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Now the Green Blade Rises

Alan Bullard

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
In the grave they laid him, Love whom we had slain,*

*Thinking that he never would awake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen.
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for the three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead our risen Lord is seen.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Then your touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like what that springs up green!*

The St. John's Choir

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn 180

He is risen, he is risen!

Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Christ.

People

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson

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, Form VI

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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 gun violence, for those who are expecting, serving in the military, seeking adequate employment, or in need of healing; especially for **Karen, Sue, Sally, Mary, Gerard, Emma, John, Chris, Lois, Julianna & family, Jeanne, Karen, Elva, Cody, Meredith, Dave, Nancy, Stuart, and Marilyn.**

Silence

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 Marjorie that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

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

Silence may be kept.

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

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

The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Offertory

Please stand

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.... (Page 367)

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

Sanctus and Benedictus, S 129

Robert Powell

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 in the high - est._____

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God... (Page 368)

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... (Page 369)

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:

Fraction anthem (WLP 876)

Jack Warren Burnam

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine Verses

— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion Hymns 343
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Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
One body we, one body who partake

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.

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 492 Sing, ye faithful sing

The Dismissal *all respond* Thanks be to God.

Organ Music: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Robert J. Powell

DAILY DEVOTIONS

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

Sally Turner
Gerard Jordan
Emma Wyatt
John Drew
Robert (Chris) Prinz
Lois Parker
Mary Throckmorton
Sue Conner
Karen Hynson & Family
Julianna Cantrell & Family
Jeanne McMillen
Karen Sisk
Elva Townsend
Cody Dennis
Meredith
Dave Somerville
Nancy King
Stuart Davis
Marilyn Lee



Altar flowers were given to the Glory of God

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - VBS is coming back to St. John's this summer! **August 27th - 31st**. This year's theme, Dare to the Different is based on Madeleine L'Engle's book "A Wrinkle in Time." Through games, activities, crafts, and adventures the children learn about their spiritual gifts, and how their differences make them special. The power of love, courage, and self-sacrifice is affirmed. VBS is open to children Pre-K to 5th grade. Registration can be found on the website at www.stjec.org.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS. next month! Please contact Mo. Shivaun @ mothershivaun@icloud.com if you are interested in helping any day or all week. It takes lots of willing adults to make VBS happen. We would love to have you help out.

OLNEY DAYS PARADE - The Olney Days Celebration is **April 27th -29th**. St. John's School will once again participate by marching in the parade on Sunday, April 29th. St. John's community is invited to join the school in the parade by walking with the school float. The parade starts at Prince Phillip Drive, travels north on Georgia Avenue and ends at Spartan Road. Line up early along Georgia Avenue. Several roads will be closed at 2pm for the parade. New this year is the first Annual Olney's Got Talent Show on April 28th from 1-3pm at the Performing Arts Center at Good Counsel High School.

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S - Every year African Palms ships out thousands of crosses to churches throughout the U.S. for Palm Sunday. The Women of St. John's (and men) can be a part of this ministry by participating in quality control of the palm crosses on **Thursday, April 19th from 10am to 12 noon** in the African Palms Work Room. This is a great time to fellowship while landing a hand.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE - Thank you to the crew from Our Neighbor's House ministry for furnishing another apartment for a family of 9 that has escaped war torn Afghanistan to find refuge as our new neighbor.



He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:18-19



*Thank
you*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 15

9 am Choir Rehearsal
9am Sunday Forum
9am Sunday School
11 am Coffee Hour
11:30am Esther Deel
11:30am Handbell Rehearsal
4pm Youth Group @ Cathedral

Wednesday, April 18

6:30pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday, April 19

7-8:15pm Mindful Yoga with Lori

Saturday, April 21

9am-3pm Mompreneurs (STJES gym)
10:30am Funeral Service for Emily Grayson

Sunday, April 22

9 am Choir Rehearsal
9am Sunday Forum
9am Sunday School
11 am Coffee Hour
11:30am Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 24

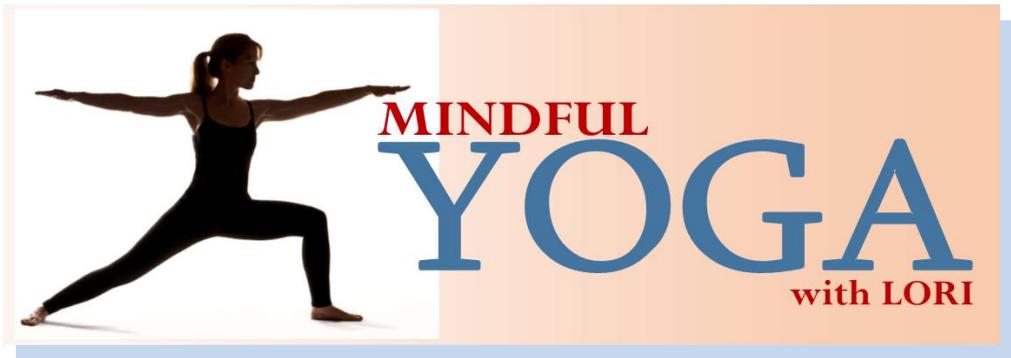
4:30pm African Palms Marketing Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 25

1:30 & 7pm STJES Festival of the Arts

Thursday, April 26

7-8:15pm Mindful Yoga with Lori



COMING TO ST. JOHN'S
Thursday evenings 7-8:15 pm in the Parish Hall beginning APRIL 19th.

Gentle / Beginners Yoga open to all ages (15 – 99)

Wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat and some water and join Lori for a non-strenuous, minimalistic, quiet, meditative time of yoga.

Don't have a mat?
No worries, Lori provides mats.

A donation of \$10 per class is suggested.
100% of donations received will go towards funding a clean water project in Tanzania through African Palms.

Lori Perkins has been a St. John's Episcopal Church member for 18 years. Most recently she started working as the Office Manager at African Palms. Prior to that you may have seen her running the pumpkin patch or helping with the Holly Harvest Bazaar each year. She discovered yoga and its benefits about 10 years ago after undergoing hip replacement surgery. In 2017 Lori enrolled in the 200 hour yoga teacher training with The Silk Road Sangha and Daniel Hickman. She was certified as a RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher) with The Yoga Alliance in February 2018.

JOIN LORI on THURSDAY, APRIL 19th @ 7-8:15pm
For MINDFUL YOGA

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VESTRY

Pam Brekke 2019 – *Worship*
Andrew Nicholas 2019 – *Warden/Evangelism*
Dennis Atkinson 2020 – *B & G*
Diana Mayhew 2020 – *Mission Outreach*
Selva Selvarajah 2021 – *Parish Life*

Alan Soukup 2019 – *Treasurer*
Bree Bruemmer 2019 – *Pastoral Care*
Stephen Simpson 2020 – *Warden/Education*
Julie Bauduy 2021 – *Communications*
Aparna Williams 2021 – *Stewardship*

SUNDAY SERVICES @ 8AM & 10AM
Sunday School @ 9AM