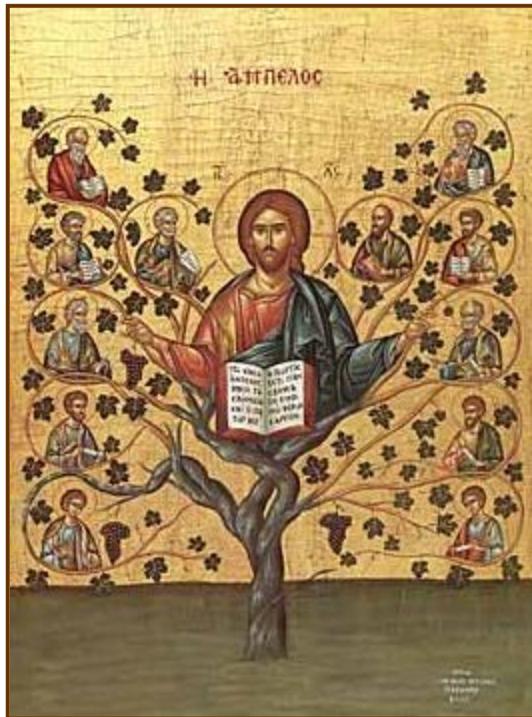


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 29, 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.



Children are welcome at all services.

Child care is available for infants and children through Pre-K
Sunday mornings 8:30 – 11:30am in room 106,
in the church undercroft.

Sunday School for children ages K to 5th grade
9am in room 109 in the undercroft

Adult Forum Sunday mornings at 9am in the Parish Hall
"The Bible Challenge" - The Bible in 1 year



Please join us for coffee hour and fellowship
following each worship service in the Parish Hall.

This Sunday's Coffee Hour is hosted by
~ *St. John's Usher Ministry* ~

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

The Ministry of the Word

Organ Music: Benedictus

Alec Rowley

(I bring refreshment- I bring ease and calm.)

Hymn 47

On this day, the first of days

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
 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!

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of

the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

People

Anthem: Most Glorious Lord of Life

William H. Harris

*Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day, Didst make thy triumph over death and sin:
And having harrow'd hell, didst bring away Captivity thence captive, us to win:
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, And grant that we for whom thou diddest die,
Being with thy dear blood clean wash'd from sin, May live for ever in felicity.*

*And that thy love we weighing worthily, May likewise love thee for the same again:
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear love, like as we ought, Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.*

The St. John's Choir

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

People

Please stand

John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

Sermon**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, Cody, Meredith, Dave, Nancy, Stuart, Marilyn, Mac, and Mike.**

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 David, 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

Handbells: Festival Capriccio

The St. John's Ringers

Barbara B. Kinyon

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:

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.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion Hymns 487
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Come my Way, my Truth, my Life
Thou art the way

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 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

The Dismissal

all respond

Thanks be to God.

Organ Music: Finale on 'Hyfrydol'

Henry Coleman

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@stjcc.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
Cody Dennis
Meredith
Dave Somerville
Nancy King
Stuart Davis
Marilyn Lee
R.M. "Mac" Angell
Mike Stevens
Kathryn Kienast



Altar flowers were given to the Glory of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINDFUL YOGA WITH LORI - Thursday, May 3rd 7-8:15pm in the Parish Hall. Gentle Yoga open to all ages (15-99). Wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat, water and join Lori for a non-strenuous, minimalistic, quiet, meditative time of yoga. Suggested donation of \$10.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL 18th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - Friday, May 4th at Redgate Golf Course, 14500 Avery Road, Rockville. Golf Registration and Clinic begins at 12 noon, "Scramble" starts at 1:30pm. For more information or to register visit the school's website www.stjes.com.

THOMAS CIRCLE SINGERS and chamber orchestra present "*A Mere Matter of Life and Death*" **Saturday, May 19th at 5pm** Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G St, NW at Metro Center. Composed in 2014 and rescored two years later, James Whitbourn's "The Seven Heavens" is a musical portrait and biography of the Oxford medieval scholar C.S. Lewis, perhaps best known for his Narnia Chronicles and "Mere Christianity." The seven-movement work is based on seven spiritual symbols that become a series of lenses through which we view his life. The 1985 "Requiem" of fellow Englishman John Rutter is one of the best-loved and most widely performed choral works of the twentieth century. The eclectic texts in Latin and English are meditations on the themes of life and death, inspiration and solace. James Kreger, Artistic Director. Tickets at thomascirclesingers.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -August 27th - 31st. This year's theme, *Dare to be 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. VBS is open to children Pre-K to 5th grade. Cost is \$30 (\$5 discount for children of volunteers). Volunteers needed! Please contact mothershivaun@icloud.com if interested in helping.

SPRING-TACULAR STEAM AT ST. JOHN'S - May 12th 9:30am to 12:30pm. Join the school for a fun-filled morning of activities with Mad Science, Reptiles Alive, and Olney Arts School in a School (OASIS). Kindergarten - 8th grade. FREE Admission. Register at www.stjes.org.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 29

9 am Choir Rehearsal
9am Sunday Forum
9am Sunday School
11 am Coffee Hour
11:30am Handbell Rehearsal
2pm Olney Days Parade

Thursday, May 3

7-8:15pm Mindful Yoga with Lori

Friday, May 4

12pm STJES Annual Golf Outing

Sunday, May 6

8-11am Fill Fred's Ford
9 am Choir Rehearsal
9am Sunday Forum
9am Sunday School
11 am Coffee Hour
11:30am Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday, May 12

9:30a-12:30p Spring-tacular Steam at St. John's

Sunday, May 13

 Mother's Day
9 am Choir Rehearsal
9am Sunday Forum
9am Sunday School
11 am Coffee Hour

Monday, May 14

7pm Monday Mission Society



"Dare to be Different"
August 27-31 9am - 12:15pm
Pre-K to 5th Grade

REGISTRATION FORM
ONE FORM PER CHILD

The cost of VBS is \$30 per child. Please make payment to St. John's Episcopal Church. Mail to: PO Box 187 - 3427 Olney-Laytonsville Rd. Olney, MD 20832 or drop off to church office during office hours. Please write VBS and child's name on memo line.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

GRADE COMPLETED: _____ BIRTHDAY: _____ / _____ / _____ AGE: _____

PARENT'S NAME(S): _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME CHURCH: _____

ALLERGIES, MEDICAL INFORMATION OR OTHER CONCERNS (if none, please write NONE)

LIST NAMES OF PERSONS WHO MAY PICK CHILD UP FROM VBS - Name and relationship (if different than parent)

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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