

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

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 21, 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: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Robert J. Powell

Hymn 400 All creatures of our God and King

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Wonder Love and Praise - #880 Christ our Passover

*[Pascha nostrum]*

*Descant*

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It begins with a descant of the melody for the first verse. The lyrics are: "3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:". The middle staff is also a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature. It contains the lyrics for three verses: "1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;", "2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;", and "3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:". The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature. It provides a harmonic accompaniment for the verses, using chords and single notes.

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!  
 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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

### **Acts 17:22-31**

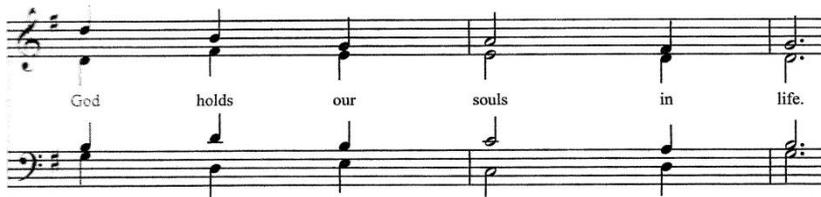
Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

People

**Psalm 66:7-18**



- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip. **Antiphon**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. **Antiphon**
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats. **Antiphon**
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue. **Antiphon**
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me. **Antiphon**

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## **1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you -- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Sequence Hymn 398 I sing the almighty power of God

## **John 14:15-21**

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

## **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

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**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

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those who are expecting, serving in the military, seeking adequate employment, or in need of healing; especially Jamaica, Trinidad, Nancy, Mary, Mary, Zeke, Scott, Peter, Diana, Jim, and Emma.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **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. After the peace, the People are seated.*

## Offertory Sentence

*Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;  
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.  
Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold.  
let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.  
Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;  
let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.  
Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names;  
let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.*

The St. John's Choir

## The Holy Communion

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*The people stand. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

*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 him 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*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



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



Blessed 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...

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 - 155 Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Gerald R. Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

The people are seated.

Communion Hymns 405 All thing bright and beautiful  
488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

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 409 The spacious firmament on high

**The Dismissal** all respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Organ Music: Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)  
Benedetto Marcello

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

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

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
In Memory of Kenneth & Evelyn Graham, by Walter & Carol Oesch & Family; and  
William, Sr. & Helen Wesp; Joseph & Eva Kukral; and William, Jr. & Florence Wesp,  
By Patricia Wesp*

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## Announcements

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

**Pentecost is June 4;** mark your calendar for a combined 9AM service followed by an International pot-luck Brunch. We will worship together and dine together. Please also sign up in the parish hall indicating the country of origin that your dish will represent. We want to have flags for each country to display with the dishes.

**Sunday Adult Forum** continues at 9am in the parish hall. We our continuing our discussions of Adam Hamilton's book "Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Leave Your Mark on St. John's** - It is not too late to purchase a memorial brick in celebration... and to commemorate St. John's 175th anniversary. Memorial bricks are being sold for \$175 and will feature the anniversary logo and the name to be recognized. The bricks will be installed in the sidewalk at the front entrance to the church.

**Olney Days Parade** - This afternoon all St. John's family and friends are invited to join St. John's School in and at the parade and help us with a win this year. The parade begins at 2:00 p.m. (line up at 1:15 p.m.) Come walk with them or just cheer them on!

### Daily Devotions

*submitted by*

Jamaica and Trinidad  
Nancy Olkewicz  
Mary Throckmorton  
Mary Twigger  
Zeke Tester-Rozo  
Scott Poole  
Peter Kerr  
Diana Bennett  
Jim Lenahan  
Emma Wyatt

The Gray Family  
Pastoral Care  
Mary Twigger  
Pastoral Care  
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Pastoral Care  
David & Mary Kerr  
The Drew Family  
Carl & Roberta Ridenour  
Roberta Feldhausen

*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
May 21	11:30 am	Handbell Rehearsal
	11:30 am	Esther Deel Wholly Thread and Whine
	2:00 pm	Olney Days Parade
May 22	8:30 am	School Chapel
May 23	10:45 am	Staff Meeting
May 28	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday Forum
	11:30 am	Handbell Rehearsal
May 29		Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
May 30	10:45 am	Staff Meeting
June 4	9:00 am	Combined Pentecost Service & International
		Pot-luck Brunch
		Fill Fred's Ford
June 5	8:30 am	School Chapel - Holy Eucharist
June 6	10:45 am	Staff Meeting
June 8	10:00 am	School Baccalaureate
June 9	10:00 am	School Graduation
June 11		Trinity Sunday
	9:00 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
June 12	7:00 pm	Monday Mission Society
June 13	10:45 am	Staff Meeting
	7:30 pm	African Palms Board Meeting
June 15	10:00 am	Calendar Meeting

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**PENTECOST**  
Sunday, JUNE 4th  
combined service at 9am

When the day of Pentecost came,  
they were all together in one place.

All of them were filled with the Holy  
Spirit and began to speak in other  
tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2



Following the 9am service...  
join us for an  
International Pot-Luck Brunch  
in the Parish Hall



So that you are represented at St. John's on PENTECOST with a flag... Please tell us your COUNTRY of origin.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in and place in Offering Plate or return to Church Office by MAY 28th.