

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

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King**

November 26, 2017

10 o'clock Holy Eucharist & Baptism



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: Jesus Christ Reigns as King Max Drischner

Opening Hymn 616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100



1. Be joyful in the Lord, you lands,
And serve God all your days;
Come now and stand before the Lord
With songs of love and praise.
2. Know this: the Lord is truly God
And made us all to keep;
We are God's people, God's alone,
God's people and God's sheep.
3. Approach God's courts with thankfulness;
Go through the gates with praise;
Give thanks to God and humbly call
Upon God's Name always.
4. Lord, you are good; your mercy stands
Forever strong and true,
And so your faithfulness endures,
Age-old and ever new.

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you

did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Emily Ann Marie Jones to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Kyson Lee Connolly to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Congregation stands

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant
People

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant
People

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant
People

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

During the singing of the hymn the children are invited to come forward to witness the baptism.

Baptismal Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Baptism

Emily Ann Marie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyson Lee, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Emily Ann Marie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Kyson Lee, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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: King of Glory, King of Peace

K. Lee Scott

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease,
I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.*

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:

WLP 858 Sanctus and Benedictus

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 musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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 asterisk indicates optional text.

*Optional text:

Bless - ed is the one

The optional text is accompanied by a simple musical notation consisting of five notes: a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a quarter note.

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.**

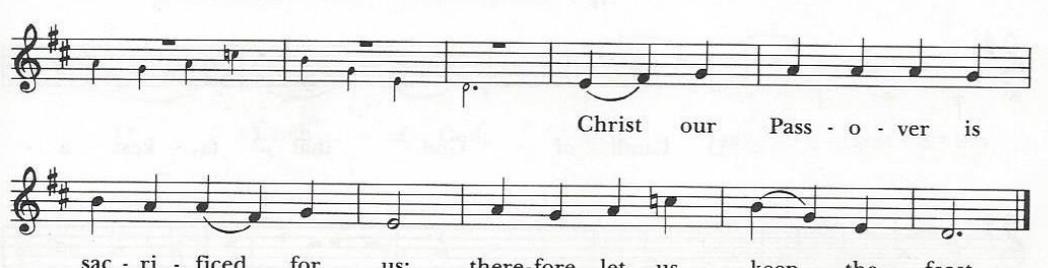
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 said:

S156 Fraction Anthem



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

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.

The people are seated.

Communion Hymns 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
555 Lead on, O King eternal

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 494 Crown him with many crowns

The Dismissal *all respond* **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Music: Christ the King Dom Paul Benoit

*In case of pastoral emergency, please contact
The Rev. Henry P. McQueen @ 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 "My family through the generations" by Tim Wittig.*

Announcements

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

UTO Ingathering - Today is our final collection and the blessing of our **United Thank Offerings**. Since Mathy has not been able to purchase additional blue purses, please return them to the church so that they can be used again next year. Thanks to those who have already turned in their offerings. We deeply appreciate your continued support. Last year we raised over \$1600. I'm hoping we can match that. Any questions? Contact Mathy Milling Downing, mathy02@aol.com.

42nd Annual Advent Dinner is scheduled for this Friday, December 1st. The social hour begins at 7:00 pm and dinner is at 8:00 pm with caroling afterwards! This elegant, social evening for the adults of St. John's is the perfect way to celebrate with friends. The Parish Life committee transforms the Parish Hall and with your help the food is always amazing! A signup sheet has been posted in the Parish Hall. All adults are invited to attend, and please bring a friend or neighbor you would like to introduce to St. John's!

The next **youth group event** is with the NoMoCo Youth Consortium. Our December meeting will be December 3rd, from 4-5:30 pm at Bowlmor Rockville. We have a party reserved with unlimited cheese pizza and soda, shoe rental and 1.5 hours of bowling included. The cost for bowling is \$20 a person. (Scholarships are available.) Please RSVP to Mo. Shivaun (mothershivaun@icloud.com) so we can reserve the appropriate number of lanes. Also indicate if you want to meet and carpool from St. John's at 3:30 or meet at the bowling alley at 4:00.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony - St. John's Episcopal School invites you to join us for our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with special guest, Santa Claus, on Thursday, December 7, 2017. Santa arrives at 6:00 pm and the Tree Lighting will be at 6:30 pm. Come and get your photo taken with Santa! Bring your Christmas spirit and raise your voices as we carol and celebrate this holiday season!

Thomas Circle Singers present The Wonder of Christmas - Under the direction of Artistic Director James Kreger, TCS will be joined by the Commonwealth Brass, organ, harp and percussion to perform holiday favorites such as Conrad Susa's "A Christmas Garland," and Cecilia McDowell's "Christus Natus Est." Also guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit are carols including "Angels We Have Heard on High", "Ding Dong! Merrily on High", "The First Nowell", and many more, as well as a choral procession with bells and an audience sing-along of favorite carols. Ticket proceeds benefit Free Minds Book Club. Free Minds uses books, creative writing, and peer support to awaken DC youth incarcerated as adults to their own potential. Sunday, December 10 at 4:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4900 Connecticut Ave, NW. Tickets at www.thomascirclesingers.org.

Campfire with Christ - December 15th, 6-9PM. A parents night out with a religious twist. We will be singing songs, playing games and doing activities, all learning about prophecies and happenings leading up to the birth of Christ. We will practice the carols that will be sung at the 3PM Christmas Eve service and making our own nativity sets. Dinner will be served. Based on volunteer pool and activities, we won't be able to watch children under 3. A suggested donation of \$10 per child towards supplies is recommended. We are also looking for adults and teenagers interested in helping. Please register at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBtOFt4iweqsneO8CAjzJy0OPsploLx0KxabcGMupMCINWcMg/viewform?usp=sf_link
Volunteers, please email Mo. Shivaun directly (mothershivaun@icloud.com).

Bethlehem Christmas Simulcast Service - On December 16, 2017, at 9:30 am, share the heart of Christmas with the people of Bethlehem. Join with congregations at Washington National Cathedral and Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem for this 11th annual Simulcast Christmas Service celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace. Readings, prayers and carols in both English and Arabic alternate between Washington, DC and Bethlehem via live simulcast. Open to the public and to people of all faiths. Join us onsite at the Washington National Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016 or for additional information, please contact: Jerusalem@edowmail.org. Watch Live Online cathedral.org; youtube.com/wncathedral.

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. Thank you and remember not to take yours when you see it hanging on the tree 😊.

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.

Sunday School is growing! We are making some shifts to accommodate more kids and classes and moving all formation to 9AM on Sunday mornings beginning in January. This is opening up a new opportunity for teaching Sunday School - 3 different classes: PreK - a class with a bible story and activity, K-2nd Grade - a class on Episcopal Worship and helping kids feel empowered in our worship services and 3rd-5th Grade - a class on understanding the story arcs and types of books in our Bible. For us to launch successfully, we need to add teachers from both our 8 and 10AM services to either serve in a monthly rotation or even take a unit (like if you would like to teach on prayer from 4 weeks). Please check out our sign-up genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849afa62da4fc1-sunday> to select with which group you would like to work.

Daily Devotions

submitted by

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*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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
November 26	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	Handbells Rehearsal
November 27	8:30 am	School Chapel
December 1	7:00 pm	Advent Dinner
December 3		Fill Fred's Ford
December 4	8:30 am	School Chapel - Holy Eucharist
December 5	7:30 pm	African Palms Board Meeting
December 7	6:00 pm	STJES Tree Lighting
December 10	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday Forum
	9:40 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
December 11	8:30 am	School Chapel
	7:00 pm	Monday Mission Society
December 13	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
December 14	1:30 & 7:00 pm	STJES Christmas Concert
December 16	9:30 am	Bethlehem Christmas Simulcast Service @ Washington National Cathedral

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