

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

The First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 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 Liturgy of the Word

Organ Music: Prélude au Kyrie

Jean Langlais

Call to Worship

Celebrant Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

The congregation stands.

Opening Hymn 150

Forty days and forty nights

The people remaining standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant reads the following sentence

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant then says

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our willfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Minister 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 Kyrie

Healy Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9



1. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
Let not my foes have victory;
Let not your servant be ashamed;
Confound those set on treachery.

2. Show me your ways, O Lord, my God,
And teach my feet your path, I pray;
For my salvation comes from you,
I trust in you throughout the day.

3. Remember your compassion, Lord
Your steadfast love of ancient days,
And in that love remember me,
Remember not my youthful ways.

4. Gracious and upright is the Lord
Who teachers sinners in the way
And guides the humble toward the right
And to the lowly shows the way.

1 Peter 3:18-22

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 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

Sermon

The Congregation stands

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ...let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

For those preparing for baptism ...

and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world ...

that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer ...; especially **Karen, Sue, Sally, Mary, Gerard, Emma, Peter, John, Chris, Lois, and Julianna & family**, and for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you led us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer, corporate worship, alms giving and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels forever praising you and singing:

S-114 Sanctus

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he

had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

**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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

S 158 Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

Healy Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 Hymns 455	O Love of God, how strong and true
608	Eternal Father, strong to save

Post Communion Prayer

The People standing,
 Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavor to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 559

Lead us, heavenly Father

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

*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.*

*Altar flowers are given by Janice Nicholson in memory of her mother,
Margaret Palmer and to the Glory of God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT with Lenten Evening Prayer, begins Wednesday, **February 21st at 7:30pm through March 21st**. The Evening Prayer will be followed by fellowship and a light meal of soup and bread. Please add this to your calendars.

PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM - The idea is to have every child in our parish, baby through teenager, have a prayer partner of a different generation pray for one another. This is your opportunity to pray for a child in our congregation and to be prayed for by a child in our congregation. Contact Mo. Shivaun if interested in being a part of this program.

MEMORIAL GARDEN - *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under the heaven.* Reserve your space in St. John's Memorial Garden before the April 2 price increase. For more information contact the church office.



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

Vacation Bible School

We're Searching for Volunteers **Contact: mothershivaun@icloud.com**
for details & more information

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.

Sally Turner
Gerard Jordan
Emma Wyatt
Peter Cheung
John Drew
Robert (Chris) Prinz
Lois Parker
Mary Throckmorton
Sue Conner
Karen Hynson & Family
Julianna Cantrell & Family

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 18

- 9 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9am Sunday Forum
- 9am Sunday School
- 11 am Coffee Hour
- 11:30 am Handbells Rehearsal
- 11:30 am Esther Deel Meeting
- 4 pm Youth Group

Monday, February 19

OFFICE CLOSED President's Day

Tuesday, February 20

- 9-11am African Palms Packing
- 6:30pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, February 21

- 7:30pm Lenten Prayers & Soup

Thursday, February 22

- 9-11am African Palms Packing

Friday, February 23

STJES Winter Social

Saturday, February 24

- 8am - 2pm Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 25

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

"CELEBRATE THE NIGHT IN BLACK AND WHITE!"
26th Annual STJES Auction



St. John's Episcopal School is gearing up for its Annual Auction. We are reaching out to ask for your support by becoming an AUCTION DONOR and/or by attending our 26th Annual Auction Fundraiser. The event is to be held at 6:00 pm on March 10, 2018 at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center. St. John's requests your help in order to continue to provide the educational programs that make our school an integral part of the community.

You and/or your business can support the St. John's Annual Auction in the following ways:

- Place an ad in the Auction Catalog; multiple sizes available
- Make an item or service donation, i.e. vacation homes, hotel packages, theatre tickets, sporting events, landscaping services, tax/estate planning, etc.
- Underwrite any part of the Auction. For example: the decorations, DJ, tables, or text-2-bid programming
- Attend the Auction

Your business logo with a link to your website will be on our St. John's Auction Page as soon as your donation of choice is received.

Auction Advertising Forms and Donation Forms are available at the school, church, or by contacting Judy Kennedy in the school's business office at 301-774-6804. Please complete the form(s) and return to the school by February 23rd in order to guarantee placement in the catalog. Any advertising or items received after that date will be placed in the "Just In" section of the catalog. Judy may also be contacted for Auction tickets.

On behalf of all our children and families, thank you!

Sincerely,
Joyce Cobb and Rumsey Keefe
Auction Co-Chairs

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VESTRY

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

Alan Soukup 2019 – *Treasurer*
Bree Bruemmer 2019 – *Pastoral Care*
Stephen Simpson 2020 – *Education*
Julie Bauduy – 2021
Aparna Williams - 2021

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