

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

The Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 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: Jesus Shall I Never Forsake

Johann Gottfried Walther

### **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 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

*The people remaining standing, the Celebrant says*

*People* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**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**

Healey 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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

### **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Anthem: Day by Day

Martin How

*Day by day, dear Lord of Thee three things I pray;  
To see thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

The St. John's Choir

### **Romans 4:13-25**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

**Mark 8:31-38**

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*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.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness... let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **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 remain standing and sing the following hymn.*

Hymn 149      Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

## **The Holy Eucharist**

*The Church of England*

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord be with you.

*All*

**and also with you.**

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*

Healey 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 707            Take my life, and let it be  
   691            My faith looks up to thee

### **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 448            O love, how deep, how broad

### **The Dismissal**

   Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People        Thanks be to God.*

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

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*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

*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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*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
by Becca Puente in memory of AJ Koller.*  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

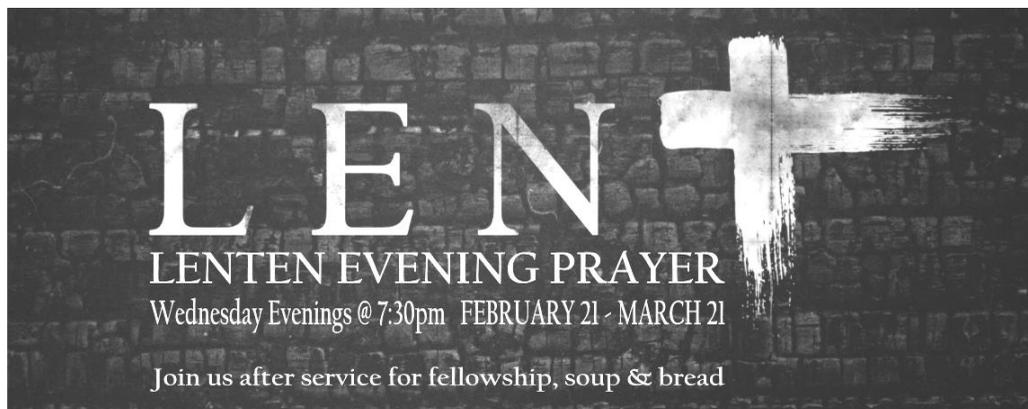
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**OUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE**, St. John's Refugee Ministry, is progressing toward furnishing apartments for two more families in the coming months. Please stay tuned to this new outreach ministry and provide support as you can for our new arrivals, families with a very difficult past and few possessions but a great deal of hope. If you are able to donate, please leave your donated items at the church labelled *Our Neighbor's House*. Cash donations also are welcome. Thank you for your big hearts and generous support!

Still needed for our March family are the following items:

Teacups and/or mugs (8)  
Cutlery drawer organizer  
Utensil holder (crock style)  
Ladle  
Serving platter or bowls (2)  
Can opener  
Salt and pepper shakers  
Notebook  
60 & 75 watt lightbulbs  
Extension cords (2 or more)  
Sponges

Bucket & mop  
Kitchen trash can  
Dish washer soap/detergent  
Laundry detergent  
Dish rack - for drying  
Toilet brush  
Shampoo  
TV stand or low table for TV  
Side tables  
Pole lamps  
Rectangular table cloth



**“DARE TO BE DIFFERENT”** - Vacation Bible School inspired by A Wrinkle in Time for children Pre-K to grade 5, August 27-31 from 9am to 12:15pm is searching for volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mo. Shivaun at [mothershivaun@icloud.com](mailto:mothershivaun@icloud.com).



St. John's is excited to launch The Prayer Partner Program. The goal of this ministry is for every child in our parish, from baby to teenager, to have a prayer partner of a different generation pray for one another. We believe in the importance of prayer and inter-generational relations.

Interested in being a Prayer Partner?  
Contact Mo. Shivaun at [Mothershivaun@icloud.com](mailto:Mothershivaun@icloud.com)



## THE WEEK AHEAD

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### **Sunday, February 25**

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

### **Tuesday, February 27**

9-11am        African Palms Packing

### **Wednesday, February 28**

7:30pm        Lenten Prayers & Soup

### **Thursday, March 1**

9-11am        African Palms Packing

### **Saturday, March 3**

9am-1pm      Parish Hall Rental

### **Sunday, March 4**

8-11am        Fill Fred's Ford of Olney Help  
9 am           Choir Rehearsal  
9am            Sunday Forum  
11 am          Coffee Hour  
11:30 am      Handbells Rehearsal

**"CELEBRATE THE NIGHT IN BLACK AND WHITE!"**  
**26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 – *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 – *Education*  
Julie Bauduy 2021 – *Communications*  
Aparna Williams 2021 – *Stewardship*

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