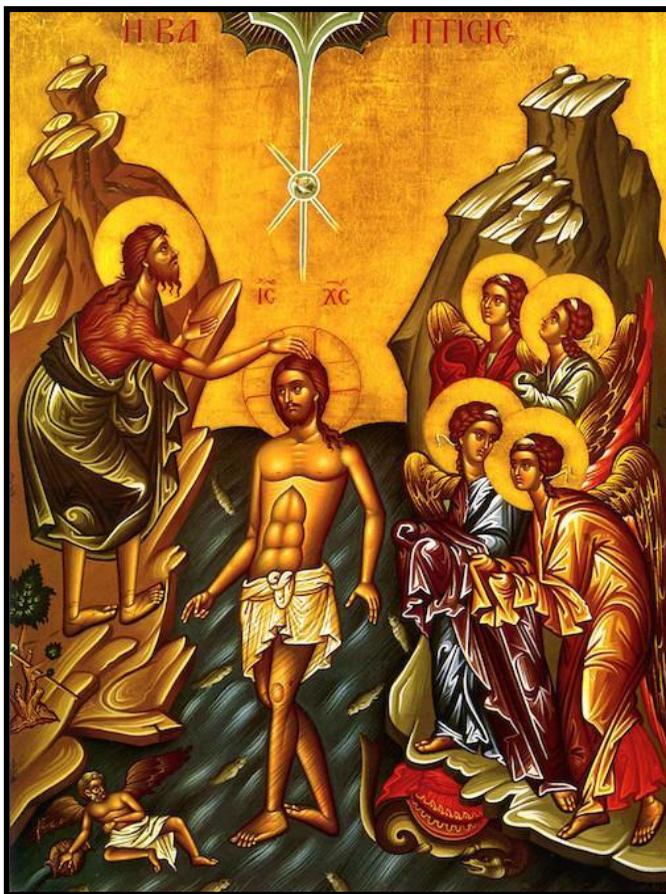


**St. John's Episcopal Church and School  
& African Palms USA**

**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

February 11, 2018

**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 Liturgy of the Word

Organ Music: Partita on 'Hyfrydol'

Charles Callahan

Hymn 427

When morning gilds the skies

### The Opening Acclamation

*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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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.*

## **2 Kings 2:1-12**

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

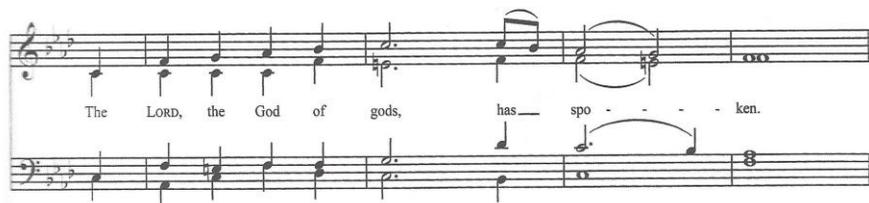
Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a

whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

### **Psalm 50:1-6**



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*The choir will introduce the antiphon singing it once, and then the congregation will join in singing it a second time and at each marked verse of the psalm.*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
    he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
    God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
    before him there is a consuming flame,  
    and round about him a raging storm.                    **Antiphon**
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
    to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
    those who have made a covenant with me  
    and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

**Antiphon**

## **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 137

O wondrous type! O Vision fair

## **Mark 9:2-9**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*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.

#### **Infants and Younger Children**

*Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows*

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Matyas Bejarano to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.  
I present Gianna Malaika Sumanaweera to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented 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.*

*After all have been presented, 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.**

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

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* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **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 295                      Sing praise to our Creator

### **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.

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

Matyas / Gianna Malaika, 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.**

Matyas / Gianna Malaika, 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

*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 Anthem: We Saw His Glory

Erhard Mauersberger

*We saw his glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.*

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.*

The St. John's Choir

## The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer C

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*Celebrate*           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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**WLP 859**      **Holy, holy, holy Lord [*Sanctus*]**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of music, and the second system contains the last two lines. The vocal line is on a treble clef staff, and the piano accompaniment is on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est." The piano accompaniment includes triplets and a fermata over the final chord.

\*\*Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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:*

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

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

*Eucharist is a gift and blessed mystery from God; all who are called by God to receive this sacrament are welcome at God's Table. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. GLUTEN FREE host is available; to indicate your desire for GF host, please present your hands palms crossed facing downward; when the GF host is offered, rotate your hands over to receive. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. For those who prefer to intinct the bread, a second smaller intinction chalice will be available. If you would like a blessing, please come forward, cross your arms in front of your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.*

Music for Handbells: Meditation  
Chanson

William Melton  
Kenneth Lowenberg

The St. John's Ringers

*The People standing, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Minister 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 460                      Alleluia! sing to Jesus

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

Organ Music: Fugue in C Major    Dietrich Buxtehude

*In case of pastoral emergency, please contact  
The Rev. Henry 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.*

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*Altar flowers are given by MaryAnn Britton in loving memory of  
Richard Lee Britton and to the Glory of God.*  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST & Silent Auction** is TODAY following the service. Pancakes, fruit and sausage will be served. Donations of cash or checks welcome.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY Services** begins with Chapel Service at 8:30am, Ashes-to-Go at 2:30pm, and service at 7:30pm. As we begin the season of Lent "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return."

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**PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM** - This Lent, we are designing a 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. If interested in being a part of the prayer partner program, please contact Mo. Shivaun.

## 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  
Mary Twigger  
Karen Hynson & Family

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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### **Sunday, February 11**

8am-12pm Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction  
9 am Choir Rehearsal  
9 am Sunday Forum  
9 am Sunday School  
11 am Coffee Hour  
11:45am Handbell Rehearsal

### **Monday, February 12**

8:30 am Chapel Service  
7pm Monday Mission Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 13**

9-11 am African Palms Packing

### **Wednesday, February 14**

8:30 am Chapel Service  
2:30 pm Ashes-to-Go  
7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

### **Thursday, February 15**

9-11 am African Palms Packing

### **Sunday, February 18**

9 am Choir Rehearsal  
9am Sunday Forum  
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

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Dennis Atkinson 2020 – B & G

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