

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

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## Independence Day

July 4, 2010

10 o'clock Holy Eucharist



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Chaplain  
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Organist and Choirmaster

Our religious tradition is best known for the beauty of its Anglican and contemporary issues are tested by the standards of scripture, tradition and experience. The conscience of the individual is highly respected, and the means by which Christ shapes our moral values, nurtures and growth, formation, shapes the character and community of the faithful, and ecclesial ministry. If you are not currently active in another congregation, we invite you to worship with us, and to make our church your own.

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### The Ministry of the Word

Organ Music Canon in D

Hymn 718 God of our Fathers, whose almighty hand

### The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People:* Glory to God forever and ever.

S280 Gloria in Excelsis Deo

**Welcome!** We are a diverse community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us, strengthened, nurtured, and guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some of us were received into it as adults, and some of us are discovering it for the first time. We come from various occupations, family configurations, educational backgrounds, interests, and talents. We have found hospitality here, and invite you to join us.

## The Collect of the Day

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

O God, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our teacher and liberator, and the image of the invisible God. *Amen.*

## Deuteronomy 10:17-21

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

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

## Chief Seattle, 1854

Humankind has not woven the web of life.  
We are but one thread within it.  
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.  
All things are bound together.  
All things connect.

## Cree Prophecy

When all the trees have been cut down,  
when all the animals have been hunted,  
when all the waters are polluted,  
when all the air is unsafe to breathe,  
only then will you discover you cannot eat money.

## From White Elk

When you were born, you cried  
and the world rejoiced.

Live your life  
so that when you die,  
the world cries and you rejoice.

## Ancient Indian Proverb

Treat the earth well.  
It was not given to you by your parents,  
it was loaned to you by your children.  
We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors,  
we borrow it from our Children.

## The Mayflower Compact

We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread King James, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland Defender of the Faith, etc. Having undertaken, for the Glory of advancement of the Christian Faith and Honour of our King and Voyage to plant the First Colony in the Northern Parts of Virginia presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and on Covenant and Combine ourselves together into a Civil Body Politic ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal Laws, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we have submitted our submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our names at Cape Cod, the 11th of November, in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of England, France and Ireland the first, of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini 1620.

Source: William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation, 1620-1647* (Samuel Eliot Morison, ed., 19

## From a letter by Abigail Adams to her husband John, March 1776

"I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And I will go with you through the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make. You would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors.

"Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husband.

"Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If part of the attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no representation.

**The beginning paragraphs of the unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America, dated July 4, 1776 known today as The Declaration of Independence**

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

**Following an extensive description of grievances the Declaration of Independence concludes:**

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United States of America are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connections between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Hymn 579      Almighty Father, Strong to Save

**Preamble of the Constitution of the United States  
Adopted by convention of the States, September 17, 1787**

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

**From a speech by Sojourner Truth, abolitionist and suffragist  
Women's Convention, Akron, Ohio, 1851**

Well, children, where there is so much racket these must be sorrier times. I think that 'twixt the negroes of the South and the women here talking about rights, the white men will be in a fix pretty soon. here talking about?

That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud-puddles, or gives me any best place! An' don't you know what women do? They plough and plant, and they raise barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could carry as much as a man – when I could get it – and bear as long as a man. And ain't I a woman? I have borne thirteen children, and seen most all grown up. And still they have beat me near every three months now. And ain't I a woman? I have slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but laughing at me. And ain't I a woman?

**From a speech by abolitionist and suffragist Frederick Douglass delivered in Canandaigua, NY on August 3, 1857**

Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are people who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning; they want the ocean without the awful roar of its waters.

This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, and it may be both moral and physical, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blows, or with both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress.

Hymn 719 O Beautiful For Spacious Skies

**Statue of Liberty, 1886  
Inscription of *The New Colossus* by Emma Lazarus**

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

**President Dwight D. Eisenhower, from a speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, April 16, 1953**

Every gun that is made, every warship that is launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those

who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spent alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the children...This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. In war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron.

**President Dwight D. Eisenhower in a letter to Edgar Newton Eisenhower, November 8, 1954**

Should any political party attempt to abolish social security, unemployment insurance, and eliminate labor laws and farm programs, you will not be disappointed. But any party that dares to do these things will do so at the peril of its peace, of its liberties, and of its survival. There is a tiny splinter of that party again in our political history. There is a tiny splinter that believes that you can do these things. Among them are a few millionaires, and an occasional politician or businessman from whose number is negligible and they are stupid.

**From an article by former Senator Dan Coats in a Wheaton College publication, 1996**

Character cannot be summoned at the moment of crisis if it has been formed by years of compromise and rationalization. The only testing ground is the mundane. The only preparation for that profound decision that changes a life, or even a nation, is those hundreds of half-conscious, seemingly insignificant decisions made in private. Habit is the character.

Hymn 716 God Bless Our Native Land

**The Gospel**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:43-48  
*People* Glory to you Lord Christ.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he sends rain on the just and on the unjust, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the pagans do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."



Presentation Acclamation (448, v.6)

All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
For ever and for evermore.

**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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

**S129 Sanctus and Benedictus**

*Robert Powell*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks to you, he drank from it, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for you, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, the holy food and drink of new and unending life. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,

your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

**The Gifts of God for the People of God**

*And may add*                    Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and  
 feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*To receive communion, extend your hands upward, palms crossed, to receive the Bread in the palm of your hand. When receiving the Wine, please take and guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to touch it to the Wine and place it on your tongue. If you prefer to do it yourself, please be sure your fingers do not touch the wine. If you prefer to make a spiritual communion please come forward for a prayer of blessing, and indicate your desire to the priest by crossing your arms in front of your chest touching the opposite shoulder.*

Communion Hymn 596            Judge eternal, throned in splendor

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you have fed us  
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
 you have united us  
 with Christ and one another;  
 and you have made us one  
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
 Now send us forth  
 in the power of your Spirit,  
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
 and continue for ever  
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Blessing**

Hymn 680            O God, our help in ages past

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

Organ Music    God Bless America

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*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 In loving memory of Betsy Bonifant Willson  
 By Dement & Betsy Bonifant*  
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**Announcements**

**Bill Stief** is our guest organist today. Please make him welcome.

**The Summer Family Choir** will sing through the month of July. Singers (entering grade four in the fall through adult) are invited to a rehearsal at 9:00 in the church. We will practice the morning's hymn and learn an anthem that will be accessible to all. Family members are encouraged to participate together – this is a true intergenerational ministry.

**The Wednesday service of Holy Eucharist and Healing** will be on hiatus until after Labor Day. Please enjoy this time for recreation and renewal!

**Outreach** – We are delighted to have Eric Van de Verg as the new head of our Outreach initiative. The Outreach Committee has been on break since Dawn Hoh stepped down as chair. If you have served on that committee and would like to serve for the coming year, do let us know. If you have not served before but would be interested in providing some support, please let us know that too. You can contact the parish office at 301-774-6999 or Eric at [evanderverg@verizon.net](mailto:evanderverg@verizon.net) or 3301-330-6413.

**At Communion the Children** are invited to come forward and gather around the altar for communion. They should plan on following the ushers when they bring the offering forward to the communion rail and remain when the ushers leave. If the bar across the opening in the rail has been closed prematurely please feel free to slide it open.

**Congratulations to the Reverend Peter E.M. Beach** who has now been licensed by the Bishop of Washington to officiate in this Diocese! As some of you know, he was ordained in the Church of South India, and for more than a decade efforts to communicate with them have been frustrated. However, Bishop Chane developed a process to work around the problem and Father Beach is now licensed and “legal!” Happily, he will continue to assist at St. John’s.

**Parish Census** - This summer we are planning to work on a parish census to determine who of the people on our rolls and in our database are actually members. We would like to put together a group of people, of various ages, who would be willing to meet once or twice, during the day, and who have been here for some years and likely to know people from an earlier era. If you are available and willing to help with this small task we would be delighted to have you. Please call the parish office at 301-774-6999 or e-mail us at [admin@stjec.org](mailto:admin@stjec.org).

**August is Favorite Hymn month!** If you haven’t heard a favorite hymn you submitted many months ago you might see if it comes up in August. All of the hymns that month are being taken from the Favorite Hymn List!

## Daily Devotions

Walter Reid  
Etta McKay  
Susan Robinson Craig  
Michael Escobar  
Robert Upshur  
Jo Ellis  
Virginia Allen  
Christine Nirmalee Ranasinghe  
Doris Deal  
Berni Sullivan  
Kenny Sullivan  
John Alexander  
Andy Puente  
Ann Fedeli  
Nancy Grunwell  
Lois Parker  
Linda Thurber  
Holly Upperco, Cindy and Chris  
Sheila Ross Davis  
Joshua Williams  
Christine McLean  
Susan S. Brubacher  
John Adams  
Mimi Swanson  
Chris Palmer  
Charles Yarnall  
Thelma Scanlan  
David Hines  
Susan Grayson  
Dale Burke  
Anne Thompson

*submitted by*

Pastoral Care  
Jennifer McKay  
Audrey Balderson  
Roberta Feldhausen  
John and Bev Upshur  
Mary and John Ellis  
Bart McIntyre  
Pastoral Care  
Anne Frey  
Reardon Sullivan  
Berni and Reardon Sullivan  
Barbara Blanks  
Becca Puente  
Bev Upshur  
Pam Brekke  
Pastoral Care  
Ellie and John Thurber  
Patricia Flanagan  
Roberta Ridenour  
Bruce and Dawn Hohl  
Audrey Balderson  
Pastoral Care  
Jim and Pam Cooper  
Mary and Chuck McQueen  
Janice Nicholson  
Phil Yarnall  
Audrey Balderson  
Leslie and Gail Rucker  
Emily Grayson  
Berni Sullivan  
Leslie and Gail Rucker

## Up and Coming Events

Date	Time	Event
July 5		Office closed for the holiday
July 6	7 :00	Officer's Breakfast Meeting
July 7	10:00	Holy Eucharist and Healing
July 12	7:00	Monday Mission Society at Julliano's
July 14	10:00	Holy Eucharist and Healing
July 18	11:30	Esther Deel Wholly Thread and Whine Circle
July 21	10:00	Holy Eucharist and Healing
July 28	10:00	Holy Eucharist and Healing

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