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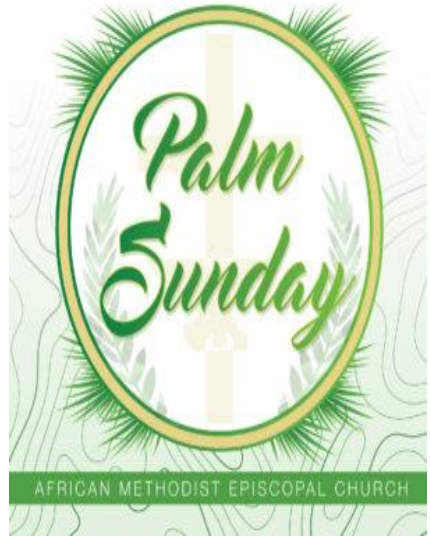
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**April 2, 2023**

**Holy Communion**



**ST. JOHN**

**African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
*Established in 1830*

**2261 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Cleveland, Ohio 44103**

**Sunday Worship**

**10:00 a.m.**

**“We’re Better Together”**

**Psalm 133:1**

## The Order of Worship

\*The Introit

\*The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*The Call to Worship

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:1-2)

People: **For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand, I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.** (Psalm 84:10)

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: **Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.** (Psalm 92:13)

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth. (Psalm 26:8)

People: **For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.** (Habakkuk 2:20)

Minister: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

People: **O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord; all the earth sing praises.** (Psalm 98:1, 4)

The Opening Prayer

The Choral Response

\*The Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11 (RSV)

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with  
God a thing to be grasped,

7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the  
likeness of men.

8 And being found in human form he humbled himself and became  
obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the  
name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and  
on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of  
God the Father.

\*The Abridged Decalogue

***From all that dwell below the skies, Let thy Creator's  
praise arise; Let thy Redeemer's name be sung, Through  
every land by every tongue.***

Minister: And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy  
God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of  
bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep  
this law.***

***Nearer my God, to thee! Nearer to thee, E'en though it be  
a cross that raiseth me; Still all my song shall be. Nearer  
my God to thee, Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee.***

Minister: Hear what Christ our Savior saith. Thou shall love the Lord  
thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This  
is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:  
Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two  
commandments, hang all the law and the prophets.

\*The Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

The Musical Selection

The Sermon

Pastor Henry F Curtis, IV

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Invitational Selection

The Ministry of Giving (Givelify digital giving is on the link below).

- <https://www.givelify.com/givenow/1.0/NDA2NDY=/selection>
- You may also send your offering via US Mail to the church office.

\*The Offertory Response

“All Things Come of Thee, O Lord”

***All things come of Thee, O Lord; And of Thine own, have we given Thee. Amen.***

The Announcements

The Blessing of the Palms

\*The Closing Song

“The Palms” #131

\*The Benediction

\*The Three-Fold Amen

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion (In-Person Only)**

The Communion Hymn

“There is a Fountain”

***There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins. And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains And sinners plunged beneath that flood; Lose all their guilty stains.***

*The dying thief rejoiced to see, That fountain in his day.  
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins  
away. Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away.  
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins  
away.*

The Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Thy divine majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*The Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Minister: Let us profess before God and one another our common faith.

**Minister and People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, Amen.**

## St. John at Work

### Online Digital Campus

- Website: <http://stjohnamechurchcle.org/>
- Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/St-John-AME-Church-Cleveland-Rev-Henry-F-Curtis-IV-Pastor-106276354347644/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJn8D4TS5L-COJBjt6C0RaA>
- Conference Line: (267) 807-9659; Access Code:843047#
- Church School, Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in person and on phone.
- Bible Study, Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. via conference call line.

### Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, April 5, 2023
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Link to the video: <http://stjohnamechurchcle.org/>

### Holy Week Revival

- April 3-5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
  - St. James AME Church, 8401 Cedar Avenue
  - St. John's choir will sing on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Maundy Thursday Service at St. John

- April 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.
- The Reverend Edgar A. Brady, Western Reserve District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church will preach.

### Good Friday Seven Last Words Services

- April 7, 2023
- St. John AME Church, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- St. Paul AME Church, 7:00 p.m. , 4118 Brookside Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44135
- Pastor Curtis will preach at both services.

### May 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election

- Registration closes on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 9:00 p.m.
- Early voting begins Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

- Cuyahoga County Board of Elections contact information:
  - 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115
  - Registration Department: (216) 443-3298
  - Website: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/>
- All Ohio voters may obtain information at the Secretary of State’s website: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/>

**The Third Episcopal District Mid-Year Convocation**

- April 13-15, 2023
- Pittsburgh Marriott North, 100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

**2023 Metro Health Men’s Minority Health Fair**

- Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Free health screenings will be conducted at three locations.
  - 2500 Metro Health Drive, Cleveland (Main Campus)
  - 10 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights
  - 4757 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland (Ohio City)
- To register call (216) 957-3862 or visit the website below: <https://www.metrohealth.org/mmhf>

**ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County**

- Don’t suffer in silence. Call for help!
- 24 Hour Hotline: (216) 623-6888; Text “4HELP” to 741741

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