

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 29, 2023 10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome if your heart is singing, and welcome if your heart is breaking.

Welcome if you're anxious about tomorrow,
and welcome if you don't have a care in the world.

Welcome if your conscience is troubling you,
and welcome if you're barely able to contain your experience of forgiveness.

Welcome if you leapt out of bed this morning, and welcome if you had to drag yourself out.

Welcome to you if this is your first visit, and welcome to you if you have barely missed a single Sunday since you first became a part of this community.

Whether you are here as a wanderer or a pilgrim, a seeker or a skeptic, a saint or a sinner, a regular or a visitor, a friend or a stranger; you are welcome!

And we invite you to belong here even before you believe.

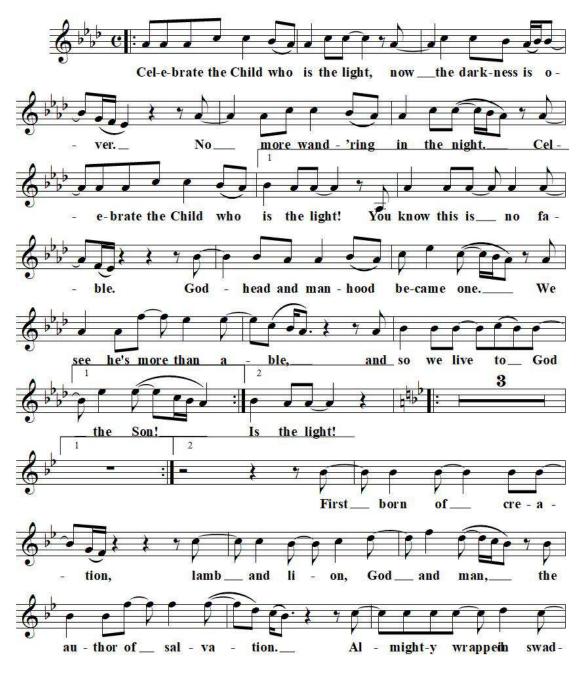
(Adapted from Liverpool Cathedral)

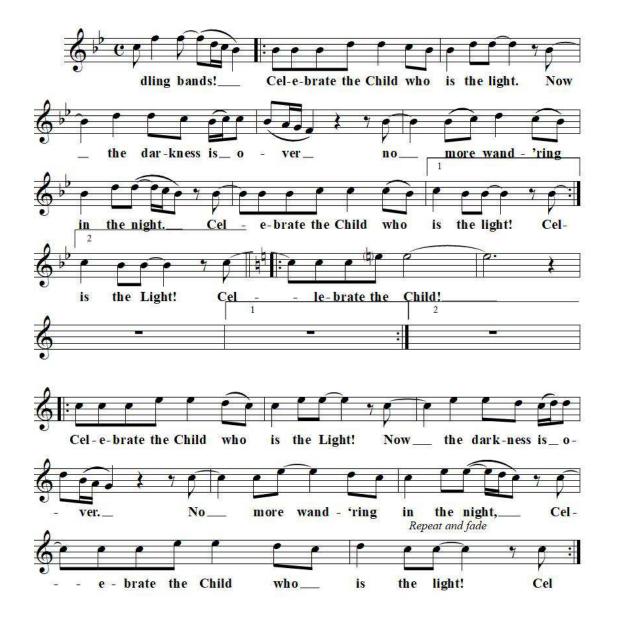
Preparation for Worship

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines of our mind.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.





Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

*And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS All sit

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of

the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Psalm 15

Recited by all in unison

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness

is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

Matthew 5:1-12 All stand, as able

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for Righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358 All stand, as able 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV All kneel, as able

BCP, p. 383

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd, Lake Wales, and All Saints' Church, Lakeland.

We pray for all those attending the upcoming annual Diocesan Convention, especially the nominees and delegates.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The United Church of Pakistan. Silence

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the Lord, in your mercy

nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially, David, Luke, Jeremy, Craig, Dobson, Murray, Joel, Mack, Sergio, Ryan, Jimmy, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Stephen, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, and Marsha. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Silence

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially *Barbara*, *Jan*, *Bryan*, *Lilian*, *and Brenda*. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those

who live under armed conflict in Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace and those commanded to fight, for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen*.

The priest adds a concluding Collect.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, p. 361

AT THE OFFERTORY, Anthem Blessed are the pure in heart

Walford Davies

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God;

The secret of the Lord is theirs, Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart,

And for His cradle and His throne Chooseth the pure in heart.

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his

We lift them to the Lord.

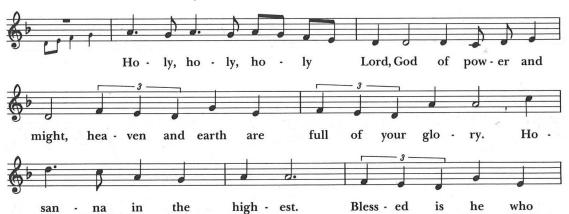
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

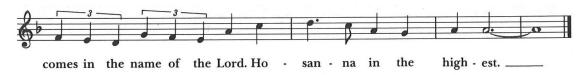
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father

appearing.

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, S-129





Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Please kneel as able

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 obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died.*

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Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection,

and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

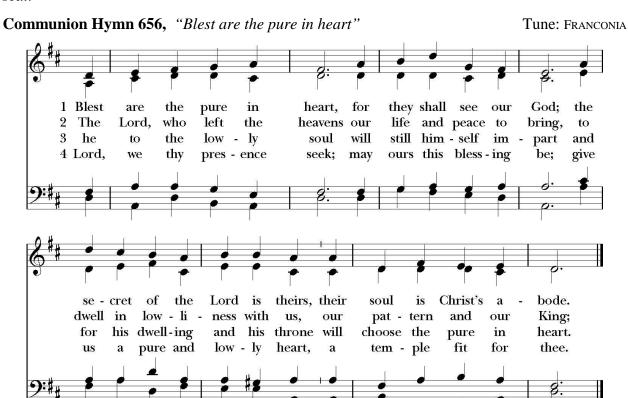
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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. The usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands in front of you, one on top of the other, to receive the bread. Due to COVID restrictions, wine is by "intinction" only. No one sips from the common cup. If you wish to receive the wine, after the clergy places the bread in your hand, just hold it out for the chalice bearer, who will dip it in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer comes by, then return to your seat.



THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER All kneel, as able

BCP, p. 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN 556, "Rejoice, ye pure in heart"

(We sing stanzas 4, 5, and 7 only)



*6 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
the cross of Christ your King.

Tune: MARION

Refrain

DISMISSAL BCP, p. 366

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941) was an English composer, organist, and educator who held the title Master of the King's Music from 1934 until 1941. He served with the Royal Air Force during the First World War, during which he composed the *Royal Air Force March Past*, and was music adviser to the British Broadcasting Corporation, for whom he gave commended talks on music between 1924 and 1941.

Our final hymn, *Rejoice*, *ye Pure in Heart*, was written by Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891) and first found in the appendix to the hymnal Hymns Ancient and Modern (1868). Everyone enjoys a festival, and this hymn was written for a Diocesan Festival in Peterborough Cathedral in 1865. It originally contained eleven stanzas, necessary to get all of the choirs in. Based on Psalm 20:4, Psalm 147:1, and Philippians 4:4, it is a call for youth, the elderly, men, maidens – everyone to rejoice. (from Hymn Notes by Austin Lovelace)

A *toccata* (from the Italian *toccare*, "to touch") is a virtuoso piece of music typically for keyboard featuring fast-moving, lightly fingered or otherwise virtuosic passages or sections. Pachelbel's Toccata in C features pedalpoints-in which a single pedal note is held-and, in this case, with exhilarating musical motives set over it.

Johann Pachelbel, (1653-1706) was a German Baroque composer, organist, and teacher, who brought the south German organ tradition to its peak. Today, Pachelbel is best known for the Canon in D and the popularity of this relatively trivial composition would probably astonish him. Our concluding voluntary demonstrates his considerable skill in working with toccata figures.

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VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Nibbles, coffee and bottled water will be provided in our Parish Hall . If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the office or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK! Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments you would like to make!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ashley Campbell, Tyler Heusinkveld.

Anniversaries this Week: None known.

BLESSED PALM BRANCHES AND CROSSES: The Altar Guild has requested that if you please leave blessed branches and crosses in the basket at the back of the church they will burn them to be used on Ash Wednesday.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Chapel. Studying the *Book of Common Prayer*, in-person and online. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream for the Zoom link.

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (Middle and High School) meets in the parish hall at 9 a.m.

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559.

Music ат St. John's: Let Dr. D know that you'd like to be a part of the music in the parish. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. There are no auditions; all that is necessary is an ability to read music and a willingness to be faithful.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

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	Jan 29	Feb 5
Greeters	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks
Ushers	J. Bond L. Fletcher	J. & S. Hamilton
LEM	D. Miller Caldwell	J. Bond
Altar Guild	D. Miller Caldwell	K. Oas
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

St. John's Chat is a great way to keep up with St. John's news and information! If you are not

subscribed to this list, please email office@stjohnsmlb.org. Note that this is separate from the weekly "St. John's eNews" which comes out every Thursday at 4 p.m. You may request a subscription to that list as well!

PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately following the service.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, Feb. 21, featuring live jazz. Come and bring a friend!

A PRAYER REQUEST Box is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

FAMILY PROMISE: our next hosting begins Feb 26 through March 5. If you are able to assist as a volunteer please speak to Linda Fletcher or Ben Kendall for details.

St. John's Annual Parish Meeting is next Sunday, February 5, at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Need a Zoom Meeting? A "zoom room" is available for church zoom meetings or hybrid meetings. Please contact office@stjohnsmlb.org to set it up.

DAILY BREAD: Additional servers would be most welcome for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The upcoming duty day is February 2. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden. Please contact Deborah at farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

St. John's Outreach Focus for the month of January has been designated for the Clergy Fund. These funds are not adequately supported through the regular parish budget. The funds are used to provide assistance by way of gift cards to people in need, for which we get calls and requests almosy daily. Please support this worthy Outreach fund. Contributions marked for outreach will go directly to the Clergy Discretionary Fund.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY information is available in the church newsletters, *The Good News.* Visit

stjohnsmlb.org > About > Church Newsletters. More detailed reports are available from the church office.

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Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 58:1-12,1 Corinthians 2:1-16, Matthew 5:13-20, Psalm 112:1-10



You are personally invited to join a community of women who believe in the power of prayer, service to others, and the sharing of the gospel to expand the Kingdom of God. You can find out more about the DOK St John's Chapter by contacting Mary Highland at 321-831-2796 or mhighland?@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (1/29) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults and Youth combined: Parish Hall and Zoom.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

AA, 2:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Mon (1/30) AA, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall.

Tues (1/31) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (2/1) AA Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.

Thur (2/2) Daily Bread Service, 10:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting, 9 a.m. Rector's office.

Fri (2/3) Diocesan Convention. Feb 3 - 4.

TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (2/5) Annual Parish Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Parish Hall.

No Christian Education today, Resumes 2/12.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

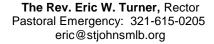
AA, 2:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

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. . . is a worshiping community, obedient to scripture, growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.

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Deborah Miller-Caldwell

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