

First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 8, 2023 10 a.m.

### Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today! Whatever your religious background (if any) and however you have come to be here with us, we welcome you. Whether you are online or inperson, we are glad that you have found us and we invite you to return here any Sunday so we may continue to worship with you. Please visit us on the web at stjohnsmlb.org where you can also sign our Virtual Guest Book, and, if you are in-person, please use the welcome cards in the pew racks.

## Precautions in place during this pandemic:

Based on Diocesan guidelines face coverings are no longer required. Unvaccinated persons should continue to mask as an expression of concern for others as well as their own safety. It is strongly encouraged to use the available hand sanitizer. Communion is at the altar rail, and wine will be by intinction only (see note at that point in the bulletin).

### **Preparation for Worship**

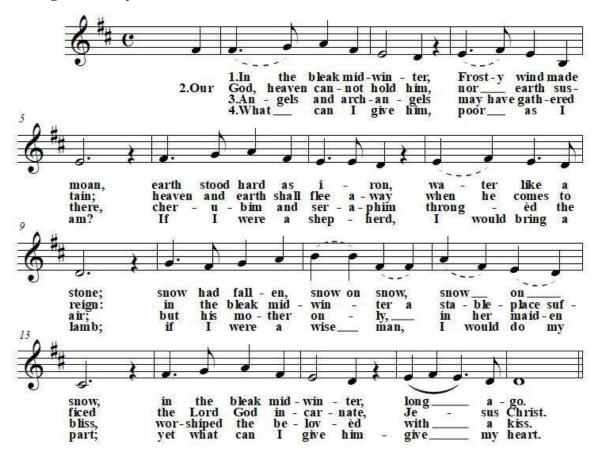
The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines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

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

**Gathering Music: Hymn 112** 

Tune: Cranham



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

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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his

Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Lessons All sit

#### Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you

in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

#### Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Recited by all in unison

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \* the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord \* all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

#### Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Matthew 3:13-17 All stand, as able

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,

suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

The Sermon All sit

The Nicene Creed

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 VI

All kneel, as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble:

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Gregory, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St.

Mark's Church, Haines City, and All Souls, Horizon West.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

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*.

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

We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you*.

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.

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)

At the Offertory, Anthem

Bring Gold

Ben Heffer

Bring gold and frankincense and myrrh, Those mystic gifts of price confer Upon the baby in the stall, Who gives the costliest gift of all. Whose oriental star doth rise, The brightest in the winter skies

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Earth's wealthy rulers bow before The God for us made mean and poor. Creator of the earth and sky The King who only lives to die.

Whom Judah's shepherds haste to own

Is to the gentle world made known.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

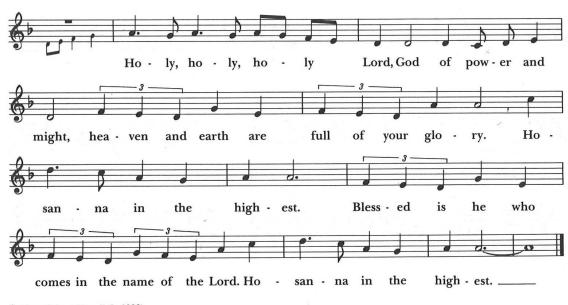
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always

and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.* 

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

Tune: NYACK

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.

### The Blessing

Hymn 76, "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"



Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

### **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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#### THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

When John Chandler translated "On Jordan's Bank" from Latin he thought that it was a medieval work, but it was by Charles Coffin, a distinguished French scholar of the 18<sup>th</sup> century who wrote more than 100 hymns in Latin. Its theme is John the Baptist's announcement of Christ's advent and his call to the people of Israel to repent and prepare for His coming.

Johann Sebastian Bach published four volumes of his own keyboard music in a series entitled *Clavierübung* ("Keyboard Practice"). For the *Dritter Theil* ("Third Volume"), his first published organ music, Bach created a brilliant cycle of twenty-seven masterworks united by a great musical and theological design. Bach published it in 1739, the bicentennial of Martin Luther's sermon at Leipzig's Thomaskirche and of the city's official acceptance of Luther's Augsburg Confessions.

Clavierübung III consists of a monumental Praeludium, twenty-one chorale preludes, four Duetti and a closing Fuga. The chorale preludes can be divided into two groups and we hear today the "smaller" setting of the chorale for Baptisms. (from notes by Dr. James Kibbie)

The closing Voluntary is a final act of praise, and you are cordially invited to remain in your pews and listen; but if you cannot then please be respectful of the listeners and the musician by reserving loud conversations to the Coffee Hour which follows the service.

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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for our wedding anniversary by Keith and Marie Salmon.

BIRTHDAYSTHIS WEEK: Marie Johnson, Jan Louks.

Anniversaries this Week: None known.

**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 AT 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.

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!

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.

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

#### **SUNDAY MINISTRIES**

	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	L. Fletcher J. Bond	B. Chernault J. Miller	S. & G. Bradley
LEM	J. Hamilton	K. Oas	R. Huffman
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
Counter	K. Wison	K. Wilson	G. Bradley
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** have arrived from the printer and are available following the service.

**FAMILY DINNER NIGHT** returns on Wednesday, January 11, at the Pizza Gallery and Grill, in the Avenues at Viera, 6 p.m. Come out and bring a friend!

Concerts In the Park continue NEXT Sunday, Jan. 15 with the Penny Creek Band! BBQ dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 6. We'll be in the park if the weather is good, but we will move into the Parish Hall if cool or rainy. This will be a great evening so be sure to bring a friend!

A New BISHOP will be elected for the Diocese of Central Florida on Saturday, Jan. 14. Delegates to the special electing convention from St. John's will be Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Lee Steininger, Katie Wilson and Fr. Eric Turner. You can learn more about the candidates at DCFSearch.org.

**Fr. Eric is on vacation** January 20-26, Fr. Terry Highland, Priest Associate will preach and lead worship on January 22. Fr. Eric will be back in the office Friday, January 27.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** is always in need of volunteers. If you can help please speak to Lee Steininger or Ben Kendall for details.

Family Promise Leadership: Many thanks to Lee Steininger for his years of service and dedication to the ministry of Family Promise here at St. John's! Beginning in this new year, the coordinators will be Linda Fletcher and Ben Kendall. Remember that our next hosting begins February 26!

**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 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42, Psalm 40:1-12



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 (1/8) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Youth and Adults combined in Parish Hall and online. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

Daughter's of the King, 11:30 in the Nursery. Also n Zoom.

Mon (1/9) AA, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall.

Tues (1/10) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (1/11) Family Dinner Night, Pizza Gallery, in the Avenues, Viera, 6:00 p.m.

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

Thur (1/12) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall.

Staff Meeting, Rector's Office, 11 a.m.

Fri (1/13) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sat (1/14) Election of the new Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida.

Sun (1/15) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Youth and Adults combined in Parish Hall and online.

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

Concert in the Park, BBQ at 5:00 p.m., Penny Creek Band at 5:30 p.m.

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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> Serving thru 1/2024 Skip Alcorn, Susan Badgio, Deborah Miller-Caldwell

Serving thru 1/2025 Jamie Hamilton, Mike Milner, Kathy Oas (until 1/2023)