

First Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist: Rite II February 26, 2023 10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome today 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**.

There are no organ voluntaries (prelude and postlude) during Lent

THE GREAT LITANY (please participate using the insert)

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

His mercy endures forever. 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 God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' "But the serpent said to the woman, "You

will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *

and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *

and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *

because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *

my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *

I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *

shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to

condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's

obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Gradual and Tract

Hasty Miller, Cantor

He who abides in the shelter of the Most High,* shall remain under the protection of the Lord of Heaven.

He shall say to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge;* my God, in whom I trust.

For he has set me free from the snare of the fowler,* and from cutting words.

He will conceal you with his pinions,* and under his wings you will find refuge. (from Psalm 91)

Matthew 4:1-11 All stand, as able

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will

not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON All sit

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 are omitted when the Great Litany is used

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 B)

BCP, p. 367

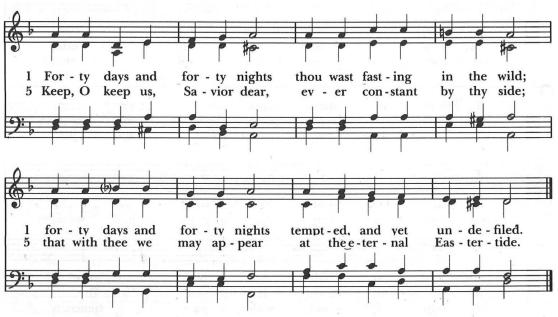
AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Sinful, sighing to be blest; Bound, and longing to be free; Weary, waiting for my rest; God, be merciful to me. Goodness I have none to plead, Sinfulness in all I see, I can only bring my need;... Broken heart and downcast eyes
Dare not lift themselves to thee;
Yet thou can'st interpret sighs:...
From this sinful heart of mine
To thy bosom I would flee;
I am not my own, but thine:...
There is One beside the throne,

And my only hope and plea Are in him, and him alone:... He my cause will undertake, My interpreter will be; He's my all; and for his sake,...

PRESENTATION HYMN 150, "Forty days and forty nights"

Tune: Aus der Tiefe Ruf' ich



Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

Music: Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.;

harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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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.

We lift them to the Lord.

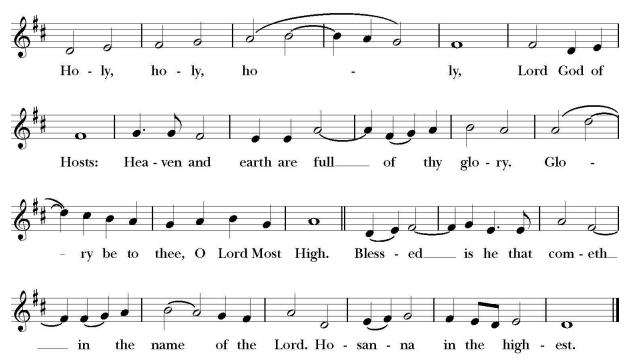
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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

Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:





Please kneel as able

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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

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. 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 until the chalice bearer passes by, then return to your seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Verset

Leon Boellmann

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER All kneel, as able

BCP, p. 366

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.

THE BLESSING



DISMISSAL BCP, p. 366

Let us go forth in the name of Christ! *Thanks be to God!*

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

We begin our worship today with The Great Litany, for which the Book of Common Prayer directs, "To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation days." It is especially notable that this morning the cantorial duties are being shared by every member of our parish choir.

The Litany was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. It was first published in 1544. The 1979 BCP titled the Litany "The Great Litany" (p. 148), distinguishing it from other litanies in the Prayer Book. When the Great Litany precedes the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyrie and the Eucharist begins with the salutation and the collect of the day (BCP, p. 153). The Great Litany takes the place of the prayers of the people at the Eucharist.

Healey Willan (1880-1968) was an Anglo-Canadian composer noted for his exceptional music program at the church of St. Mary Magdalene in Toronto. He is best known for his organ and sacred works, which show evidence of his love for plainsong and Renaissance music. His Eucharistic setting for St. M. M. was one of the most frequently used for the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* and we will use parts of this lovely setting on an occasional basis.

George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870) based "Forty days and forty nights" on Mark 1:12, dealing with Christ's temptation in the wilderness, but seemingly it is concerned chiefly with the physical setting rather than the inner spiritual struggles which are more clearly delineated in the other gospels. It is a useful hymn about the forty days of Lent, but bear in mind that of those forty days Sundays are not counted. Sundays are in Lent, not of Lent. Every Sunday is a feast day of our Lord.

Our final hymn was written by the Rev. Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) and based on the *Prayer of Manasseh*. The tune was composed by Owen Burdick, sometime O/C of Trinity Church, Wall Street, and dedicated to Marilyn Keiser, one of the premier organists of the US who incidentally played part of the wedding service for the Davidsons.

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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. Please note that there are no altar flowers for the season of Lent.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Dick Martin, Ben Kendall, Amy Lacy.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS. As in past years, we will ask certain groups around church to make a special effort to provide soup on certain Wednesdays. Here's the schedule:

March 1 - Vestry

March 8 - Choir

March 15 - Lay Readers, LEMs, Altar, Flowers

March 22 - Ushers and Greeters

March 29 - Daughters of the King

We will make this available via Zoom for those who cannot attend, but in-person participation is strongly encouraged!

We need you and you need the church!

LENT AND EASTER AT St. JOHN'S

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday, Beginning March 1 5:30 - Soup is on; 6-7 - Program The "I AM" Sayings of Jesus Led by Fr. Eric Turner

Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 12 6 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m. Evensong

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 2, 10 a.m.
Starting in the Park, weather permitting
With Blessing of the Palms

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m.
With Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Friday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 9 Sunrise in the Park, 7 a.m. Easter Festival Worship, 10 a.m.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Studying the *Book of Common Prayer*, in-person and online.

Music ат Sт. 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.

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

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 March 2. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

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	Feb 26	March 5
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	J.& S. Hamilton	B. Chernault J. Miller
LEM	D. Miller- Caldwell	J. Bond
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury

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

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.

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.

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 February is Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, particularly for their facility on Fee Ave., that houses homeless vets and their families as they search for work, and gain permanent living quarters and transportation. The organization is a not-for-profit and receives a portion of their funding from the Veterans Administration, therefore they are audited weekly. Additional information may be found at vietnamandallveteransofbrevard.com.

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: Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17, Psalm 121



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.



Why am I here? Is God really there? Does he (or she?) care about me? Why do bad things happen?

No agenda . . . Just honest conversation

First Tuesday of the month 7 – 8:30 p.m. Look for this poster on the table.

Location:



652 W. Eau Gallie Blvd. Melbourne FL 32934 The Rev. Eric Turner St. John's Episcopal Church 610 Young St. Melbourne FL 32935 35+ years a Pastor



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CHORAL EVENSONG

Reflective service of prayer and music

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

7:00 - 7:45 PM

610 YOUNG STREET

MELBOURNE, FL 32935

Free dinner 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

More info? stjohnsmlb.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (2/26) Family Promise Hosting begins today.

Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults and Youth combined: Parish Hall and Zoom.

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

Tues (2/28) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m.

Wed (3/1) Lenten Soup Supper and Program, 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice, 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

Thur (3/2) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m. Rector's office.

Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.

Fri (3/3) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (3/5) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults and Youth combined: Parish Hall and Zoom.

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

Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.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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