



Third Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

March 12, 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.

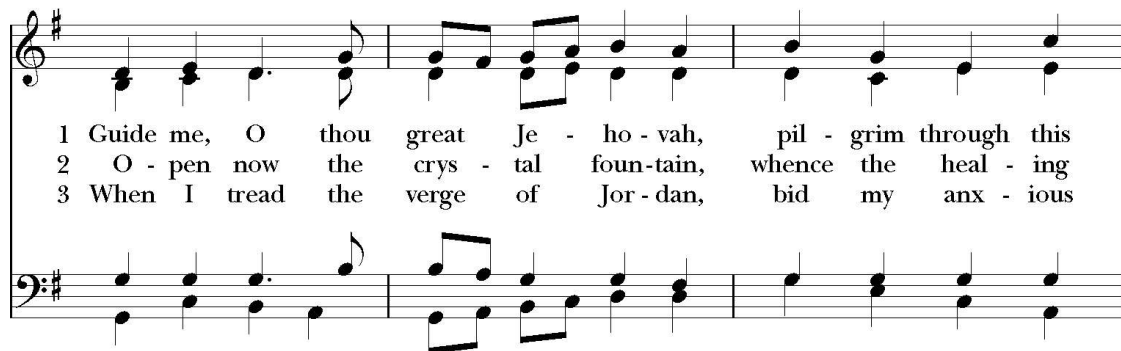
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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

HYMN 690, "Guide me O thou great Jehovah"

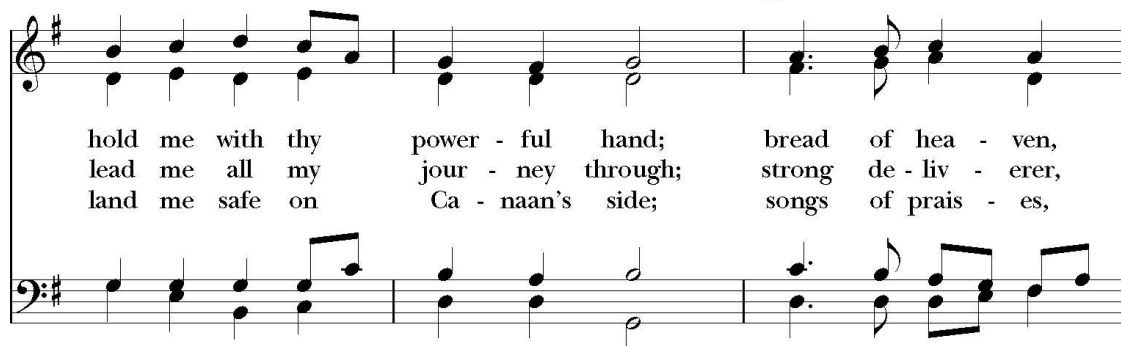
Tune: CWM RHONDDA



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, shield, thee, feed be I me thou will now still ev - and my er ev - er - more. strength and shield. give to thee.

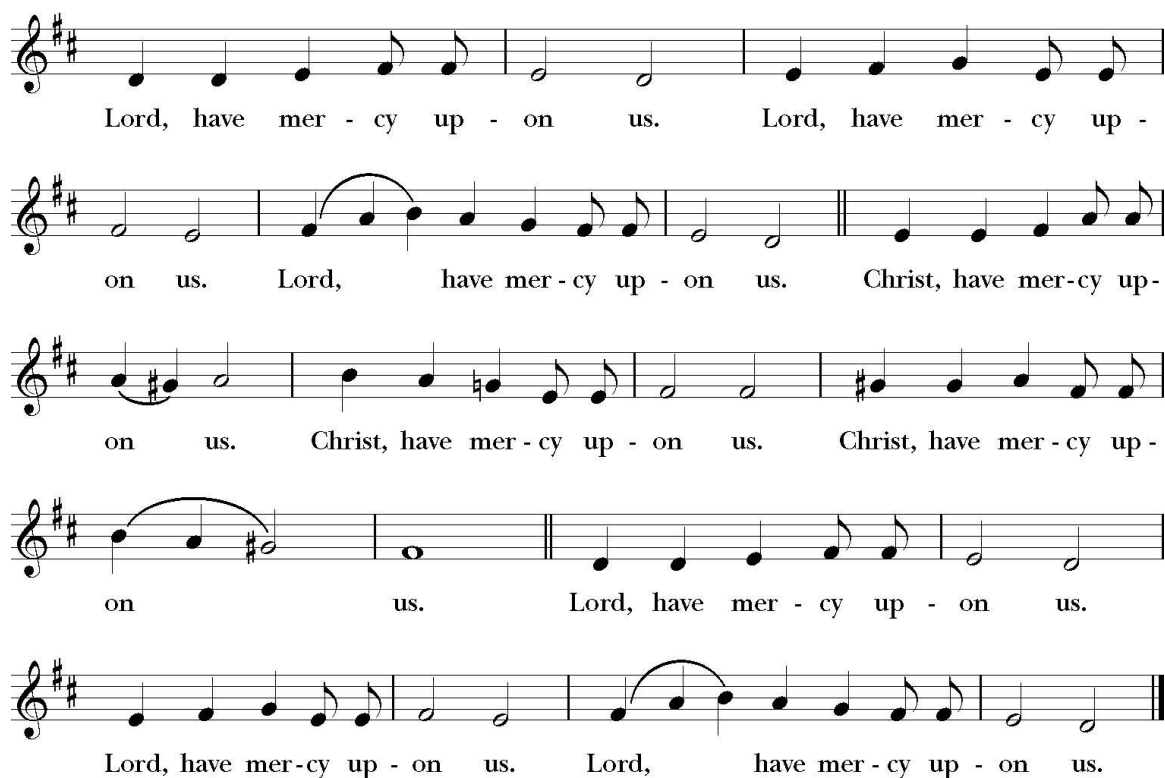
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

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.*

KYRIE ELEISON

Setting: Healey Willan



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”

So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone

me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.”

Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

Recited responsively by half verse

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *

at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, *

though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *

“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

So I swore in my wrath, *

“They shall not enter into my rest.”

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might

actually dare to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual and Tract

I have lifted my eyes up unto you,*
who dwell in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants*
look to the hands of their masters;

And as the eyes of a maidservant*
to the hands of her mistress;

Sallie Razor, Cantor

So do our eyes look unto the Lord our God*
until he have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,*
have mercy on us..

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The

woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent

me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him

because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

BCP, p. 358

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*

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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. Sebastian's by the Sea, Melbourne Beach and St. Luke's Church, Merritt Island.

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

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 Ricky.*** *Silence.*

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot

be here with us today especially ***Barbara, Bryan, Lilian, and Brenda.*** And for those on our weekly prayer list, especially Kent, Ginny, Mike. *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.***

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 B*)

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AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

The thirsty cry for water

J. F. Davidson

1. The thirsty cry for water, Lord;
The hungry plead for bread,
And many long to rise again
Where hope, cast down, lies dead.

2. The cup of water poured in love
The pangs of thirst will still.
The bread of earth you bid us share,
The famished child can fill.

3. But help us also hear the cry
O hungering, thirsting hearts
For living water, bread of life
Your grace alone imparts.

4. and come to us, O risen Christ,
Our restless souls relieve;
And satisfy our starving hearts
That we may rise and live.

Herman G. Stuempfle

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PRESENTATION HYMN 636, "How firm a foundation"

Tune: FOUNDATION

We sing stanzas 1, 3, and 5



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Optional Interlude



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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, S-114

Setting: Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 HYMN 685, "Rock of ages, cleft for me"

Tune: TOPLADY

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *All kneel, as able*

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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

HYMN 495, "Hail, thou once-despiséd Jesus"

Tune: IN BABILONE



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

DISMISSAL

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

“Rock of ages, cleft for me” is a hymn about sin and salvation, about our helpless need, and about the all-sufficiency of Christ’s atonement. The metaphor of the Rock of Ages is found various in Isaiah 26:4, Exodus 33:22, and I Corinthians 10:4. Strongly Calvinist, Augustus M. Toplady (1740-1778) carried on a running public feud for years with John Wesley, even calling him “a low and puny tadpole in the sea of divinity.” Fortunately his hymn does not carry any of this mean spirit.*

The Rev. Dr. Herman Stuempfle (1923-2007) served as president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, PA from 1976-1989 after a long tenure there as professor and dean. His enormous output of exceptionally fine hymn texts are collected in four different published volumes. His “The thirsty cry” is a brilliant illumination of part of this morning’s Gospel. Dr. D’s musical setting is possibly his most dissonant musical composition.

Our final hymn today, “Hail, Thou once despised Jesus”, was written by John Bakewell (1721-1819) and is first found in *A Collection of Hymns Addressed to the HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Triune God* of 1757. The author, who lived to be 98 (our longest lived hymn writer), was an English Methodist minister in whose home Thomas Olivers wrote The God of Abraham Praise. To the original two stanzas, others were added by Martin Madan (1726-1790), who became chaplain to the Lock Hospital (an institution for the “restoration of unhappy females.”) Bakewell’s hymn can best be described as rhymed theology,. (*from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)



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.

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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 SANCTUARY CANDLE is given today to the glory of God and in recognition of Marie Salmon’s birthday and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Linda Fletcher, Ray McClendon, Marie Salmon, Anneke Bertsch, Ginny Bradley.

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 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!

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	March 12	March 12 Evensong	March 19
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks J. Miller
Ushers	L. Fletcher J. Bond	S & G Bradley	J. & S. Hamilton
LEM	J. Hamilton	J. Hamilton	K. Oas
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	M. Salmon	D. Miller- Caldwell
Counter	K. Wilson		K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury

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.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE thanks all of you who have generously submitted 2023 pledge cards. If you still want to submit a pledge card, call the church office or ask an usher at church for a blank pledge card. Pledge envelopes for 2023

have been distributed to those who requested them on the pledge card. If you wish to have envelopes for this year, call the church office or ask an usher at church. Submitted pledge cards are helpful in planning our 2023 budget. For many of you, pledge envelopes are helpful in assuring that you are fulfilling your pledge. Thanks again for participating in our 2023 campaign.

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

DAILY BREAD: Additional servers would be most welcome for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The next duty day is April 6. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

SUNDAY MINISTRY TRAINING: There will be a training session after the 10 a.m. service, March 26 for all LEMS, Ushers and Daughters of the King. The training session will take approximately 20 minutes.

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.

FAMILY PROMISE: If you are able to assist as a volunteer please speak to Linda Fletcher or Ben Kendall for details.

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@stjohnsmbl.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.

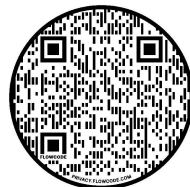
A PRAYER REQUEST Box is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed 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 farxper@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmbl.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS for March is Pregnancy Resources. This ministry seeks to assist women and men in situations of an unwanted or crisis pregnancy with options and loving support. For more information, visit their website at pregnancyresourcesmelbourne.com.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY information is available in the church newsletters, *The Good News*. Visit stjohnsmbl.org > About > Church Newsletters. More detailed reports are available from the church office.

DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE! You can now make a safe and convenient donation to St. John's via PayPal. Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmbl.org and click on Donate Now!



Readings for next Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41, Psalm 23



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 mhighland7@gmail.com.



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 (3/12) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults and Youth combined: Parish Hall and Zoom.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
Choral Evensong, Dinner 6 p.m., Evensong, 7 p.m.
- Mon (3/13) AA, 7 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tues (3/14) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m.
Outreach Meeting, 7 p.m. Zoom only.
- Wed (3/15) Lenten Soup Supper and Program, 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., in the Choirloft
- Thur (3/16) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m. Parish Hall
Staff Meeting, 9 a.m. Rector's office.
Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m. Chapel and Zoom.
- Fri (3/17) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sat (3/18) AA, 1 p.m. Parish Hall
- Sun (3/19) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults and Youth combined: Parish Hall and Zoom.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

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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growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.*

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Skip Alcorn, Susan Badgio,
Deborah Miller-Caldwell

Serving thru 1/2025
Jackie Bond, Jamie Hamilton, Kathy Oas

Serving thru 1/2026
Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy,
Jim Williams