



Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

March 19, 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***

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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.***

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

***Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

*All sit*

## 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look

on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; \*

***I shall not be in want.***

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
***and leads me beside still waters.***

He revives my soul \*  
***and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.***

*Recited responsively by half verse*

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*

***for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

***you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.***

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, \*

*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for  
ever.*

## **Ephesians 5:8-14**

**O**nce you were darkness, but now in the Lord  
you are light. Live as children of light – for  
the fruit of the light is found in all that is good  
and right and true. Try to find out what is  
pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the  
unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose  
them. For it is shameful even to mention what  
such people do secretly; but everything exposed

by the light becomes visible, for everything that  
becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,  
“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ  
will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Gradual and Tract**

*All stand, as able*

Susan Badgio, Cantor

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Sion;\*  
the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall never be shaken.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people,\*  
from this time forth and for evermore.

## **John 9:1-41**

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**A**s Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind  
from birth. His disciples asked him,  
“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that  
he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither  
this man nor his parents sinned; he was born  
blind so that God’s works might be revealed in  
him. We must work the works of him who sent  
me while it is day; night is coming when no one  
can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the  
light of the world.” When he had said this, he  
spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva  
and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to  
him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which  
means Sent). Then he went and washed and

came back able to see. The neighbors and those  
who had seen him before as a beggar began to  
ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and  
beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were  
saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept  
saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking  
him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He  
answered, “The man called Jesus made mud,  
spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to  
Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and  
received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is  
he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had  
formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day

when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you

would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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, Form I All kneel, as able

BCP, p. 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Edward’s Church, Mount Dora, and St. Paul’s Church, New Smyrna Beach.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, Presiding Bishop, for Gregory, our

Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Joseph, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority.

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.*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city of Melbourne, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially ***Barbara, Jan, Bryan, Lilian, and Brenda.*** And for those on our weekly prayer, especially James & Carl.  
*Silence*

Let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

***Lord, have mercy.***

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*)

*BCP, p. 367*

### AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM *A Lenten Walk*

Hal Hopson

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley  
He had to walk it by himself  
Oh nobody else could walk it with him  
He had to walk it by himself.

2. We must walk this lonesome valley  
We have to walk it by ourselves  
Oh nobody else could walk it with him  
We have to walk it by ourselves.

3. Jesus bore the cross of sorrow  
He had to bear it by himself  
Oh nobody else could bear it with him  
He had to bear it by himself.

4. We must take our cross and follow  
We have to take it by ourselves  
Oh nobody else can take it for us  
We have to take it by ourselves.

### PRESENTATION HYMN 493, "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

Tune: AZMON

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.

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 311 , “O saving Victim, opening wide”

Tune: Verbum Supernum

1 O sav - ing Vic - tim, o - pening wide  
2 All praise and thanks to thee a - scend

the gate of heaven to blest us be - low,  
for ev - er - more, One in Three;

our foes press on life from that ev - ery side,  
O grant us not end

thine aid sup - ply, thy strength be - stow,  
in our true na - tive land with thee.

## 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

# HYMN 533, "How wondrous and great"

Tune: LYONS

1 How won - drous and of great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne;

O thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

## DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

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



## THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The anthem at the Offertory was composed by Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933), a full-time composer and church musician residing in Cedar Park, Texas with over 3000 published works comprising almost every musical form in church music.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, author of “How wondrous and great”, was born in New York, March 16, 1789. He was elected bishop coadjutor of Pennsylvania, becoming diocesan in 1836. He, with W.A. Muhlenberg, was influential on the committee appointed by General Convention to prepare the so-called *Prayer Book Collection*, 1826.

The current issue of *The American Organist*, the magazine of the American Guild of Organists contains an article which Dr. D wrote about ways of relating to congregations. Here's a brief excerpt: “Of all the methods of communication that I have used in the more than sixty years I have been a church musician the one that has created the most positive response is the “This Morning's Music” that I put in the church bulletin every Sunday. In all honesty, I got the idea from fellow Union Theological Seminary classmate Warren Swenson. It looked like a good idea to me then and has proven itself many times over. I have relied heavily on Austin Lovelace's *Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins* which is a collection of short essays about most of the well-known hymns. In addition to Austin's highly readable information about a hymn or two, I include a few lines about the organ music and the choral music - much of which I glean from Wikipedia or other such resources. Many members from several different churches have told me how much they enjoy reading these comments and frequently say “it's the first thing I read when I sit down in the pew.” It's also a marvelous opportunity for a little propaganda about what we do in church music and why we do it as well as to bootleg a little teaching about Liturgy. I hope “This Morning's Music” speaks to you.



**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](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

**SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK!** Scan the QR code at right or visit [stjohnsmlb.org](http://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](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) or 321-254-3365.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Laure Bennett, Ryan Hambel.

**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 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!

**PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH** is coming! Sunday, April 2, following the 10 a.m. service. Main dish provided, please bring a side or dessert to share. Sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

**SUNDAY MINISTRIES**

	March 19	March 26	April 2
<b>Greeters</b>	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
<b>Ushers</b>	J. & S. Hamilton	B. Chernault J. Miller	L. Fletcher J. Bond
<b>LEM</b>	K. Oas	R. Huffman	D. Miller- Caldwell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	D. Miller- Caldwell	K. Oas	L. Bennett
<b>Daughter</b>	J. Miller	L. Fletcher	T. Chernault
<b>Counter</b>	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
<b>A/V</b>	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**

Wednesdays, thru March 29  
5:30 - Soup is on; 6-7 - Program  
The "I AM" Sayings of Jesus  
Led by Fr. Eric Turner

**Palm Sunday Worship**

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

**Palm Sunday Brunch**

immediately following the service.

**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.

**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:** Our next hosting is May 14 -21. 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@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto: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.

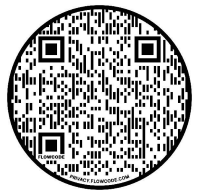
**A PRAYER REQUEST BOX** is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter 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](mailto:farxpert@gmail.com), Fr. Eric at [eric@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:eric@stjohnsmlb.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](http://pregnancyresourcesmelbourne.com).

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY** information is available in the church newsletters, *The Good News*. Visit [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > About > Church Newsletters. More detailed reports are available from the church office.

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**Readings for next Sunday:** Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45, Psalm 130





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](mailto:mhighland7@gmail.com).

## **LENT AND EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S**

### **Lenten Soup Suppers**

Wednesdays, thru March 29  
5:30 - Soup is on; 6-7 - Program  
The "I AM" Sayings of Jesus  
Led by Fr. Eric Turner

### **Palm Sunday Worship**

Sunday, April 2, 10 a.m.  
Starting in the Park, weather  
permitting

With Blessing of the Palms

### **Palm Sunday Brunch**

immediately following the service.

### **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.

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK**  
**Spring 2023**

**April 23** (Sunday)

Andy and Bonnie Harrington  
(contemporary covers and originals)  
5 p.m. supper, 5:30 concert

**May 21** (Sunday)

Harbor City Harmonizers  
(Barbershop style, *a capella*  
men's chorus)  
5 p.m. supper, 5:30 concert

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- 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.  
YPAA, 4 p.m., Parish Hall (Young Adults AA).
- Mon (3/20) AA, 7 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tues (3/21) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed (3/22) Lenten Soup Supper and Program, 5:30 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., in the Choir loft.
- Thur (3/23) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m. Parish Hall.  
Staff Meeting, 9 a.m. Rector's office.
- Fri (3/24) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sat (3/25) Vestry Retreat, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Offsite.
- Sun (3/26) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults and Youth combined: Parish Hall and Zoom.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.  
Training for Ushers, LEM's, DOK, following 10 a.m. service

**All Zoom and Livestream links** are available by visiting [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) and we will send you the link.

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