

Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 30, 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)

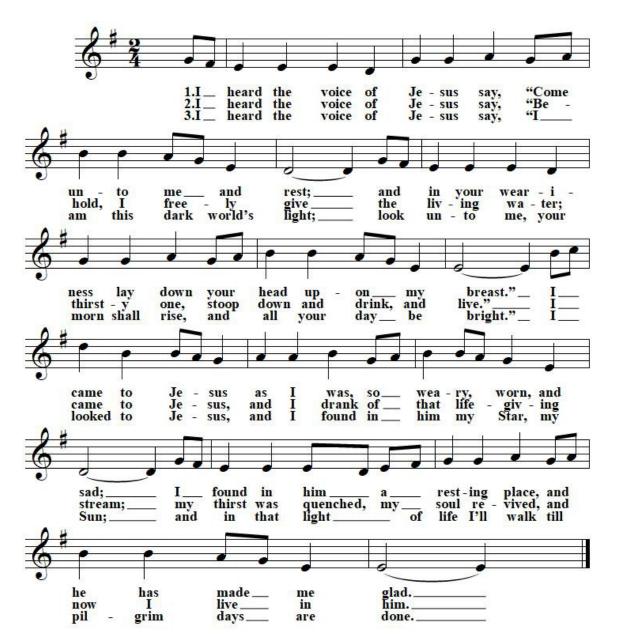
Preparation for Worship

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**.

GATHERING MUSIC



Text by Horatio Bonar Sung to Kingsfold

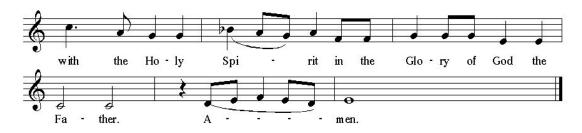
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

St. Luke's Mass





COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many

wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the

proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Hasty Miller, Cantor

We hear the organ play the Antiphon, then the Cantor sings the Antiphon, then all sing the antiphon and as indicated in the body of the Psalm.



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. ANTIPHON

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

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. **ANTIPHON**

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. **ANTIPHON**

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not

threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



John 10:1-10

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not

understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

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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

Iglesia Jesus De Nazaret, Orlando and Iglesia Episcopal San Cristobal, Orlando.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Episcopal Church.

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*, *Jan*, *Bryan*, *Lilian*, *and Brenda*. And for those on our weekly prayer list. *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 Celebrant add a collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 The Lord is my Shepherd Thomas Matthews

Susan Badgio, Soprano

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

(We sing stanza 1 only, standing)



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, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won

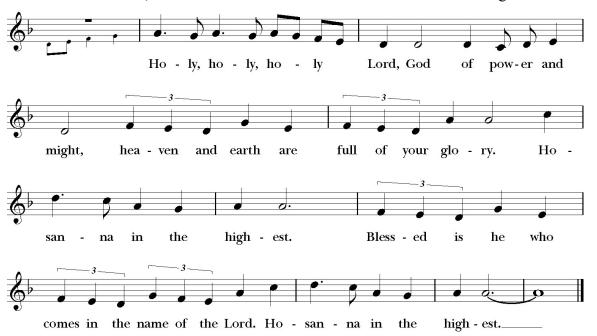
for us everlasting life.

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:



Setting: Robert Powell



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;

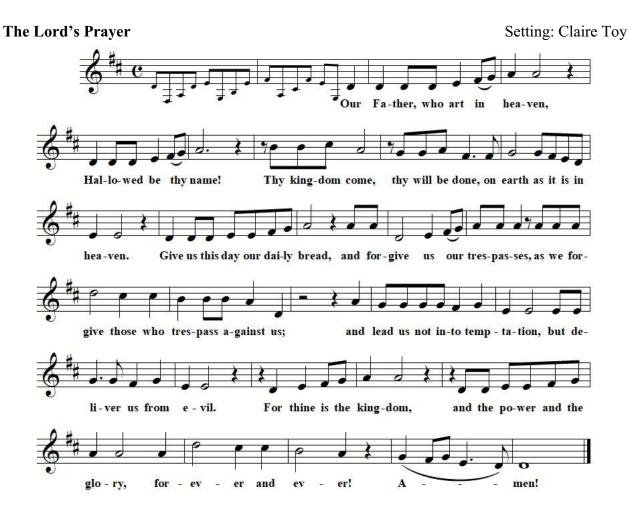
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 sing,



The Breaking of the Bread

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

At the Distribution, Hymn

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Taizé



The Post-Communion Prayer

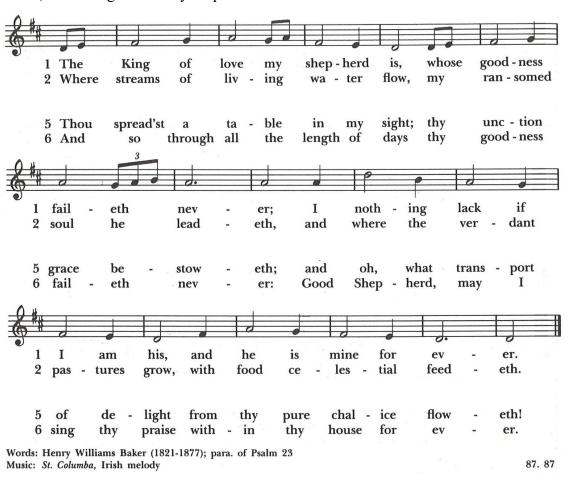
All kneel, as able

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

The Blessing

Hymn 645, "The King of love my shepherd is"



Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Christ ist Erstanden

Johann K. Fischer

Tune: St. Columba

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Thomas Matthews was for many years the organist and choirmaster of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston, Illinois and presided over one of the finest parish choirs in the nation. His setting of Psalm 23 which we hear this morning is one of the most often-performed settings of this lovely text. Take a moment and say a prayer of thanksgiving for him and all the men and women who work so diligently that our worship may be conducted decently and in good order.

As we sing "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" note the extremely fine paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm which forms this hymn. Most of the psalms are available in paraphrases (of greater and lesser success). One of the outstanding sets of psalm paraphrases belongs to Isaac Watts, who took it upon himself to, as he put it, "Christianize the psalms." Take a look in the indices in the hymnal and compare some of Watts' work with the original psalms – some are truly extraordinary.

The tune Christist Erstanden is constructed from a very important Gregorian Chant. The original chant to which this tune is sung is *Victimae paschali laudes* (Hail to the Easter Victim) and is the Sequence for Easter. A number of hymn tunes have been constructed from this chant, and the one paired with today's Presentation Hymn is perhaps the best. It's a tune every Christian should know but too rarely do. Note that the voluntary at the end of the service quotes this tune over and over.

The use of a "mantra" (a word or phrase repeated over and over) is a well-known, common practice used in many Eastern philosophies. The French community of Taizé capitalizes on this, providing brief, repetitious musical phrases which the very large community of daily worshipers wholeheartedly participate. Take a moment, use YouTube, search for Taize, and listen carefully. The point of these pieces is that they are sufficiently short and easy so that every member of the worshiping congregation can participate. The continual repetitions allow us to let the text and music flow deeply into our subconscious to draw us nearer to the mind and heart of God. Even if you think you don't sing, simply repeating the text – either in Latin or English – lets you be a real part of this worship experience, whether in your pew or going to or from the rail. It is the continual repetition that offers the possibility of moving your consciousness into a different realm – a practice that the Eastern Church understands very well. We hope you'll give it a try.

H H

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

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

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jim Lacy, Will Lester.

Anniversaries this Week: None known.

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

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

Many of our Sunday worship servers will be heading off for well earned summer vacations. If you can help us fill a spot as usher, greeter, lem or altar guild member please let us know. We want the Sunday services to run smoothly and need help to do this. Recently, many of our small number of Sunday volunteers have been ill, injured, or in covid quarantine, making it difficult to fill those necessary voluntary Sunday positions. You will be paired with a familiar helper and will not need to "go it alone." Please contact the office or Jackie Bond by email or phone.

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 May 4. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

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

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.

PARISH CLEAN UP DAY many thanks to all those that came out to help clean-up the church and grounds yesterday.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	April 30	May 7
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks J. Miller
Ushers	B. Chernault J. Miller	L. Fletcher J. Bond
LEM	J. Bond R. Huffman	J. Hamilton
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
Daughter	L. Miller	T. Chernault
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G.Bradbury

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.

VIA DE CRISTO WOMEN'S WEEKEND is May 4-7. The meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cocoa. If interested please contact Rev. Terry Highland or Mary Highland.

MAY 14 IS MOTHERS' DAY. We will honor mothers by having flowers for all the ladies and the MEN will take over the kitchen for coffee hour duties. A sign up sheet will be in the Parish Hall closer to the time. Remember, guys, this doesn't mean asking your wife to fix something and you carry it in! You make it, or visit the store to get it.

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 April is Nana's House. Their mission is to provide a safe, secure, loving home where children can experience God's love and healing. Visit nanaschildrenshome.com for more information. Anything in the blue or lavender envelopes, or clearly marked for outreach in the month of April will go to Nana's House.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY information is available in the church newsletter, *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: Acts 7:55-60, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16



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 Sarah Kendall at 702-203-6093 or 537sarah@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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A great time at the Concert IN THE PARK last Sunday!



Finding a little shade!



Guy Lee entertaining



Concert in the Park



Harbor City Harmonizers

May 21 5:30 pm

A cappella Harmony

Free Dinner 5:00 pm

Indoors if it Rains! Rain or Shine

Bring Your Lawn Chairs

More Info? stjohnsmlb.org 610 Young Street Melbourne Fl 32935



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun. (4/30) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults and Youth combined: Parish Hall and Zoom. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestreamed.

Mon (5/1) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m. Parish Hall. AA, 7 p.m., Parish Hall.

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

Tapping the Big Questions, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Intracoastal brewery.

Wed (5/3) AA Business Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall. Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. In the choir loft.

Thurs (5/4) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.

Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.

Fri (5/5) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (5/7) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults and Youth combined: Parish Hall and Zoom.

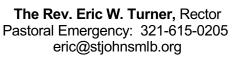
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

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.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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Jim Williams