

Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Happy Mother's Day!

May 14, 2023 10 a.m.

## Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome 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.

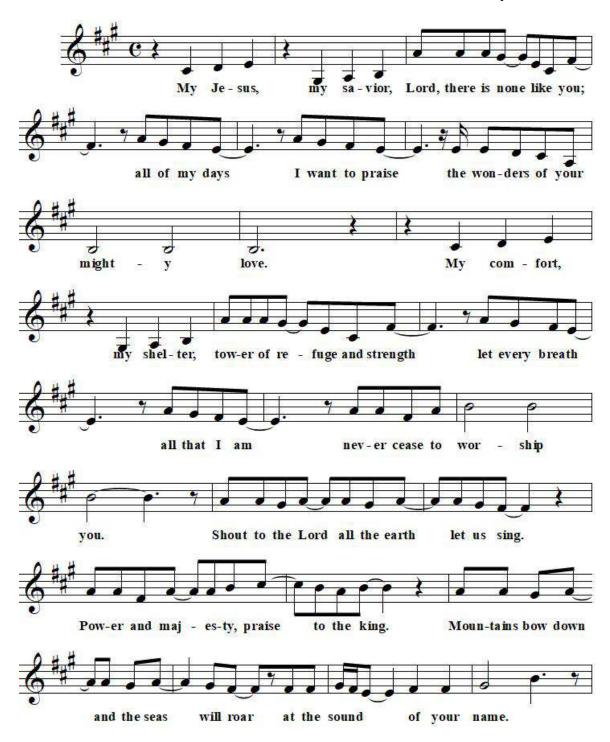
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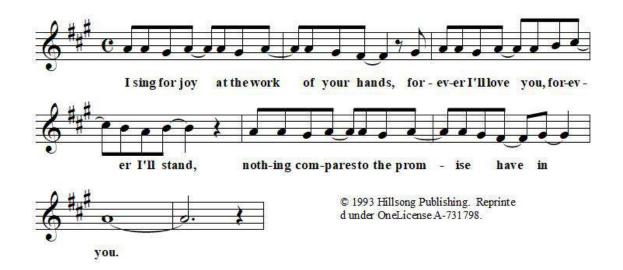
## **Preparation for Worship**

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**.





Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

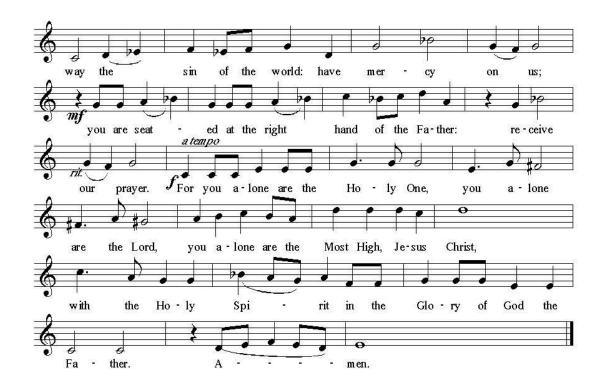
#### The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

## Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What

therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself

gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to

think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18 Richard Muir, 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.



Bless our God, you peoples; \* make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, \* and will not allow our feet to slip. ANTIPHON

For you, O God, have proved us; \* you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; \* you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. ANTIPHON

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \* but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \* which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. **ANTIPHON** 

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \* I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, \* and I will tell you what he has done for me. ANTIPHON

I called out to him with my mouth, \* and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, \* the Lord would not have heard me; ANTIPHON

But in truth God has heard me; \* he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \* nor withheld his love from me. ANTIPHON

## 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

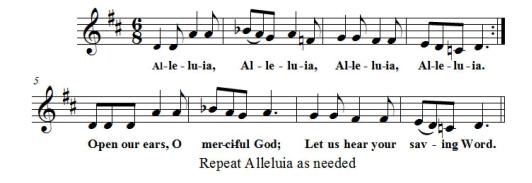
He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

All stand, as able



### John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see

me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

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 III All kneel, as able

BCP, p. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.* 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake:

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Matthew's Church, Orlando and St. Michael's Church, Orlando.

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

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.

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

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 adds a concluding 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,

Now let us all praise God and sing

Gordon Young

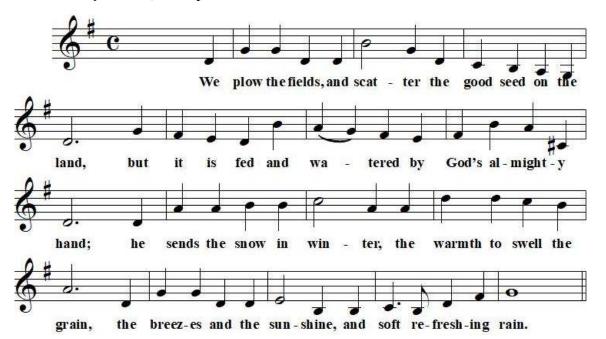
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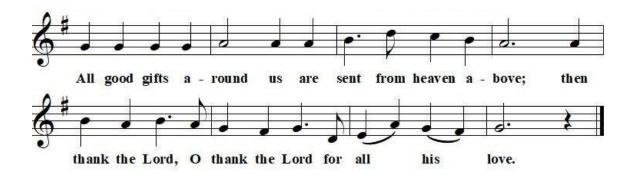
Now let us all praise God and sing Our great redeemer's praise; That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!

> All ye servants of the Lord, Praise Him forever, Sing Jehovah's mighty power, Praise Him forever. Sing of His righteousness, Praise Him forever.

So let us all praise God and Sing Our great Redeemer's praise; That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia

Presentation Hymn 291, "We plow the fields and scatter"





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.

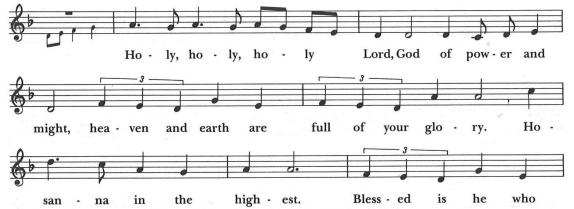
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.* 

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





Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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,

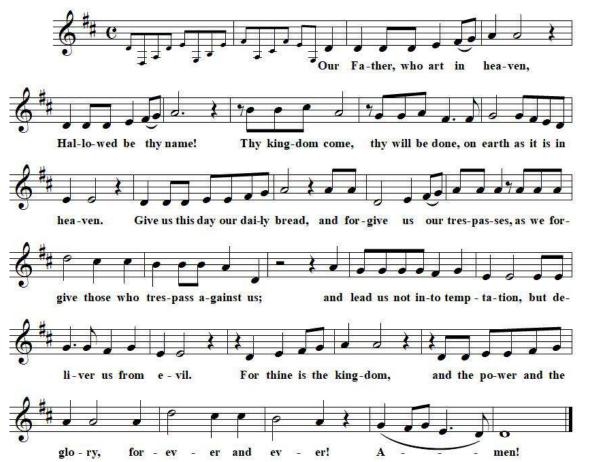
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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.



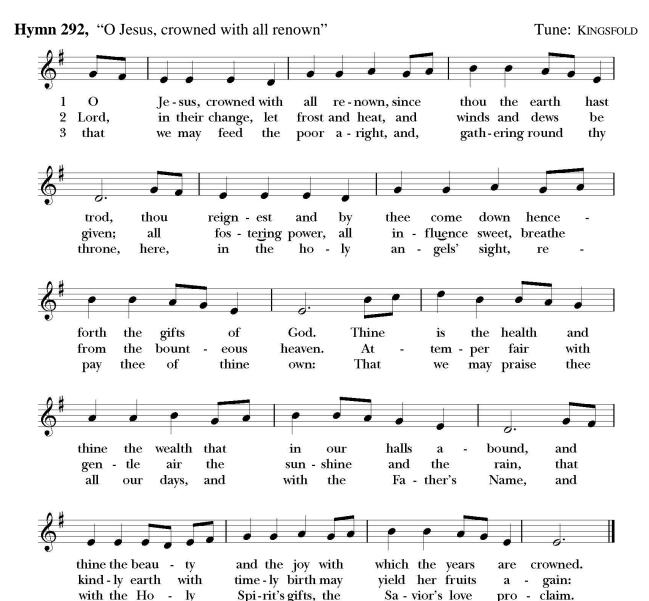
**The Post-Communion Prayer** 

All kneel, as able

BCP, p.366

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



#### **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Allegro in D Major

Girolamo Frescobaldi

## H H

### THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

"We plow the fields, and scatter" was penned by Matthias Claudius (1740–1815), a commissioner of agriculture in Germany, and his poem, *Paul Eardmann's Festival* (1782) gives a romantic picture of the celebration of harvest in a German farmhouse. Its theses is that we must cooperate with God by ploughing and sowing, but God provides wind, sunshine and rain to bring forth the fruits. This hymn is an expression of humble and thankful hearts for all of God's good gifts around us. (From Hymn Notes by Austin Lovelace)

We sing this hymn to reflect that tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday are Rogation days, days of prayer and fasting in Western Christianity which we are observing on the Sunday prior. The word *rogation* comes from the Latin verb *rogare*, meaning "to ask", which reflects the beseeching of God for the appearament of his anger and for protection from calamities. Common feature of Rogation days in former times was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister, churchwarden, and choir, would proceed around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year.

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583–1643) became organist at St. Peter's, Rome, in 1608 where he served until his death except for six years in the court of Florence (1628–1634). Today's closing voluntary, often-performed both in its original form and in arrangements for band or orchestra, appears to be the work of its "arranger," Gaspar Cassadó (1897–1966). It is in a faux late eighteenth-century style, and has no connection with any composition of Frescobaldi.

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**: Mary Highland, Carl Holliday, Steve Bradley, Frank Nernkind, Jamie Hamilton.

Anniversaries this Week: None known.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** 9 a.m. in the Chapel. Studying the epistles of John, in-person and online.

**YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. In-person only.

**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 June 1. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

**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 starts **TODAY**. If you are able to assist as a volunteer please speak to Linda Fletcher or Ben Kendall for details.

#### SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	May 14	May 21
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. & S. Hamilton
LEM	K. Oas	R. Huffman/J. Bond
Altar Guild	D. Miller Caldwell	K. Oas
Daughter	C. Turner	Elena Bradbury
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G.Bradbury

**DAY OF PENTECOST IS MAY 28.** Remember to wear RED (or white) in celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit! AND if you are able to read in another language, please speak with Fr. Eric.

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.

HAPPY 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.

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 May is Solar Light for Africa. SLA is a Christian ministry run by Charlene Turner that seeks to "Illuminate – Enlighten – Empower" the people of Uganda with clean, reliable, and cost-effective solar power in schools, clinics, orphanages, and other facilities. This summer, Charlene (and Fr. Eric) will take a team to Uganda to work on several planned projects, including a residential school for deaf children in northern Uganda and 'slum schools' in inner city Kampala but with no power. Visit solarlightforafrica.org for more information. Anything in the blue or lavender envelopes, or clearly marked for outreach in the month of May will go to SLA.

**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 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11, Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36



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.



# Concert in the Park



## Harbor City Harmonizers

A cappella Harmony

Free Dinner

5:00 pm

Rain or Shine Indoors if it Rains!

Bring Your Lawn Chairs

More Info? stjohnsmlb.org

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#### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun. (5/14) Happy Mother's Day!

Family Promise Hosting starts today.

Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel and Zoom.

Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall, in-person only

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestreamed.

Wed (5/17) Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. In the choir loft.

Thurs (5/18) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.

Vestry Meeting, Chapel and Zoom, 7 p.m.

Fri (5/19) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (5/21) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults and Youth combined: Parish Hall and Zoom.

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

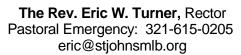
Family Promise Hosting ends today.

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

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Serving thru 1/2024
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Serving thru 1/2025

Jackie Bond, Jamie Hamilton, Kathy Oas

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

