

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist: Rite II

July 9, 2023 10 a.m.

## Welcome to St. John's!

Please remember to leave your anxieties in the rack provided. Light a candle.

Listen to the organ even if it isn't playing

Make room for something unexpected to speak.

Find a seat and sit for a while. The people who came before are here beside you.

If you are very quiet you might even hear angels playing their instruments up there on the ceiling.

Let your eyes walk through a glass garden. All of these colors are born from one light.

Taste the silence. Many varieties are available – take a sip of each one.

Take it with you when you go.

(Andrew Rudd, Manchester cathedral poet in residence, June 2018.)

# **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**.

Voluntary, "Holiness is Here"

Jackson Weber



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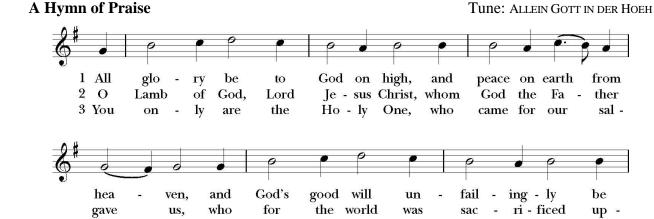
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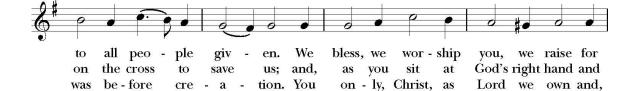
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And blessed be his kingdom, now, and for ever. Amen.

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.



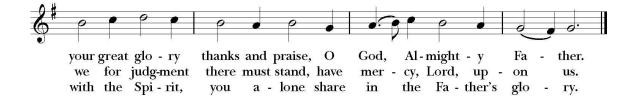
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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

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And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

## Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

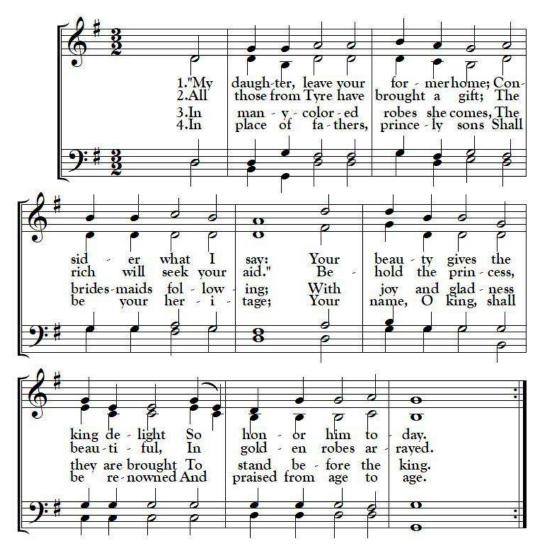
"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" – let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I

put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife: and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death

Psalm 45: 11-18 Tune: AZMON



### Romans 7:15-25

**T**do not understand my own actions. For I do Inot do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I

do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the

law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

All stand, as able



## Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the

intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

All kneel, as able

Form III, 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. Gabriel's Church, Titusville, and St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Vero Beach.

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

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*, *Jan*, *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 C)

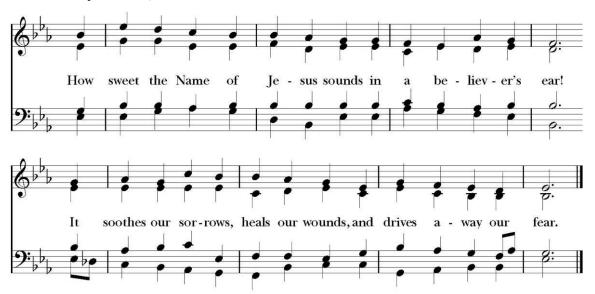
BCP, p. 369

At the Offertory, Voluntary, "Visions"

**David Lonely** 

**Presentation Hymn 644**, "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds"

Tune: St. Peter



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.* 

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the

human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

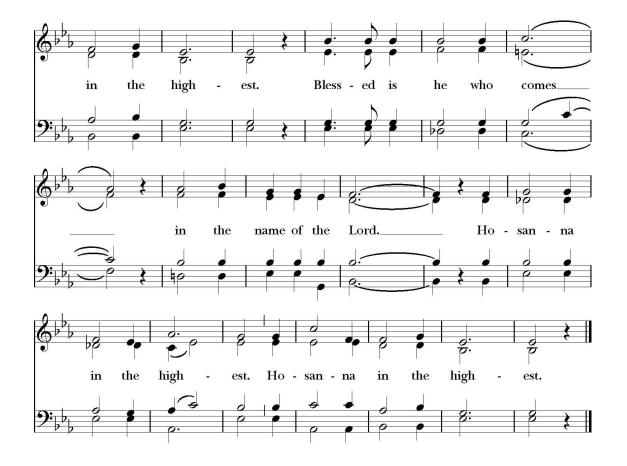
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:





Please kneel, as able

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy

Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

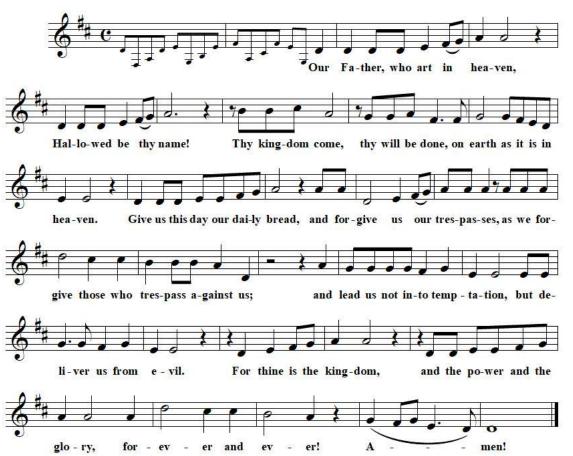
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through

Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

### The Lord's Prayer

Setting: Claire Toy



# 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, Voluntary, "Be Still"

Traditional Melody

**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 on Hyfradol

Benjamin Harris

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## THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Again we welcome Steve Knecht as our guest organist this morning while Dr. and the Rev. Mrs. Davidson are vacationing. Please give him a warm St. John's welcome following the service.

Originally found in a *Selection of Psalms and hymns for the Parish Church*, Banbury, 1827, Reginald Heber's "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty" is almost the ideal hymn for Trinity Sunday and an excellent one for most Sundays. In spite of a very limited rhyme scheme (the "ee" vowel), irregular accent, and uneven numbers of syllables in the various lines, this hymn based on John's vision of God enthroned in heavenly glory as found in Revelation 4 is a very popular hymn. The use of the angels' song (Holy, holy, holy) is pure adoration of God in his "wholly-otherness." Although filled with apocalyptic language, the hymn combines a sense of mystery with God's mercy, power, love and purity.

Charles Wesley's idea for the hymn was taken from a popular song by the poet Dryden, "fairest Isle, all files excelling." Its theme is the great thread of divine love which runs through all of Wesley's hymns. After a prayer addressed to Christ to dwell within our lives, the hymn returns to the theme of sanctification - God's "great salvation" is sufficient to deliver a Christian from the power as well as from the guilt of sin (2 Corinthians 5:17). Thus we are "going on to perfection," being "changed from glory into glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18). (from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

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

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

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ben Stitzel.

Anniversaries this Week: None known.

Adult and Youth Christian Education: on hiatus until September 10.

RECTOR AWAY: Fr. Eric Turner and his wife, Charlene, are leading Solar Light for Africa's Summer Mission to Uganda. As St. John's gathers for worship, the team will be landing at Entebbe, Uganda, having traveled since Friday evening. Today they will gather with the Ugandan members of the team, drive to Kampala (about 45 min., depending on "jam") and settle into the hotel. Tomorrow they will head to Lira, in northern Uganda, to begin the work.

They return to the US on July 23 and Fr. Eric will be in the church office on Tuesday, July 25. Fr. Terry Highland, Priest Associate, is leading worship and available for pastoral needs, and Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden, is available for other matters of church business.

COFFEE Hour. If you would like to bring snacks

for Sunday morning coffee hour a sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

St. John's Polo Shirts are now available! Cotton polo style shirt with the St. John's logo embroidered. \$30 each. To order, sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall. See Fr. Terry for more information.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME STEVE KNECHT this week while Dr. And Rev. Mrs. Davidson are on vacation.

Is YOUR GARDEN OVERGROWN WITH FERNS? St. John's has a place for them. The plan is to have a bed of fern along the north wall of the parish hall. If you have any ferns to donate, please contact A my Lacy at 321-544-3262 or amylacy24@gmail.com.

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

SUNDAY SERVERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP. If you can help 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. 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.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** St. John's next hosting starts on July 30. If you are able to assist as a volunteer please speak to Linda Fletcher or Ben Kendall for details.

## **SUNDAY MINISTRIES**

	July 9	July 16
Greeters	A. Weeks K. Oas	A. Weeks J. Miller
Ushers	J. & J. McLaughlin	J. Bond L. Miller
LEM	J. Bond	J. Hamilton
Altar Guild	D. Miller-Caldwell	K. Oas
Daughter		

Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G.Bradbury

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. Our choir will resume rehearsals after Labor Day; it would be wonderful to use instrumentalists during the summer months.

**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 August 3. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

St. John's Chat is a great way to keep up with St. John's news and information! If you are not subscribed to this list, please email office@stjohnsmlb.org. Note that this is separate from the weekly "St. John's eNews" which comes out every Thursday at 4 p.m. You may request a subscription to that list as well!

**PRAYER IS AVAILABLE** at the altar rail immediately following the service.

A PRAYER REQUEST Box is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish

Hall.

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden. Please contact Deborah at farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

St. John's Outreach Focus for July & August is our new Outreach partner, Complementary Cancer Care. Gail Dunbar, parishioner, and choir member, is on the advisory board for this organization. A non-profit program that offers free counseling, transportation, yoga, art, support groups, wigs and head coverings, and many other resources to complement traditional cancer treatments. They are funded by donations and grants. The organization was founded by an oncology nurse, a yoga instructor, and an engineer. The current president is a licensed clinical social worker and herself a cancer survivor.

**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:** Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9,18-23



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 mhighland?@gmail.com.

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

Sun. (7/9) Adult & Youth Christian Education on hiatus until September 10.

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

Mon. (7/10) AA, Parish Hall, 7 p.m.

Tues. (7/11) Cub Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m., Boy Scouts at 7 p.m.

Fri (7/14) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (7/16) Adult & Youth Christian Education on hiatus until September 10.

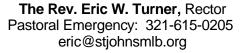
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

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

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