



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 24, 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

Prelude and fugue in F

J. S. Bach

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver
 on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his
 sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.
 round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the

people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against

the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recited responsively by half verse

Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see

you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA *(sung by the choir)*

All stand, as able

My heart hath trusted in God, and I am helped: therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him. Unto thee will I cry O Lord: be not silent, O God nor depart from me. Ps. 28:8

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’

He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them,

‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to

me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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 I, 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

Holy Faith Church, Dunnellon, and All Saints’ Church, Enterprise.

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

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, Presiding Bishop, for Justin, 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, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, Ricky, and Geoffrey.**

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 list. *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 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, Anthem:

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me;"

As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store;

from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, make us hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Presentation Hymn 544, "Jesus shall reign"

Tune: DUKE STREET

Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun doth his suc -
ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn "Jesus shall reign". Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

LM

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus, S-129

Setting: Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven,

Hal-lo-wed be thy name! Thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in

hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-

give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-

li-ver us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom, and the po-wer and the

glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er! A - - - men!

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,

Versets

Paul Tournemire

The Postcommunion 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

Hymn 551, "Rise up, ye saints of God"

Tune: FESTAL SONG

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long; Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Improvisation on FESTAL SONG



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Most classical hymns are Biblically oriented, and “Glorious things of thee are spoken” has references to Isaiah 33:20-21, Psalm 87:3, I Peter 2, Revelation 1, and Exodus 13:22. The author, John Newton (1725-1807), most famous for “Amazing grace,” included this in his *Olney Hymns*, written to educate his congregation about the Bible. Like all good hymn writers, Newton knew that hymns are excellent tools for teaching Biblical truth and wisdom, and should be sung with an open and questing mind.

“A namby-pamby, childish style is most unpleasing to children. It is surprising how soon they can understand and follow a high order of poetry.” Thus wrote Cecil Frances Alexander, author of the hymn “Jesus calls us.” She was a 19th century educator in her native Ireland and wrote many hymns for children to illuminate and expand the Catechism – on Baptism, the Creed, the Commandments, Prayer and the Lord’s Supper. This hymn was originally intended for St. Andrew’s day.

A “verset” is a short phrase from a sacred book and in music it usually refers to a brief organ piece designed for use in the Eucharist. Charles Tournemire (1870-1939) was a French composer and organist most famous for his improvisation at the Basilica of St. Clotilde in Paris. These little versets were almost undoubtedly some of his improvisations that were later written down. His output of eight symphonies, four operas, twelve chamber works and eighteen piano pieces is largely forgotten, but his organ music – and especially his virtuosic *Tu es Petra* (Thou art the Rock) – is still frequently heard on recitals.

Our closing hymn, “Rise up, ye saints of God” was written by William P. Merrill (1867-1954) and was originally written (“Rise up, O men of God”) specifically for men, inspired by the need of a brotherhood hymn for the Presbyterian Brotherhood Movement. Merrill was a famous Presbyterian pastor in Chicago, who later became one of three writers to serve Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City – the others being Henry Van Dyke and Maltbie D. Babcock. In the widespread hymnic revisions of the 1970's and 80's many texts were changed to reflect the move toward more inclusivity and to remove what was seen as sexism. (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

We need your help in identifying and recruiting additional singers for our choir. If you know of unchurched singers please let Dr. D. know.



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: Teresa Chernault, Paul Burluson, Bill McDanel.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

ADULT AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is back! **The Adults** will continue our study of the epistles of John in the Parish Hall. These give us a slightly different insight into the writer to whom much of the New Testament is attributed and who has had a great influence on the theology of the church for over two millenia.

The Youth will meet in the chapel.

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

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.

TAPPING THE BIG QUESTIONS gathers again a week from Tuesday (Oct. 3) at 7 - 8:30 p.m.,e Intracoastal Brewery, Eau Gallie Blvd, in Eau Gallie. Come and bring a friend!



FAMILY PROMISE: Our Family Promise team is in need of single bed sheets, wash cloths, and hand towels, (gently used, or new.) There is a box in the Parish Hall, please place your donations there. If you are able to assist as a volunteer at our next hosting beginning October 29, please speak to Linda Fletcher or Ben Kendall for details. Volunteers needed for overnight hosts, meal prep and Saturday hosting (2 hour shifts).

CHORAL EVENSONG on October 8! Worship at 7, dinner at 6. Posters available for you to place wherever you can. Please like and share social media posts when they are out! Plan now to invite a friend!

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	September 24	October 1
Greeters	A. Weeks Rev. S. Davidson	A. Weeks A. Lacy
Ushers	B. Chernault J. Miller	L. Fletcher J. Miller
LEM	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	D. Miller-Caldwell
Daughter	T. Chernault	L. Miller
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury

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.

DAILY BREAD: If you can help serve please contact the office or Jackie Bond. The next duty day is Oct 5.

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!

WOMEN'S VIA DE CRISTO WEEKEND will be held at Christ Central, Cocoa, October 19-22. Contact Fr. Terry or Mary for further information.

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 September is the Children's Hunger Project. You can help ensure that children have meals on weekends. During the school year the project serves over 2,000 meal packages every week to over 45 elementary schools and to maintain the current service costs approximately \$40,000 per month. The pre-packaged meals are distributed directly into qualifying elementary aged student's backpacks on Friday afternoons and require no cooking. All offerings in the blue or lavender pew envelopes, or specifically marked "outreach" in the month of September will go to The Children's Hunger Project. of Brevard.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY information is available in the church newsletter, *The Good News*. Visit stjohnsmlb.org > About > Church Newsletters and full financial reports are available at stjohnsmlb.org .About > Vestry Documents.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32



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.

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Choral Evensong

Sunday, October 8
Free dinner at 6 p.m.
Evensong at 7 p.m.
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Excerpts from “The Mission of St. John’s”

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Soon after St. John’s doors were open for the first time, Mr. W.R. Harris, one of the original 29 members made the chancel furniture. The altar is a perfect gem; for elegance and artistic finish, is equal to, and rarely seen outside our cities. Mr. Harris also made the baptismal font and it shows his skill as a woodworker. Mr. Harris moved to Daytona where he passed away in 1899.

General John Breckenridge Castleman* and his wife were long-time winter members of St. John’s. After the General’s death in 1918, Mrs. Castleman donated an antique chair described as “oval, ornate and heavy” to be used as a Bishop’s chair.

*Born in Kentucky, John Castleman, at the age of 19, entered into Confederate service. He was promoted to major in 1864, and led guerrillas in the attempted burning of supply boats in St. Louis, Missouri and was arrested in October 1864 at Sullivan, Indiana. He was convicted of spying and sentenced to death, but his execution was stayed by Abraham Lincoln. Following the war, Castleman was exiled from the United States, and studied medicine in France. He was pardoned by president Andrew Johnson and returned to Kentucky in 1866.

He revived the Louisville Legion, a militia unit, in 1878 and became adjutant general of Kentucky in 1883. After the Spanish–American War, he was promoted to brigadier general and served as military governor of Puerto Rico.

Ed. note: A few printed copies of this book are available from the church office, but are available for loan only. The complete text is available on the church website: stjohnsmlb.org, point to About, then click on “A not so brief history of St. John’s”.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (9/24) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall
Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
AA, 3-4 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Mon (9/25) AA, 7-10 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (9/26) Scouts, 5:30-9 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (9/27) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thurs (9/28) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
- Fri (9/29) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
- Sun (9/30) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall
Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

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

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