



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

October 1, 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**.*

Gathering Music “What wondrous love is this”

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.


Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

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

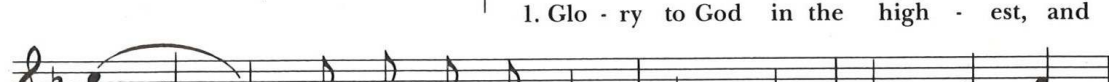
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gloria in excelsis

Setting: Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to

Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Recited responsively by half verse

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what
our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the
Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their
forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass
through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of

death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

Sung by the choir

All stand, as able

Alleluia. I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. *Alleluia.*

Matthew 21:23-32

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not

believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and

he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the

prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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. Thomas Church, Eustis and Christ Church, Fort Meade.

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

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.***

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, ***Shirley, Whitney, Lee,***

A friend, Carl, Mary. 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

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

All sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer C)

BCP, p. 369

At the Offertory, Anthem: *How lovely are thy dwellings fair*

Robert Powell

How lovely are thy dwellings fair,
O Lord of heaven above;
How blessed they now dwelling there
With thee, O Lord of love.

Blessed who in thy house reside,
They shall ever give thee praise!
Blessed they who in thy strength abide,
and in thy hearts thy ways.

They journey on from strength to strength
With joy and gladsome cheer,
'Till all before our God at length
In Zion do appear.

For God the Lord both sun and shield
Gives grace and glory bright;
No good from them shall be withheld
Whose ways are just and right.
How lovely thy dwellings fair!

Presentation Hymn 686, “Come thou fount of every blessing”

Tune: NETTLETON

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.

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.

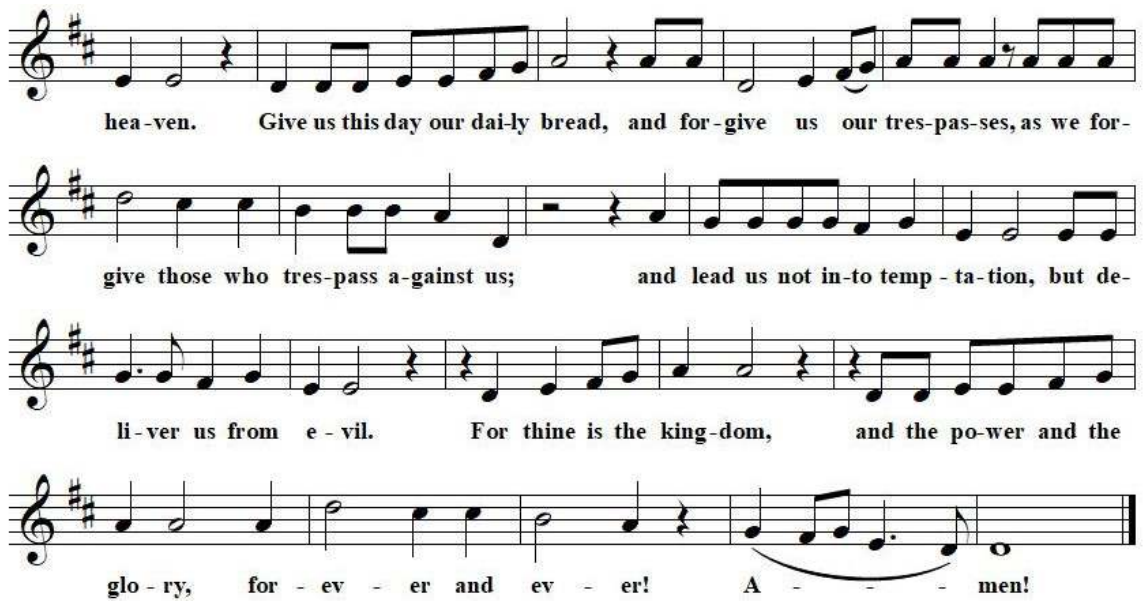
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***AMEN.***

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

The Lord's Prayer

Setting: Claire Toy





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, *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God)

Cunningham-Woods

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 344, "Lord dismiss us with they blessing"

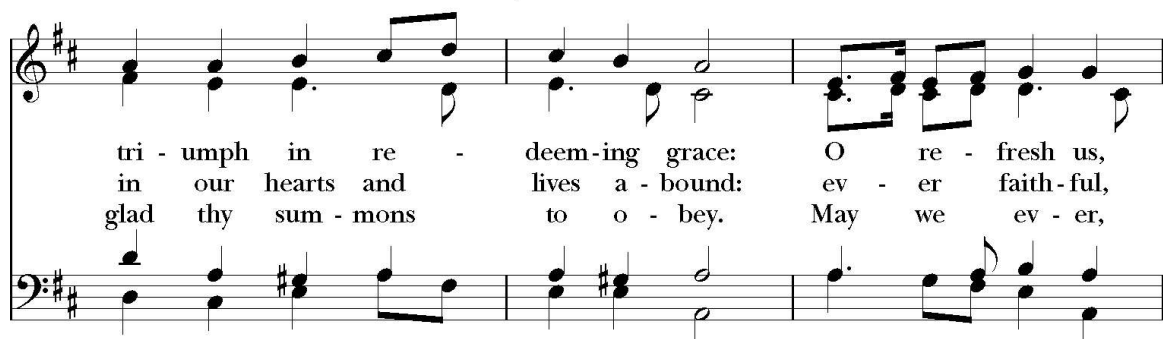
Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS



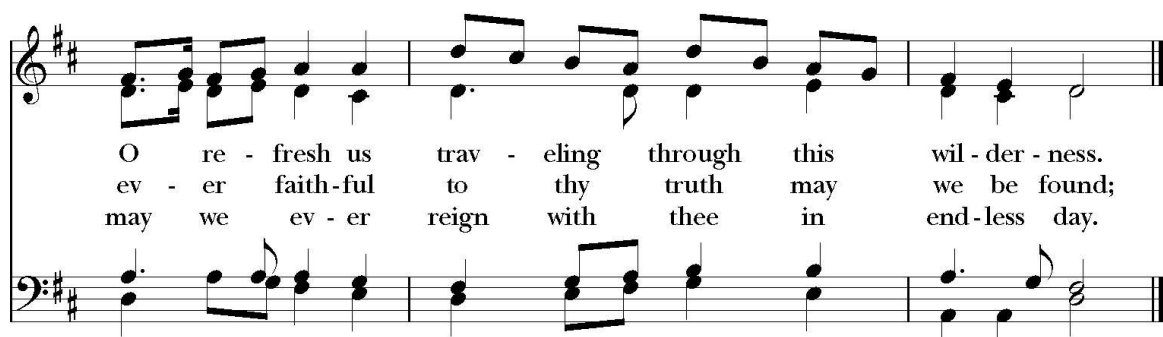
1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Improvisation



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

This morning we use three musical works of Robert J. Powell, one of the most influential composers of music for the Episcopal Church. Growing up in rural Mississippi, Robert Powell did not hear a choir of mixed voices until he heard the Louisiana State University Concert Choir during his first year in college. After graduating from LSU, he was drafted into the Army and sent to Tokyo, where he conducted a choir of American soldiers and Japanese women; their first big program was Handel's *Messiah*.

Powell was assistant organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, and later, as Director of Music and Organist at Christ Episcopal Church in Greenville, South Carolina, many organ collections and anthems were written, as was his Service of Holy Communion, from which we sing this morning. Dr. D. opines that he can play the first two measures of Powell's *Gloria* and 99.9% of all Episcopalians will begin to sing "Glory to God in the highest" from memory!

"What Wondrous Love Is This" is an American folk hymn. The melody for this hymn shows signs of Celtic influences, and the unusual meter is that of an old sea chanty about Captain Kidd. The tune first appeared in the valleys of the Southern Appalachians, where William Walker recorded it and included it in his historic *Southern Harmony* (1835). Each stanza has a single thought which is underscored by repetition, but it is the haunting melody which has made this hymn so popular in this country.

John Fawcett (1740-1817), author of "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" is best known for "Blest be the tie that binds," probably intended "Lord, Dismiss Us" for the last Sunday of the year, asking God's blessing on the new year. However, it is generally sung at the conclusion of worship as a choral benediction. The author was an English Baptist minister who wrote over 160 hymns, mostly to be sung after his sermons.

"Come, thou fount of every blessing" was written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790) and first found in *A Collection of Hymns* of 1759. Born of humble parents, Robinson could not afford schooling for the ministry, so was apprenticed at fourteen to a London barber and hairdresser. After a dissolute youth he was converted by George Whitefield and became a Calvinistic Methodist minister. Like the more famous John Newton's more famous "Amazing grace," his hymn is one of providence and grace. Like Jacob, who raised an Ebenezer (a stone altar which signified that God had brought him thus far), he confesses how great a debtor he is to the grace of God, as are we all. (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)



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: Steve Johnson, Grace Heusinkveld, Susan Badgio, Patty Stitzel.

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.

SUNDAY MINISTRY TRAINING for LEMs, Ushers, Daughters, Music Dir., and Altar Guild will be after the service on October 22.

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 THIS Tuesday (Oct. 3), 7 - 8:30 p.m., 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.) 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 NEXT SUNDAY, 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

	October 1	October 8
Greeters	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks K. Oas
Ushers	L. Fletcher J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller
LEM	R. Huffman	D. Miller-Caldwell
Altar Guild	D. Miller-Caldwell	K. Oas
Daughter	L. Miller	C. Turner
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 service 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.

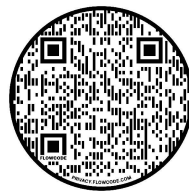
ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS for October is New Life Mission. They work to permanently break the generational cycle of homelessness by providing homeless women and their children housing, access to health care, child care, counseling, transportation, education, nutrition, job training, and life skills education in a safe setting. They recently established the New Life Village in Melbourne which will eventually serve 100 families in a safe environment carrying them from homelessness to self-sufficiency. For more information on this organization please visit NewLife-Mission.org.

Maria Santiago from New Life Mission will speak to the congregation today.

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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4-14, Matthew 21:33-46



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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QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

With our current 2024 stewardship campaign in progress, you are urged to consider this tax-saving strategy.

If you are older than 70.5 years and you possess an IRA or some other tax-deferred account, such as a 401(k), you are familiar with the term “required minimum distribution” (RMD); and should be able to realize a tax-saving benefit by donating to St. John’s utilizing a “qualified charitable distribution.”

A way to avoid paying taxes is to donate all or part of the RMD to St. John’s by taking a qualified charitable distribution. Your account trustee or financial advisor can explain the details of a qualified charitable distribution which must be sent directly to St. John’s Episcopal Church directly from the tax-deferred account.

In 2023, tax-deferred account owners over 73 years of age are required to withdraw a percentage of their tax-deferred accounts and pay taxes on that withdrawal. Consider donating all or part of it to St. John’s. It is particularly important for those who do not qualify for charitable deductions through the itemized deductions on Schedule A.

Contact your financial/tax advisor for more information.

From St. John’s Stewardship Team

Excerpts from “The Mission of St. John’s”

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In 1956 Fr. Cuthbertson spoke of the need of a larger chalice at St. John’s. The congregation was growing and the only chalice was very small and not adequate for the coming Palm Sunday and Easter Day communions. He asked each of the members to pray about this most fervently.

A few days later one of the parishioners, Robert Manders answered the sound of his door knocker and there stood a neighbor, Col. George Jacobs holding a beautiful silver chalice.

“I’ve come to see if you can find a home for this,” he said.

Col. Jacobs was stationed in Burma with the U.S. Military Assistance Forces during WWII. In 1944, he was about 200 miles north of Mandalay when the village beyond his office was in danger of being destroyed and so was being evacuated. In this village was a Church of England mission church. A native Christian lad went into the chapel to pray, and seeing the chalice and the need to safeguard it, took it to Col. Jacobs.

As the village was still inhabited when Col. Jacobs was transferred back to the States, and as there was no one to give it to, the chalice was still in his possession when he and his wife came to Florida to live.

After Col. Jacobs left that morning, Mr. Manders phoned Fr. Cuthbertson and when the vicar heard the wonderful news, he said, ‘Truly, this is an answer to prayer, and the silver chalice from Burma has found a blessed and thankful home.’

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

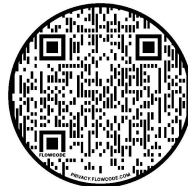
- Sun (10/1) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall
Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m.
- Mon (10/2) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall.
AA, 7-10 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (10/3) Scouts, 5:30-9 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (10/4) AA, Business Mtg, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thurs (10/5) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri (10/6) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
- Sun (10/8) 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.
Choral Evensong, 5:30-8 p.m., Parish Hall and Sanctuary.

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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