



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

October 8, 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

ON WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Gant

Hymn 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

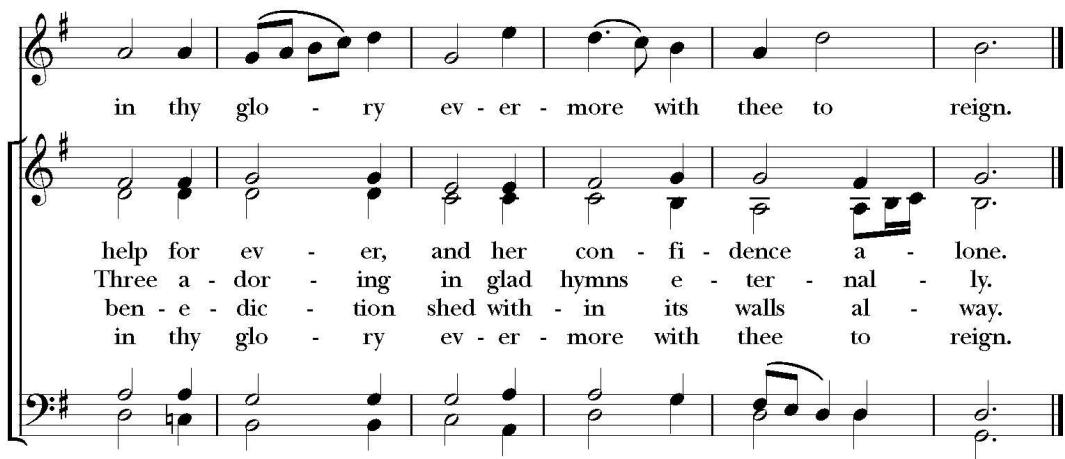
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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

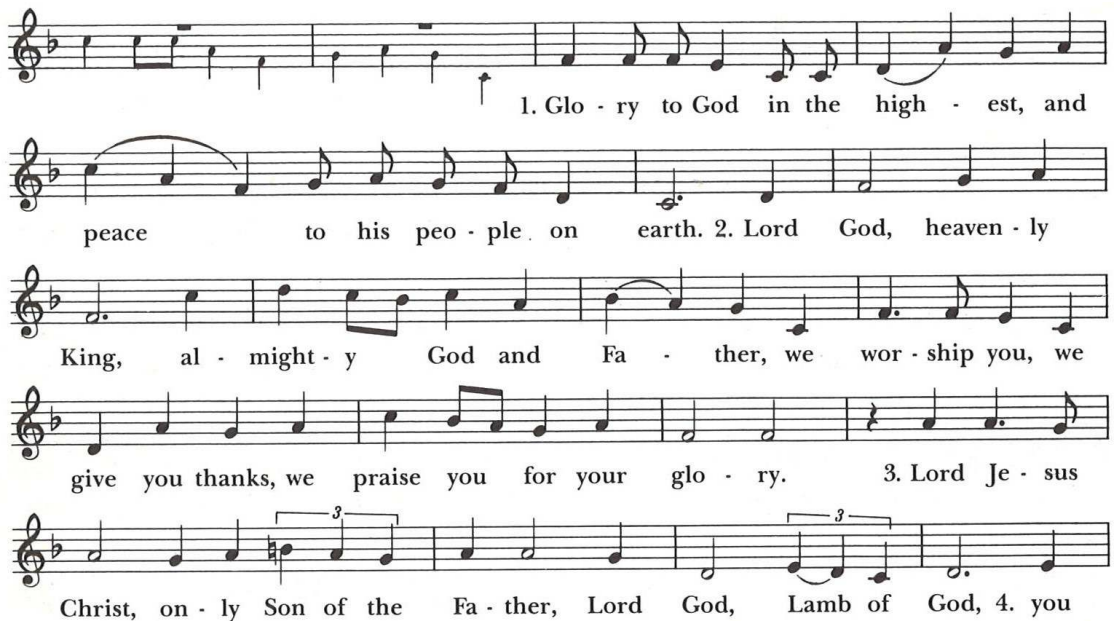
Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

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 - might - y 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

Recited responsively by half verse

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; *

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Philippians 3:4-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

All stand, as able

Alleluia. Look upon thy covenant, O Lord: and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever. Arise, O Lord, maintain thine own cause: remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily. *Alleluia.* (Ps 74:21,20)

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the

produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 IV, BCP, p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Andrew's Church, Fort Pierce, and St. Simon the Cyrenian Church, Fort Pierce.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

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.*** *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

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, ***Whitney, Lee, A friend, Carl, Mary, and Charlene.*** *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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, Spiritual:

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

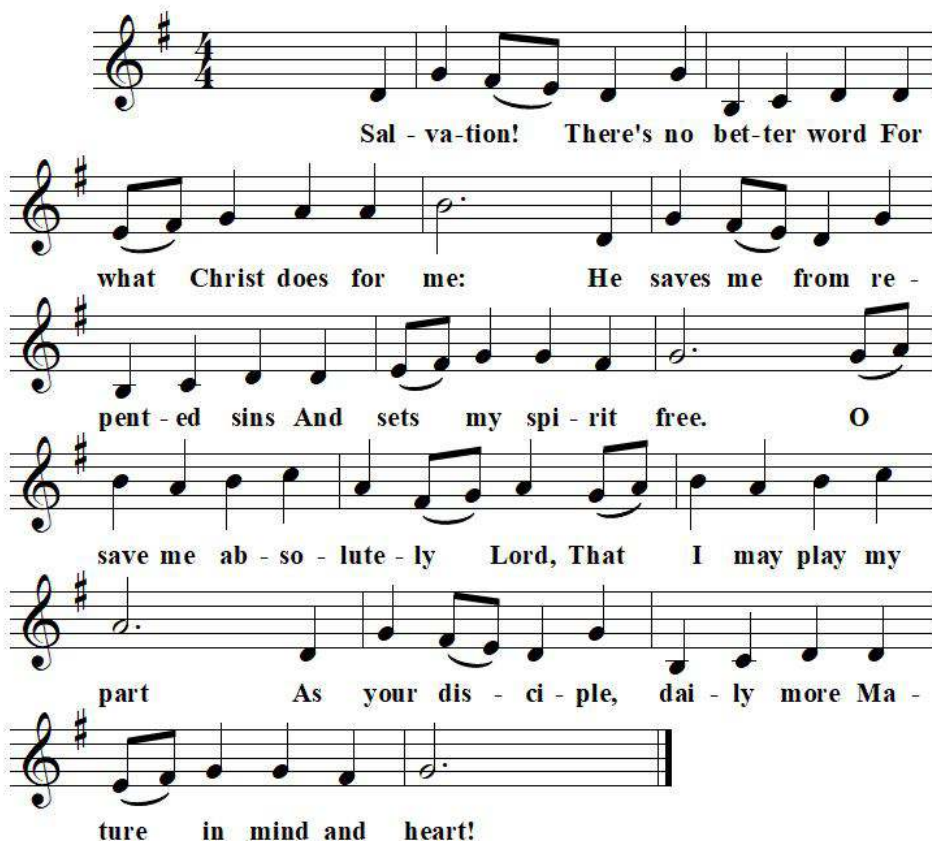
Traditional

Hasty Miller, Bass

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.

That Jordan river is chilly and cold,
It chills the body but not the soul.
There's not but one train runs this track,
Runs to heaven and runs right back.



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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-tation, 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, Hymn, “This is the hour of banquet and of song” Tune: CANTICUM REFECTIONIS



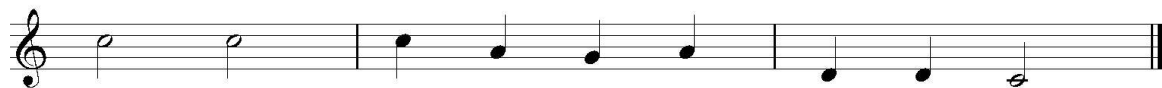
1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;
 3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
 yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,



here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the
 the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou
 giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the



brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
 still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.
 Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

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 536, "Open your ears O faithful people"

Tune: TORAH SONG



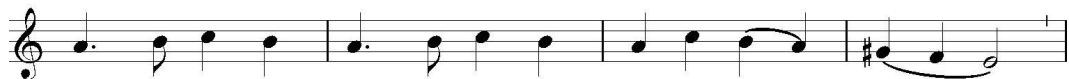
1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
 3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
 4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
 they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
 Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
 o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
 way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
 peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
 roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.



God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!



And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -



jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,



Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
 To - rah o - ra,



words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune in D

Jeremiah Clarke



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The Episcopal Church has a long and rich history of music in its liturgy with distinct roles for choir and congregation. When music notation is provided in our Sunday Bulletin it is an invitation for whole-hearted congregational participation. Even if you think you “don't sing” simply reading the words while they are being sung keeps you a full participant in the liturgy, as does careful listening when the choir sings. St. Augustine is reported to have said, “He who sings, prays twice.”

Translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866), “Christ is made the sure foundation” is an ancient Latin hymn from the 7th century about blessed Jerusalem and is based on St. Paul's description of the church in Ephesians 2:20, 21: “build upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner-stone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.” As “living stones” we are joined together to form a “spiritual house” with Christ as the foundation of all. (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

As today's final hymn we sing a traditional *Hora*, a Jewish dance song, to the text “Open your ears, O faithful people” – a reminder that God's gifts to us are boundless and that we must respond with our own gifts to Him. At the autumn festival of *Simchas Torah* observant Jews dance with the *Torah* scrolls (our books of *Genesis*, *Exodus*, *Leviticus*, *Numbers* and *Deuteronomy*) to celebrate the gift of God's word. As we sing *Torah ora* (The Law is our Light) let us do so with exuberance in our gratitude for all we are given.

William Dawson's arrangements of traditional African-American spirituals are widely published in the United States and are regularly performed by church, school, college and community choral programs. According to Dominique-René de Lerma of Lawrence University in notes to “The Spirituals of William L. Dawson” produced by The St. Olaf Choir in 1997, “What is even more striking than the richness of Dawson's textures is the lushness of his sonorities, exhibiting his remarkable insight into vocal potentials.” While this morning's version of “Ev'ry time” is much simplified, it owes a lot to Dawson's arrangement.



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: Richard Huffman.

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 CHURCH FALL CLEAN-UP DAY: is Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 to 1:00, with a rain date of Saturday, November 11. Come out and enjoy the weather and your church family to help with cleaning up the church grounds and special projects inside the church buildings. There will be a board listing the tasks/projects that need to be done posted in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to accomplish the task/project. If you cannot make it on Saturday, November 4, please feel free to work on the task/project anytime during the month of November. The goal is to have St. John's church and grounds ready for the Christmas season. If you have any questions, please contact the Jr. Warden at 321-446-7208 or FARXPERT@gmail.com

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.

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 TODAY, October 8! Worship at 7, dinner at 6. Please like and share social media posts when they are out! Plan now to invite a friend!

DAILY BREAD: If you can help serve please contact the office or Jackie Bond. The next service day is Nov 2.

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.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	October 8	October 15
Greeters	A. Weeks K. Oas	A. Weeks J. Miller
Ushers	J. Bond L. Miller	B. Chernault L. Fletcher
LEM	D. Miller-Caldwell	J. Bond
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett
Daughter	C. Turner	T. Chernault
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury

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

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.

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 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14



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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MEMORIES OF ST. JOHN'S

In 1925 a parishioner donated a small reed organ to the church; however, the Florida climate caused the keys to stick constantly. Many technicians were called in to work on the small organ but unfortunately nothing seemed to work leaving the choir and the vicar with a very limited number of hymns that could be sung using the keys that did not stick. Much later a note was found inside the organ that read, 'This organ can be fixed only by the grace of God.'

You will all remember the organ fund drive in 2020 spearheaded by Hasty Miller to replace the console in the 100-year-old organ we use today and the enormous task of hauling it into the choir loft. (Featured in the January-February 2021, and May-June, 2021 Good News)

This was not the first time Hasty was involved in such a maneuver. Some years ago, a grand piano was donated to the church by Barbara Kreher, the music director and with Hasty's expertise it was hoisted into the loft using a hand winch and rigging similar to those used in sailing. Each time there is a challenge at St. John's, a solution is never far behind.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

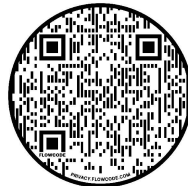
- Sun (10/8) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall
Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
Choral Evensong, 7 p.m.; Supper at 6 p.m.
- Mon (10/9) AA, 7-10 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (10/10) Scouts, 5:30-9 p.m., Parish Hall.
Outreach Meeting, 7 p.m. Zoom only.
- Wed (10/11) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thurs (10/12) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m., Parish Hall
Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
- Fri (10/13) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
- Sun (10/15) 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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Susan Badgio, Assistant Treasurer
Katie Wilson, Secretary

Serving thru 1/2024

Skip Alcorn, Susan Badgio,
Deborah Miller-Caldwell

Serving thru 1/2025

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Serving thru 1/2026

Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy,