

Third Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist: Rite II January 21, 2024 10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome today if your heart is singing, and welcome if your heart is breaking. Welcome if you're anxious about tomorrow, and welcome if you don't have a care in the world. Welcome if your conscience is troubling you, and welcome if you're barely able to contain your experience of forgiveness.

> Welcome if you leapt out of bed this morning, and welcome if you had to drag yourself out. Welcome to you if this is your first visit, and welcome to you if you have barely missed a single Sunday since you first became a part of this community.

Whether you are here as a wanderer or a pilgrim, a seeker or a skeptic, a saint or a sinner, a regular or a visitor, a friend or a stranger; you are welcome! And we invite you to belong here even before you believe.

(Adapted from Liverpool Cathedral)

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 "I will :	follow"
 Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay When You move, I'll move, I will follow. All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone. Higher than my side, high above my life I will trust in You alone. <i>Refrain:</i> Where You go, I'll go, where You stay, I'll stay When You move, I'll move, I will follow You Who You love, I'll love, How You serve I'll serve If this life I lose, I will follow You 	Light unto the world, light unto my life I will live for You alone You're the one I seek, knowing I will find All I need in You alone, in You alone. <i>Refrain</i> <i>Bridge:</i> In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul In You there's joy, unending joy, and I will follow. <i>Refrain</i>

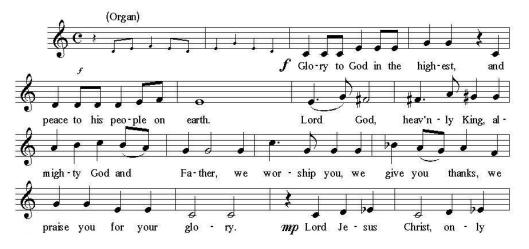
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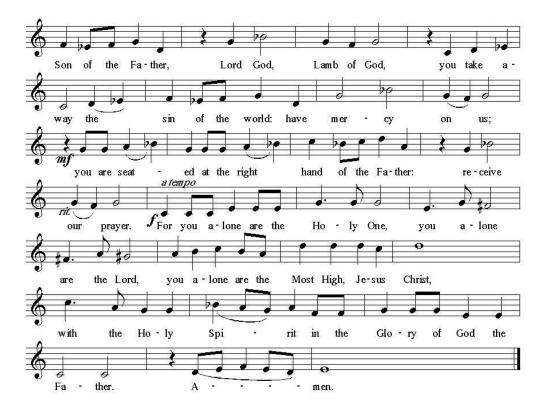
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355 And blessed be his kingdom, now, and for ever. Amen.

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

Davidson





COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh

was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they

proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.	about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.	
When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind		
Psalm 62:6-14	Recited responsively by half verse	
For God alone my soul in silence waits; * <i>truly, my hope is in him.</i>	On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * <i>all of them together</i> .	
He alone is my rock and my salvation, * <i>my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.</i>	Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take n empty pride; *	
In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.	though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.	
Put your trust in him always, O people, * <i>pour out your hearts before him, for God is our</i>		
refuge.	Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *	
Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * <i>even those of low estate cannot be trusted.</i>	for you repay everyone according to his deeds	

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with

the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*



Repeat Alleluia as needed

Mark 1:14-20

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

A fter John was arrested, Jesus came to	fish for people." And immediately they left their
A Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,	nets and followed him. As he went a little
and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the	farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his
kingdom of God has come near; repent, and	brother John, who were in their boat mending the
believe in the good news."	nets. Immediately he called them; and they left
As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into	their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.
the sea – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you	1

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 Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando, and Christ the King Church, Orlando.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The United Church of South India. *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, Andrew, Brandon, Bryan, Caleb, Danielle, Eric, Geoffrey, Harry, Jay, John, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., Matthew M., Murray, Ricky, and Sarah. 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, *Richard, Patty, and Roberta*. *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 the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or

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All sit

peace and those commanded to fight; for and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their We pray for all your precious may live and serve you in newness of life, to the decisions. children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Christ our Lord. Amen. Prince of Peace. Amen. The Priest stands and says Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you The celebrant adds a concluding collect. all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, Let us confess our sins against God and our strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power neighbor. of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in Amen. your compassion forgive us our sins, known

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving	(Eucharistic P	Prayer A)	BCP, p. 361
At the Offertory, Canticle	Jubilate L	Deo	C. V. Stanford
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and o His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us and not w we are His people, we are His people sheep of His pasture.	come before ar be N e ourselves; Fo ple, and the ev	go your way into His gates with ad into his courts with praise: thankful unto Him, and spec- fame. or the Lord is gracious, verlasting, and His truth eneration to generation.	eak good of His His mercy is

Presentation Hymn 408, "Sing praise to God"



All things come of Thee, O Lord. *And of Thine own have we given Thee.*

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

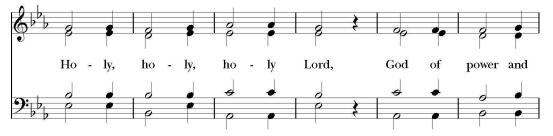
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always

and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

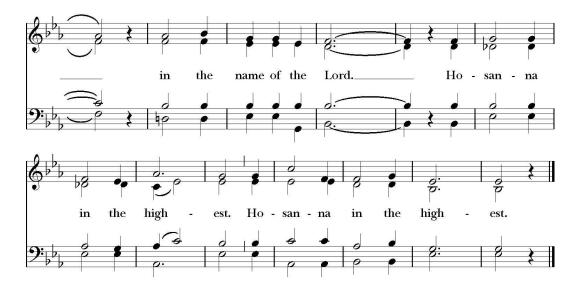


Setting: Franz Schubert



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Please kneel, as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints nto the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. **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

The Postcommunion PrayerAll kneel, as ableBCP, 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 381, "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"



The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Improvisation on TON-Y-BOTEL

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

As one of the principal Canticles for Morning Prayer, a setting of the Jubilate Deo was sung nearly every Sunday in British parishes and "Stanford in B-flat" was undoubtedly the most frequently used. Dr. D. opines that it (and its brother Canticle, the Te Deum) may well be the most frequently performed music in the history of the English-speaking church.

Martin H. Franzmann (1907-1966) wrote "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness" in 1954 for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and based it on the seminary motto "Anothen to Phos" (From the Light). It is a powerful, positive text on the strength of God's Word – in creation, in sending salvation, in redemption on the cross, and in sanctification. Our hymnal omits stanza five (present in the original printing in The Lutheran Hymnal of 1969) in which all our body vocal parts are called upon to sing "Alleluias without end!" (from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace.)

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

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



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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: Woody Turner, Douglas Ludwig, Kathy Oas, Nicole Tuten, Jan Archey.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

ADULT AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: On hiatus until Feb 4.

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

COFFEE HOUR. A sign-up sheet to bring snacks, or assist with set-up/clean-up, on Sunday morning is in the Parish Hall.

St. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held NEXT Sunday, Jan. 28 beginning at 8:30 in the Parish Hall. We will elect 5 new vestry members (additional nominations may be made), hear the finance report for 2023 and 2024, hear about the Diocesan Convention and discuss other parts of our life and mission. Don't miss it!

DAILY BREAD: If you can help serve please contact the office or Jackie Bond. The next service day is Feb 1.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Jan 21	Jan 28	Feb 4
Greeters	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks S. Davidson	A. Weeks A. Lacy
Ushers	J. & J. McLaughlin	L. Fletcher J. Miller	J. & S. Hamilton
LEM	K. Oas	D. Miller- Caldwell	J. Bond
Altar Gld	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
Daughter	L. Fletcher	T. Chernault	
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

BURNING THE PALMS: If you saved palms or palm crosses from previous years and would like us to burn them on Shrove Tuesday, to be used on Ash Wednesday please bring them to the church before Feb. 11, and place them in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary.

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

PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately

following the service.

A PRAYER REQUEST Box is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in t h e 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.

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.

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 the month of January is the Clergy Fund. These funds are not adequately supported through the regular parish budget. The funds are used to provide assistance by way of gift cards to people in need, for which we get calls and requests almost daily. Please support this worthy Outreach fund. Contributions marked for outreach will go directly to the Clergy Discretionary Fund.

DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE! You can now make a safe and convenient donation to St. John's via PayPal. Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Donate Now!



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28, Psalm 111 . To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (1/21)	Christian Education on hiatus until Feb 4 Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed. Young Peoples AA, 4 p.m., Parish Hall.
Mon (1/22)	AA, 7 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tues (1/23)	Scouts, 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Wed (1/24)	Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
Thurs (1/25)	Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m., Parish Hall Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's Office Evening Prayer, 6 p.m. Sanctuary Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m. Chapel
Fri (1/26)	TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
Sun (1/28)	Christian Education on hiatus until Feb 4 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.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

... is a worshiping community, guided by scripture, growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.

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