

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 28, 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.

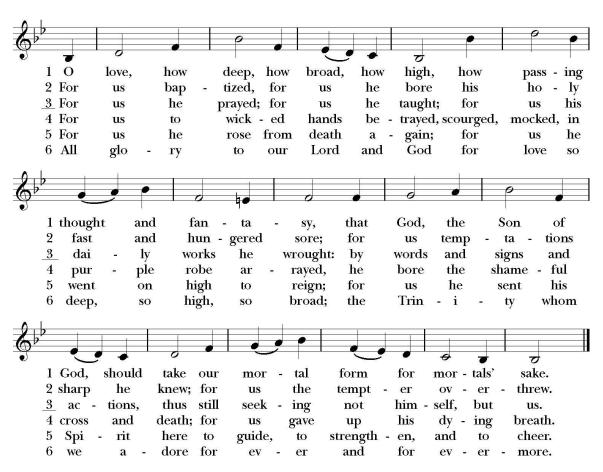
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.

Voluntary on

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

Gerhard Krapf



Hymn 448, "O love, how deep, how broad, how high"

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

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.*



COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet,

Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! * *they are studied by all who delight in them.*

His work is full of majesty and splendor, * *and his righteousness endures for ever.*

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * *the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.*

who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak – that prophet shall die."

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

Recited responsively by half verse

He gives food to those who fear him; * *he is ever mindful of his covenant.*

He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, * *because they are done in truth and equity.*

He sent redemption to his people; he

All sit

commanded his covenant for ever; * *holy and awesome is his Name.*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and

wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

Gradual and Alleluia

Repeat Alleluia as needed

All stand, as able



Mark 1:21-28

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit,

convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Justin, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of the Ascension, Orlando, and Church of the Holy Family, Orlando.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this

life.

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.

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, Roberta, Lloyd, and Carl. Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

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 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.	Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you			
The Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you. <i>And also with you.</i>				
Announcements	All sit			
Birthday and Anniversary Prayer				
THE HOLY COMMUNION				
The Great Thanksgiving(Eucharist)	<i>c Prayer A)</i> BCP, p. 361			
At the Offertory, AnthemO Savior of	f the world John Goss			

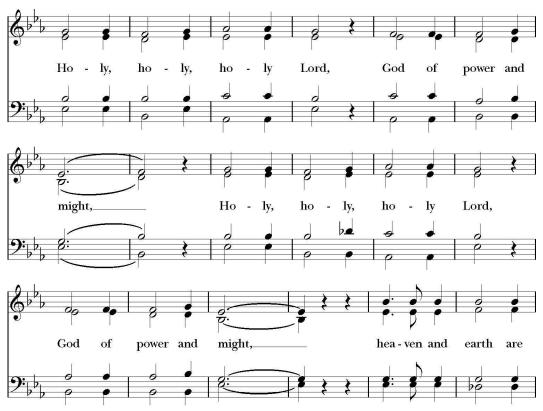
O Savior of the world, who by Thy Cross and Save us, and help us we humbly beseech Thee O precious Blood hast redeemed us: Lord. *Amen.*

Presentation Hymn 530, "Spread, O spread thou mighty Word" Tune: GOTT SEI DANK P 1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y spread the king-dom word, of the Lord, word for which the 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, na - tions long, to earth's re - mot - est bound joy - ful sound; that all may heed the 1 spread a - broad, un - til from night the world a wakes to light. 5 all

All things come of Thee, O Lord. And of Thine own have we given Thee.	and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because in
And of Thine own have we given Thee.	
The Lord be with you. <i>And also with you.</i>	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
Lift up your hearts.	Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
We lift them to the Lord.	Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	Angels and Archangels and with all the company
It is right to give him thanks and praise.	of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always	proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus, S-130

Setting: Franz Schubert





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.



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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 536, "God has spoken to his people"



[&]quot;Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

on Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (Praise be to Thee, Jesus Christ) Samuel Scheidt

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

This morning's opening voluntary may be the most dissonant piece Dr. D. will ever play for worship services. To the casual listener it may sound like chaos but the more careful listener will be able to discern the tune of our first hymn, and both motivic and rhythmic inner organization.

Of German birth, Gerhard Krapf (1924-2008) is notable as a composer contributing to the Lutheran series *The Liturgical Organist*, from which we hear this hymn setting. Krapf taught at the University of Alberta from 1977 to 1987.

"O love, how deep, how broad, how high" is attributed to Thomas à Kempis (1379-1471) and first found in the 15th century Karlsruhe manuscript. We sing this text today in the translation by Benjamin Webb (1819-1885). Of it, the American hymnodist Austin Lovelace observes, "Is it really possible to measure the dimensions of the love of God – how deep, how broad, how high? This ancient hymn attempts to do it by rehearsing the entire life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ plus the sending of the Holy Spirit. And all of Christ's life and work was "for us" – a phrase which is repeated over and over." (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace0

Sir John Goss's anthem is a standard work in the choral repertory and a beautiful example of inner counterpoint, rich harmony, and careful attention to the text. Dr. D maintains that there are only two reasons for having music in the liturgy: either it must bind the community or, it must illuminate the Word. Goss's setting of this text is in excellent example of the latter use.

As to "binding the community," today's closing hymn is 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.

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

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK!

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



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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ashley Campbell, Tyler Heusinkveld.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Jim & Amy Lacy.

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 today, 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.

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.

LENT AT ST. JOHN'S

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Free supper w/ live Dixieland jazz February 13, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship February 14, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays, Beginning February 21 5:30 - Soup is on; 6-7 - Program Unanswered Prayer From the makers of the "Alpha Course"

Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 10 6 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m. Evensong

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS. As in past years, we will ask certain groups around church to make a special effort to provide soup on certain Wednesdays. Here's the schedule:

February 21 - Vestry February 28 - Choir March 6 - Lay Readers, LEMs, Altar, Flowers March 20 - Ushers and Greeters March 27 - Daughters of the King

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

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

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Jan 28	Feb 4	Feb 11
Greeters	A. Weeks S. Davidson	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks K. Oas
Ushers	L. Fletcher J. Miller	J. & S. Hamilton	J. Bond L. Miller
LEM	D. Miller- Caldwell	J. Bond	M. Salmon
Altar Gld	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	D. Miller- Caldwell
Daughter	T. Chernault	J. McLaughlin	L. Fletcher
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

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.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39, Psalm 147:1-12, 21. 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 (1/28)	St. John's Annual Meeting, 8.30 a.m. Parish Hall. Christian Education on hiatus until Feb 4 Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed. AA, 4 p.m., Parish Hall.
Mon (1/29)	AA, 7 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tues (1/30)	Scouts, 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall. Outreach Meeting, 7 p.m., Zoom only.
Wed (1/31)	Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
Thurs (2/1)	Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's Office. Evening Prayer, 6 p.m., Sanctuary. Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel.
Fri (2/2)	TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
Sun (2/4)	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.

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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