

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist: Rite II February 14, 2024 12 noon (without music), 7 p.m. (with music)

### Welcome to St. John's!

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit."

(Psalm 51:11-13)



## **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**.

The people enter in silence.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

His mercy endures forever.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near — a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering

for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103

In unison

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \* and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \* and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins \* and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave \* and crowns you with mercy and

loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, \* and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness \* and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses \* and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, \* nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*

nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, \* so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, \* so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, \* so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made; \* he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are like the grass; \* we flourish like a flower of the field;

When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \* and its place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, \* and his righteousness on children's children;

On those who keep his covenant \* and remember his commandments and do them.

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \* and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \* and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \* you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \* bless the Lord, O my soul.

## 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors,

sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, do not requite us according to the sins we have committed\* or according to our iniquity. Lord, remember not our sins of old;

let your compassion come speedily to meet us,\* for we are brought very low. Help us, O God, our Savior,

and for the glory of your name, deliver us, O Lord;\* and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

## Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your

Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON All sit

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.

The Priest invites the people to the observance of Lent

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

All kneel as silence is kept for a time.

#### THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Priest blesses the ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen*.

The ashes are imposed with the following words Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

DURING THE IMPOSITION

Psalm 51:1-18

Tonus peregrinus

#### LITANY OF PENITENCE

and by what we have left undone.

BCP, p. 267

The Priest and People together, all kneeling Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done,

#### The Priest continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

## Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

## Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

## We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

## We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

## We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

# We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

## We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

## Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

## Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, *Accept our repentance*, *Lord*.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Priest, stands and, facing the people, says Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy

Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last

we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Peace All stand, as able

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

**Announcements** All sit

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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**AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM** Blow up the trumpet in Zion

J. F. Davidson

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near.

AT THE PRESENTATION, Hymn, "Again we keep this solemn fast" Tune: WINCHESTER NEW



Attributed to Pope Gregory the Great c.540-604; tr. by Peter J. Scugnelli, b.1949 Text © 1970 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission under OneLicense A-731798 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.* 

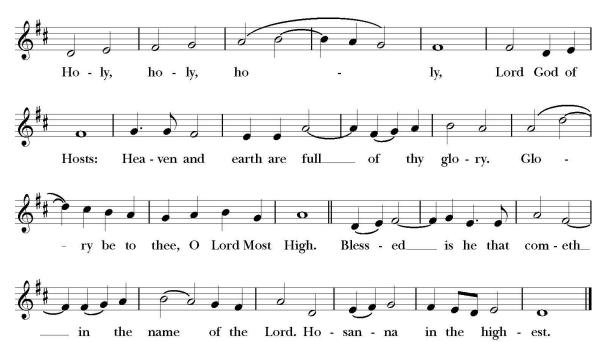
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father

Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

### **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

Setting: Healey Willan



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 into 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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.* 

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet, to which all adults and children are invited. If you are a baptized Christian of any tradition (and regardless of your current status in any other church) we welcome you to receive communion with this community of God's people. At the time of communion, the ushers will indicate when your row should come forward. Please come to the altar rail; you may stand or kneel. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands; the appropriate response is "Amen." When the chalice of wine comes, you may drink from it directly, hold out your bread for the minister to dip it in the wine for you, or decline it by crossing your arms over your chest. If for any reason you prefer not to receive the bread and wine, or if you have not been

Baptized, you may either: come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing; or, remain in the pew, pray as you might wish, and enjoy the music.

### AT THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION Eat this bread

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THE POST-COMMUNION 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 143,** "The glory of these forty days"



**Dismissal** BCP, p. 366

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

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Thanks be to God! (The customary "Alleluia's" are omitted during Lent.)

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 $\mathbb{H}$  $\mathbb{X}$  $\mathbb{H}$  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. There are no altar flowers during the season of Lent. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

### LENT AT ST. JOHN'S

Ash Wednesday Worship February 14, Noon, & 7 p.m.

## **Lenten Soup Suppers**

Wednesday, Beginning February 21 5:30 - Soup is on; 6-7 - Program Unanswered Prayer Led by Fr. Eric Turner

## **Choral Evensong**

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

Music ат 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.

Adult and Youth Christian Education is back! The Adults continue our study of the epistle of John in the Parish Hall. The Youth will meet in the chapel.

**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 13 - Ushers and Greeters

March 20 - Daughters of the King

We will make this available via Zoom for those who cannot attend, but in-person participation is strongly encouraged!

We need you and you need the church!

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!

### **SUNDAY MINISTRIES**

|           | Feb 18                      | Feb 25                  | Mar 3                 |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Greeters  | A. Weeks<br>J. Miller       | A. Weeks<br>S. Davidson | A. Weeks              |
| Ushers    | L. Fletcher<br>B. Chernault | J. & S.<br>Hamilton     |                       |
| LEM       | D. Miller-<br>Caldwell      | J. Bond                 |                       |
| Altar Gld | L. Bennett                  | M. Salmon               |                       |
| Daughter  | T. Chernault                | L. Miller               |                       |
| Counter   | K. Wilson                   | K. Wilson               | K. Wilson             |
| A/V       | B. Kendall<br>V. Mitz       | B. Kendall<br>V. Mitz   | B. Kendall<br>V. Mitz |

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

**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.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Our next hosting begins May 5 through May 12. If you are able to assist as a volunteer please speak to Linda Fletcher or Ben Kendall for details.

**DAILY BREAD:** Additional servers would be most welcome for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The upcoming duty day is March 7. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

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 February is Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, particularly for their facility on Fee Ave. that houses homeless vets and their families as they search for work, and gain permanent living quarters and transportation. The organization is a not-for-profit and receives a portion of their funding from the Veterans Administration, therefore they are audited weekly. Additional information may be found at vietnamandallveteransofbrevard.com.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY** information is available in the church newsletters, *The Good News*. Visit stjohnsmlb.org > About > Church Newsletters. More detailed reports are available from the church office.

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**Readings for next Sunday:** Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15, Psalm 25:1-9. 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 mhighland7gmail.com.

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Wed (2/14) Ash Wednesday Worship, Noon, with imposition of ashes. Also Live Streamed.

Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., with imposition of ashes and music. In person only.

Thurs (2/15) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m. Rector's office.

Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m., Parish Hall.

Fri (2/16) TGIF Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (2/17) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall

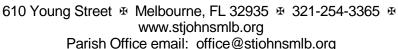
Youth, 9 a.m., in the Chapel.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > 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

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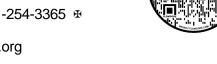
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