

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 18, 2024
10 a.m.

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.

There are no organ voluntaries (prelude and postlude) during Lent

THE GREAT LITANY (*please participate using the insert*),

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds

over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

Recited responsively by half verse

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you –

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual and Tract

All stand, as able

Cantor: The Organist/Choirmaster

He who abides in the shelter of the Most High,* shall remain under the protection of the Lord of Heaven.

For he has set me free from the snare of the fowler,*
and from cutting words.

He shall say to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge;*
my God, in whom I trust.

He will conceal you with his pinions,*
and under his wings you will find refuge.

Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the

Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the

Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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.

The Prayers of the People are omitted when the Great Litany is used.

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 B)

BCP, p. 367

At the Offertory, Anthem

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me Lord. Lead me in they righteousness. Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Presentation Hymn 608, "Eternal Father, strong to save"

Tune: MELITA

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system starts with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the". The second system starts with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O". The third system starts with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "hear us when we cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

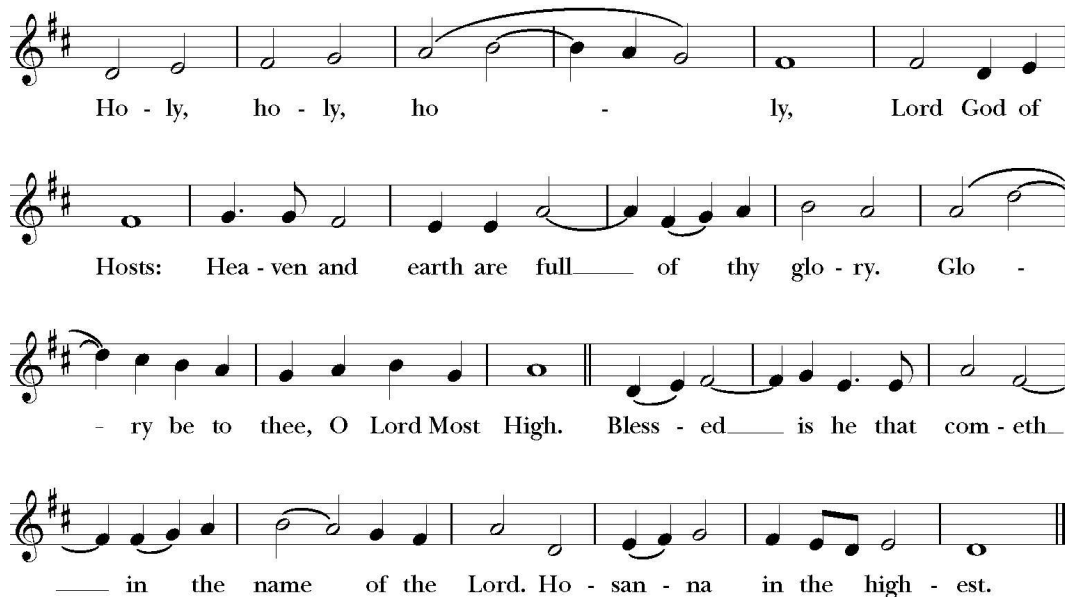
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves 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 and Benedictus, S-114

Setting: Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel, as able

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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 "Jesus Lord"

Je - sus, Lord, we ac - know - ledge your pre - sence;
hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Je - sus, Lord, we ac - know - ledge your pre - sence;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "hear our prayers, hear our prayers." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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 562, "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Tune: ST. GERTRUDE

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 *2 At the sign of tri - umph Sa - tan's host doth flee;
 *3 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;
 4 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
 5 On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap - py throng;

1 with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!
 2 on, then, Chris - tian sol - diers, on to vic - to - ry!
 3 Chris - tians, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod;
 4 but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
 5 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song;

1 Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 2 Hell's foun - da - tions quiv - er at the shout of praise;
 3 we are not di - vid - ed, all one bo - dy we,
 4 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;
 5 glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, un - to Christ the King;

1 for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go.
 2 Chris - tians, lift your voic - es, loud your an - thems raise.
 3 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 4 we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 5 this through count - less a - ges we with an - gels sing.

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

The customary Alleluias are omitted for the season of Lent.



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

We begin our worship today with The Great Litany, for which the *Book of Common Prayer* directs, “To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation days.”

The Litany was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. It was first published in 1544. The 1979 BCP titled the Litany “The Great Litany” (p. 148), distinguishing it from other litanies in the Prayer Book. When the Great Litany precedes the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the *Kyrie* and the Eucharist begins with the salutation and the collect of the day (BCP, p. 153). The Great Litany takes the place of the prayers of the people at the Eucharist.

When word reached the general populace that the new United Methodist hymnal was not going to contain “Onward, Christian Soldiers” there was great unrest! The hymnal committee had concluded that the text was “too militant” and “not in keeping with current theological thought” and musicians had long criticized the tune as “overblown” and “sappy Victorian.”

Even so, many of us have strong associations with this familiar hymn. Our own O/C says that he cannot sing this hymn without the taste of vanilla wafers and grape kool-aid in his mouth bringing back memories of vacation bible schools past.

The Methodist committee relented in the face of much public debate and the hymn was subsequently found at No. 575 in *The United Methodist Hymnal* of 1989. The committee devising our own *Hymnal 1982* apparently profited from the raging Methodist debate and quietly included this hymn. As we begin our Lenten pilgrimage again this year it makes an excellent exhortation to soldierly discipline in this penitential season and, even more so, to take our gospel into the world, “With the cross of Jesus, going on before!”



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. Please note that there will be no altar flowers for the season of Lent, Sunday, Feb. 17 - Mar. 24.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Angie Brown, John Campbell, Elizabeth Johnson, Katie Codlin-Wilson.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Joe McLaughlin and Judy Bell-McLaughlin.

ADULT AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday 9 a.m. **The Adults** in the Parish Hall. **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.

TAPPING THE BIG QUESTIONS gathers the first Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Intracoastal Brewery, Eau Gallie Blvd, in Eau Gallie. The next gathering is March 5. Come and bring a friend!



LENT AND EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

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

Palm Sunday Worship

March 24, 10 a.m.

Starting in the Park, weather permitting

With Blessing of the Palms

Palm Sunday Lunch after the service.

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 7 p.m.

With foot washing and Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday

March 29, Noon, and 7 p.m.

Easter Celebration

Sunday, March 31

Sunrise in the Park, 7 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship, 10 a.m.

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

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 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.

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

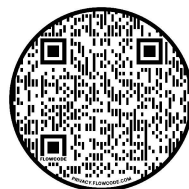
farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

DAILY BREAD: If you can help serve please contact the office or Jackie Bond. The next service day is March 7.

ST. JOHN’S OUTREACH FOCUS for the month of February is Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, the group that operates the Veterans’ Transitional Facility on Fee Ave. The facility receives funding from the VA for the basic costs. Our gifts go to provide other forms of assistance to the veterans and their families who are housed there. Contributions marked for outreach will go directly to VVB.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38, Psalm 22:22-30
To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Feb 18 10 a.m.	Feb 25 10 a.m.
Greeters	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks S. Davidson
Ushers	L. Fletcher B. Chernault	J. & S. Hamilton
LEM	D. Miller- Caldwell	J. Bond
Altar Gld	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
DOK	T. Chernault	L. Miller
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz



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 (2/18) 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.
Young People's AA, 4 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (2/20) Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (2/21) Lenten Soup Suppers, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Loft.
- Thurs (2/22) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m., Parish Hall
Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's Office.
Evening Prayer, 6 p.m., Sanctuary.
- Fri (2/23) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (2/25) 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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Serving thru 1/2025
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Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy, Julie Miller

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Ben Kendall