

Second Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist: Rite II February 25, 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)



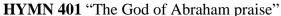
## **Preparation for Worship**

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

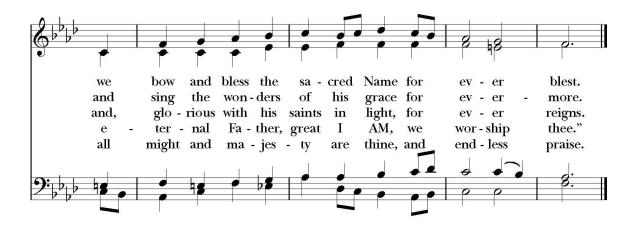
The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.

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



Tune: Leoni





Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Setting by Charles Wood

His mercy endures forever. 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*.

**Kyrie Eleison** 

sung by the Choir

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you

exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be

Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Psalm 22:22-30

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \* stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; \*

but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \* I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

Recited responsively by half verse

For kingship belongs to the Lord; \* *he rules over the nations.* 

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

the saving deeds that he has done.

# Romans 4:13-25

Por the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that

the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do

what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

#### **Gradual and Tract**

All stand, as able

You have caused the earth to quake, O Lord,\* you have rent it open.

Repair its breaches,\* for it totters.

May your chosen ones escape the menacing bow\* and be delivered.

Cantor: Sallie Razor

#### Mark 8:31-38

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and

follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.* 

### THE SERMON

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneel, as able

Form IV, BCP, p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Michael's Church, Orlando, and Church of the Holy Child, Ormond Beach.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Tanzania. *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, Nate, 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. *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 peace and those commanded to fight; for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen.* 

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

**Announcements** All sit

**Birthday and Anniversary Prayer** 

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP, p. 367

Tune: FOUNDATION

Sinful, sighing to be blest; Bound, and longing to be free; Weary, waiting for my rest; God, be merciful to me.

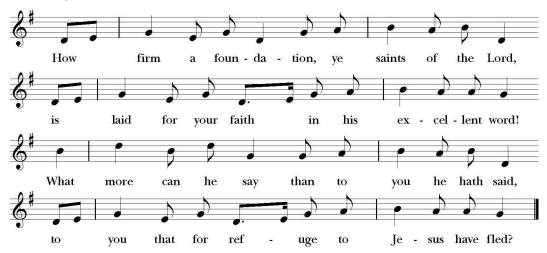
Goodness I have none to plead, Sinfulness in all I see, I can only bring my need; God, be merciful to me.

Broken heart and downcast eyes Dare not lift themselves to thee; Yet thou canst interpret sighs: God, be merciful to me. From this sinful heart of mine To thy bosom I would flee; I am not my own, but thine: God, be merciful to me.

There is One beside the throne, And my only hope and plea Are in him, and him alone: God, be merciful to me.

He my cause will undertake, My interpreter will be; He's my all; and for his sake, God, be merciful to me.

# Presentation Hymn 636, "How firm a foundation"



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.* 

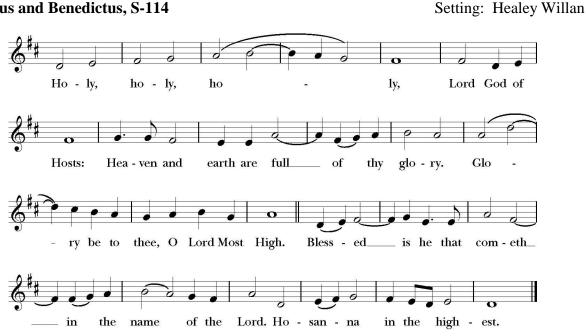
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we

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



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"



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 473, "Lift high the cross"



Tune: CRUCIFER

#### **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

The customary Alleluias are omitted for the season of Lent.

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#### THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

"Praise to the living God" is based on the 14<sup>th</sup> Century *Yigdal* of Daniel Ben Judah. The *Yigdal* is a Jewish *doxology* (song of praise) codifying the 13 articles of the Jewish creed, giving it a Christian character. His hymn began "The God of Abraham praise." Around 1885 a Unitarian minister and a Jewish rabbi made a new metrical version, and it is their version which is usually included in hymnals.

You are undoubtedly aware that we change the settings of the *Ordinary* (these are the texts that do not change from Sunday to Sunday) with each liturgical season. We will be using the *Kyrie* from Charles Wood's setting entitled *Mass in the Phrygian Mode*, which is a choral setting, for Lent. Ever since the great convocation of the Roman Catholic church which we now call Vatican II all liturgical churches have been sensitive to including the congregation in as much of the music as possible and we try very hard to do this. Only occasionally do we use strictly choral settings and we deeply hope that when we use Congregational settings you will participate fully. We hope you will also participate in choral settings by careful listening, an important part of the congregation's role in our liturgical worship.

"Lift high the cross," written by George William Kitchin (1827-1912) and later revised by Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956) is a hymn which owes its popularity more to the tune Crucifer by Sydney H. Nicholson with its stirring refrain than to any great merit of the text. It is related to "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "For all the saints" in its symbolism of marching in the ranks of the soldiers of the crucified. It is the Crucified Christ and his cross which we follow, and his love we proclaim to the world. From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace.

# H 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. 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: Dick Martin, Ben Kendall.

Anniversaries this Week: None known.

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.

### LENT AND EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

### **Lenten Soup Suppers**

Wednesdays, 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 28 - Choir

March 6 - Lay Readers, LEMs, Altar, Flowers

March 13 - Ushers and Greeters

March 20 - Daughters of the King

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!



**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 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.

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:** Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22, Psalm 19 To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

#### SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Feb 25 10 a.m.	Mar 3 10 a.m.
Greeters	A. Weeks S. Davidson	A. Weeks
Ushers	J. S. Hamilton	
LEM	J. Bond	
Altar Gld	M. Salmon	
DOK	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 mhighland?@gmail.com.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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.

AA. 3 p.m.. Parish Hall.

Tues (2/27) Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (2/28) Lenten Soup Suppers, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Loft.

Thurs (2/29) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's Office. Evening Prayer, 6 p.m., Sanctuary.

Fri (3/1) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (3/3) 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.

Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m.

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

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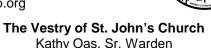
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