

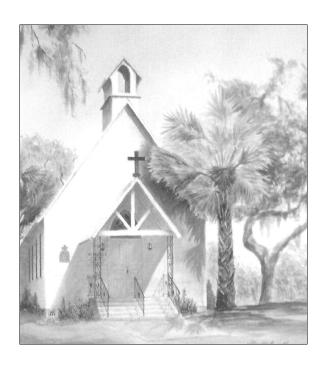
Witnessing from the Eau Gallie community of Melbourne, Florida since 1894.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 8, 2024 10 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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



The organ's chimes are a signal for all to take their seats, cease conversations, and be prayerful in preparation for our worship together. The opening organ voluntary is intended as a sort of "airlock," separating us from our earthly cares and ushering us into the presence of God. By being quiet and listening carefully, sometimes we may clearly hear the voice of God in our mind.

Tune: WACHET AUF

Hymn 484, "Praise the Lord through every nation"





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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Gloria in excelsis



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, joining together

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they

share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate:

For the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *

which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *

so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

Read responsively by half verse

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *

and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *

but peace be upon Israel.

James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17

y brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord

Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil Listen, my beloved brothers and thoughts? sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as

transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

GRADUAL and ALLELUIA

sung by the choir

Alleluia. Be my strong rock and house of defense that you may save me. In you, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Alleluia

Mark 7:24-37

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her,

"Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue

was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

All kneel, as able

Form III, BCP, p. 387

Let us pray for the election of a new Rector.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip

us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly

and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James Church, Leesburg, and Christ Church, Longwood.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Church of the Province of Myanmar.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially *Andrew*, *Bradford*, *Brandon*, *Bryan*, *Caleb*, *Danielle*, *Eric*, *Geoffrey*, *Harry*, *Jay*,

John, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., Matthew M., Murray, Nate, Ricky, Sarah, and Skyler.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially *Barbara*, *Jan*, *Bryan*, *Lilian*, *and Angie*. And for those on our weekly prayer list. *Silence*

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 A)

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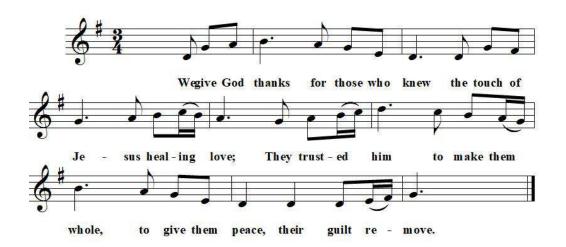
At the Offertory, Voluntary

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

Tune: O WALY WALY

Presentation Hymn "We give God thanks"



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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.

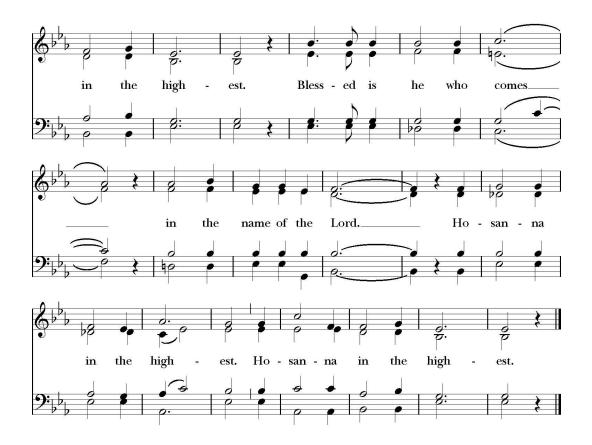
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

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:





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

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. Note that 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 until the chalice bearer passes by, then return to your seat.

At the Distribution, Voluntary Bless the Lord, O my soul

The Postcommunion 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





Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Deo gratias (Thanks be to God)

François Couperin

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The hymn tune Wachet Auf, to which we sing the opening hymn, is closely associated with the hymn "Sleepers, wake!" which is a poetic version of the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins. Rather a large number of baroque composers used this pairing of text and tune as the basis for choral cantatas, including a notable one by J. S. Bach.

John Newton (1725-1807) wrote "Glorious things of thee are spoken" for the Olney Hymns, 1779. Most classical hymns are Biblically oriented, and this one has references to Isaiah 33:20-21, Psalm 87:3, I Peter 2, Revelation 1, and Exodus 13:22. Newton, most famous for "Amazing grace," wrote this to educate his congregation about the Bible. Like all good hymn writers, Newton knew that hymns are excellent tools for teaching Biblical truth and wisdom, and should be sung with an open and questing mind.

Couperin's *Mass for the Parishes* follows the directives set out by the *Cæremonial Parisiense* of 1662, which provides for the alternation of the choir and the organ in specific texts in the Mass-some twenty pieces in all. The section heard this morning, however, is not one of these alternatim, but rather a piece to conclude the Mass.

Today we welcome our fine choir back from their summer hiatus. Please consider joining them as the time commitment is minimal. They rehearse on Wednesday evenings in the choir loft at 7:00 PM with a brief warm up on Sunday mornings at 9:15. There are no auditions; all that is required is an ability to read music and a willingness to be faithful. Let Dr. D. know you'd like to be a part of this important ministry and encourage other singers you may know as well. We think you'll be glad you did.

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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. Snacks and beverages are provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or to be included on our newsletter and mailing lists please email the Church Office 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.

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: Tim Tuten, Eloise Evans.

Anniversaries This Week: Steve & Ginny Bradley, John & Trish Seymour.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: To create a more accurate portrait of this congregation, its hopes, desires, and aspirations, the search committee will be hosting an evening potluck meeting on September 22 to get your input. The meeting will be coordinated by Rev. Canon Ellis Brust in the parish hall. It will be Zoomed for those who cannot attend in person. During this meeting we will discuss four words to express our feelings and experiences at St. John's: Hopes - Hurts -Hinders - Help. This exercise will aid us in creating a vision of where the church is and where it is going, and help us search for a person that can lead our organization in the coming years. We fervently invite your participation in this very important event.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION have resumed. Adults meet in the Parish Hall. Children in the chapel. All are welcome!

Sign up and Rehearsal for all current and new Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and bearers of the Daughters of the King Prayer Box takes place **TODAY** at 11:30 a.m. in the church.

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559. Beginning in mid September they will begin the study of the Book of Acts.

DAILY BREAD: St. John's is scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The next duty day is October 3. If you can help please send an email to office@stjohnsmlb.org.

FAMILY PROMISE: St. John's has temporarily shifted to a Support Parish with Family Promise. One of the primary needs a support church fills is to provide meals for the families while they are sheltered in the hotels. If you are on St. John's chat you received an email a few days ago from Ben Kendall outlining the need and a link to sign up. If you do have any questions, feel free to email, text or call Ben at ben.kendall@gmail.com, 832-229-0142.

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



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.

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 Daughters' banner. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously.

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden, kmoas40@gmail.com or Paul Mitz, Jr. Warden. Text or phone Paul at: 321-288-4050.

HELP TO SPRUCE UP ST. JOHN'S: Many tasks need attention. Review the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and help keep the church looking its best.

St. John's Outreach Focus for the month of September is The Children's Hunger Project. Brevard County teachers recognize which children lack weekend nutrition. The pre-packaged meals require no cooking and are distributed directly into

qualifying elementary aged student's backpacks as determined by the teacher. During the school year the project serves over 2,000 meal packages every week to over 45 elementary schools and to maintain the current service the group needs to raise \$40,000 every month. For more information visit TheChildrensHungerProject.org. The speaker today is Cheryl Cominsky.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12,Mark 8:27-38. To find all the lessons visit lectionarypage.net and click on the date.



You are 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 by contacting Sallie Razor at 859-585-5836, srazor@bellsouth.net; or Sarah Kendall, at 702-203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy
Ushers	J. & J. McLaughlin	A. & J. Lacy	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller
LEM	R. Huffman	K. Oas	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett
DOK	L. Miller	J. Bond	T. Chernault	J. Miller
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	Katie Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (9/8) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults will meet in the Parish Hall. Youth in the Chapel.

Lay Ministry Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary. Holy Eucharist. Rite II. 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

Daughters of the King, after rehearsal, will meet in the Chapel.

Mon (9/9) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Tues (9/10) Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Wed (9/11) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Loft.

Thurs (9/12) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall.

Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office. Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

Fri (9/13) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (9/15) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel.

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

THE OFFICE will be open on Thursdays only. During the rest of the week please email the office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

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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