

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

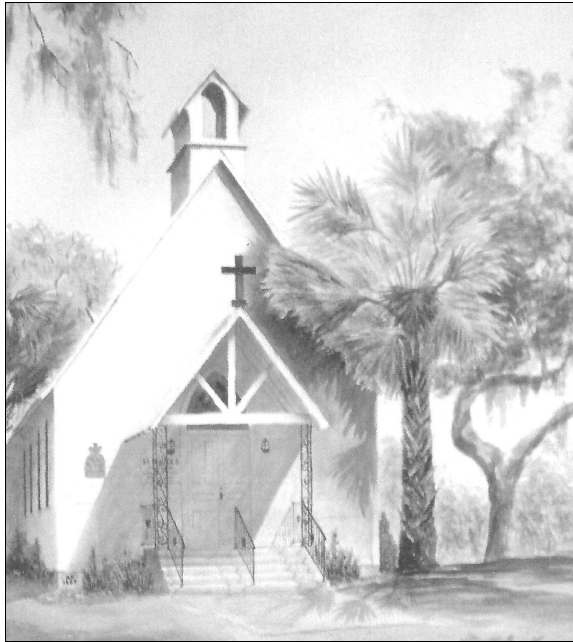
Witnessing from the Eau Gallie community of Melbourne, Florida since 1894.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

October 6, 2024
10 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

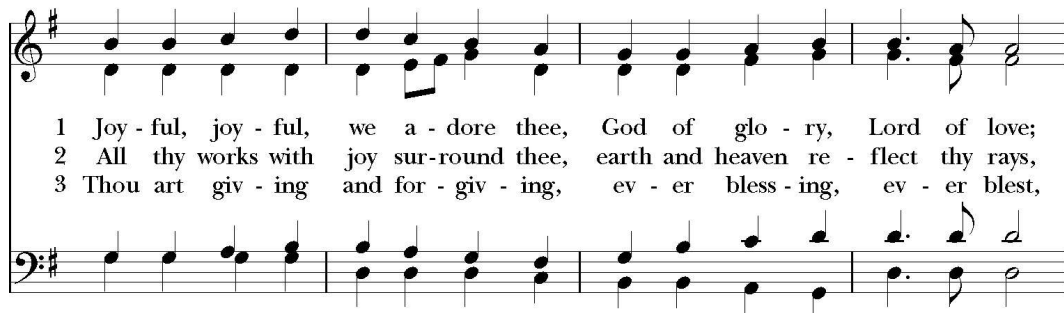
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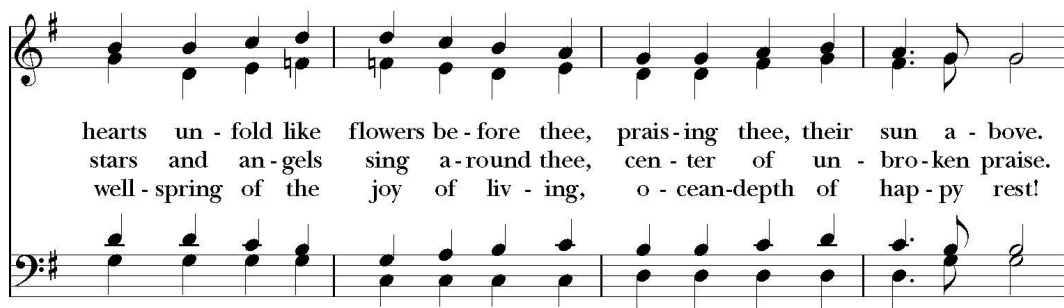
The organ's chimes are a signal for all to take their seats, cease conversations, and be prayerful in preparation for our worship together. The opening organ voluntary is intended as a sort of "airlock," separating us from our earthly cares and ushering us into the presence of God. By being quiet and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

Hymn 376, "Joyful, joyful we adore thee"

Tune: HYMN TO JOY



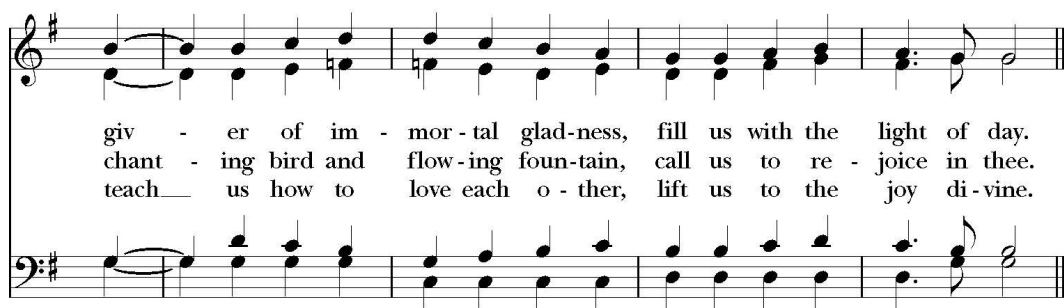
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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

(Organ)

f Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -
 migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. *mp* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
mf you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive
rit. our prayer. *a tempo* *f* For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone
 are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the Glo - ry of God the
 Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, joining together

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But

stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26

Read responsively by half verse

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; *

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; *

examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.

As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Look upon thy covenant, O Lord: and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever. Arise, O Lord, maintain thine own cause: remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily. *Alleluia.*

Mark 10:2-16

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits

adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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.

We pray for the victims of hurricane Helene in Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, and other places affected by the storm.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Luke's Church, Merritt Island and St. Edward's Church, Mount Dora.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially *Andrew, Brandon, Bryan, Caleb, Chase, 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, Frank, 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

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, “Only-begotten, Word of God incarnate”

sung by the Choir

Only-begotten, Word of God eternal,
Lord of creation, merciful and mighty,
hear now thy servants when their joyful voices
rise to thy presence.

This is thy temple; here thy presence-chamber;
here may thy servants, at the mystic banquet,
humbly adoring, take thy Body broken,
drink of thy chalice.

Here in our sickness healing grace aboundeth,
light in our blindness, in our toil refreshment:
sin is forgiven, hope o’er fear prevaieth,

*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.

joy over sorrow.

Hallowed this dwelling where the Lord abideth,
this is none other than the gate of heaven;
strangers and pilgrims, seeking homes eternal,
pass through its portals.

Lord, we beseech thee, as we throng thy temple,
by thy past blessings, by thy present bounty,
favor thy children, and with tender mercy
hear our petitions.

God in three Persons, Father everlasting,

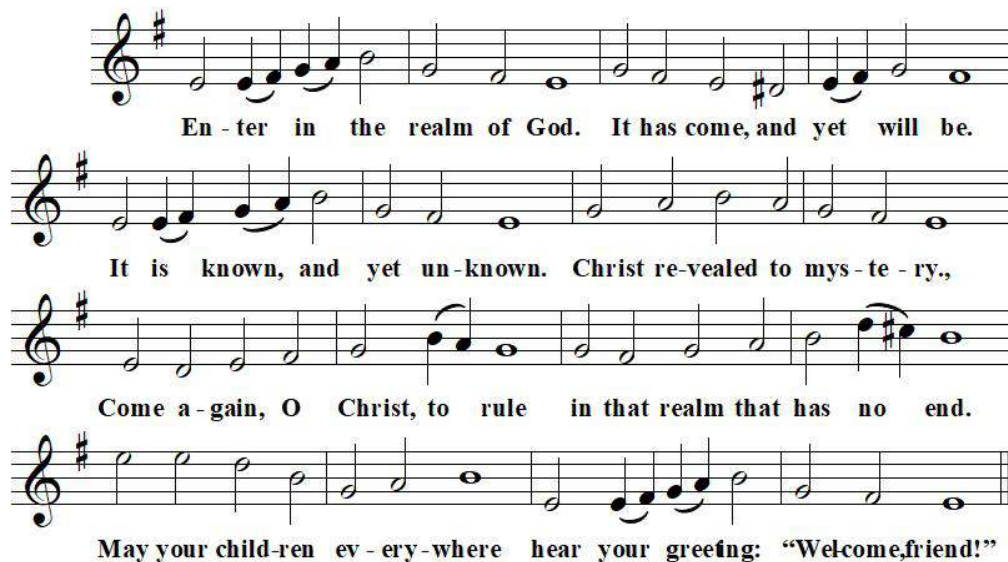
Son co-eternal, ever-blessèd Spirit,
thine be the glory, praise, and adoration,

now and for ever.

Presentation Hymn

“Enter in the realm of God”

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH



En - ter in the realm of God. It has come, and yet will be.
It is known, and yet un-known. Christ re-vealed to mys-te-ry.,
Come a-gain, O Christ, to rule in that realm that has no end.
May your child-ren ev-ery-where hear your greetng: “Welcome, friend!”

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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:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Setting: Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Improvisation ON LAND OF REST

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, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

The Postcommunion Prayer

All kneel, as able

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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

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day,
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever-more.

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

ON NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Marcel Dupré



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

This morning's prelude is the second movement of Paul Hindemith's First Sonata for Organ. Many years ago Dr. D was in Munich, Germany on a Sunday and attended services at one of the churches there. He was awestruck by the contrast of the high Baroque building – breathtakingly ornate – with the fact that the massive windows were clear glass, the original stained glass having been blown out by the bombing of World War II. The first time he heard the second movement of Paul Hindemith's first organ sonata he instantly had a mental vision of that Munich church. The music is very much in the form of the German Baroque: trio style, imitative, ornamented. At the same time the harmonic language is the clear glass of the twentieth century – unresolved (but mild) dissonance, sudden juxtapositions of tonality, angular melodic motives. It's a deeply meditative piece which calls for the total aural immersion of the listener. Quiet your minds, listen deeply, and prepare yourself to enter the presence of God in the next hour.

During the darkest days of the Thirty Years' War, Lutheran Pastor Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) could still write a table grace expressing thanks for God's gifts in the past, praying for guidance for the future, and ending with a majestic outburst of worship and praise to the Triune God. His text, translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), as "Now Thank We All Our God" is a perennial favorite both for this wonderful text and for the stalwart German chorale tune to which it is sung. From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace.



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: Susan Badgio, Patty Stitzel, Richard Huffman.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

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

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559. They are studying the Book of Acts.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, Anson Stitzel, Candidate for Holy Baptism, his parents and Godparents, as they prepare for him to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism next Sunday.

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 November 7. 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.

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.

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.

LOADING 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.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS for the month of October is New Life Mission. They work to permanently break the cycle of homelessness by providing women and their children housing, access to health care, child care, counseling, transportation, education, nutrition, job training, and life skills education in a safe setting. They recently established the New Life Village in Melbourne which serves 100 families. For more information on this organization please visit NewLifeMission.org. Pete Masciave, Donor Relations Officer for New Life Mission will be the speaker today.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31.
 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

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
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. Miler
LEM	K. Oas	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman	K. Oas
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
DOK	L. Fletcher	L. Miller	T. Chernault	J. Miller
Counter	Katie Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
AV	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

The Eucharistic Ministry

The Eucharistic Minister, sometimes referred to as the Chalice Bearer, is a lay person who assists the priest in administering the elements of Holy Communion. They follow the priest and offer the wine to all who wish to receive it. At St. John's they also light the candles, carry the cross, read selections from the Bible and lead the Prayers of the People. Through our Baptism we are called to live a life of service. Contact Mother Susan or the church office if you are interested in this ministry.

The Usher Ministry

The ministry of ushering is a crucial part of worship because it is one of the most visible ministries in the church. In Christ, you have received God's unconditional love, and, in Christ, you are called to extend that same unconditional love to others.

The usher duties can be summed up in a few words:

Make people feel welcome at church.

Assist with people management during all services especially during communion.

Assist with seating, collecting offering, and maintaining a safe environment.

A church usher has a true love for the people of the church and a desire to promote an atmosphere of reverence and worship in the house of God.

If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact this morning's ushers, Mother Susan, or email the office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

Altar Guild

If you are looking for a ministry in which to serve, consider the St John's Altar Guild. Many people have found it a rewarding ministry with great personal satisfaction as guardians of the Sacred Spaces and Sacred Elements. Men are welcome to join, this is not exclusively a women's guild.

"Being on the Altar Guild is a labor of love. We prepare everything for all church services. New members are trained and never perform the duties alone until they are comfortable. Some of the duties include maintaining the vestments and linens, setting out the appropriate color stoles, altar frontal, banners etc. in accordance with the church calendar. We also polish and clean all brass and silver".

- Kathy Oas, Altar Guild Director

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (10/6) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults will meet in the Parish Hall. Youth in the Chapel. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed. Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m., Chapel.
- Mon (10/7) Seaside Stitchers, Parish Hall, 9 a.m.
AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues (10/8) Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed (10/9) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Loft.
- Thurs (10/10) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary.
AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Fri (10/11) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (10/13) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel.
Holy Eucharist & Baptism, 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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