

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday after Christmas
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 5, 2025
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!



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.

Hymn 128, "We three kings"

Tune: WE THREE KINGS



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O ——— star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

The image shows a musical score for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the top staff. The music consists of several measures of chords and single notes, ending with a double bar line.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, p.355

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

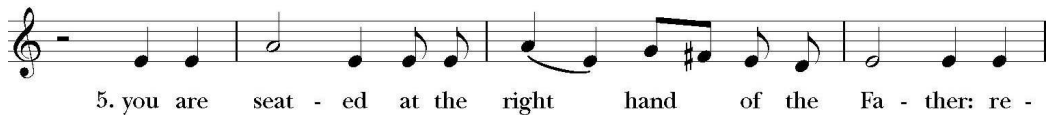
Setting: William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

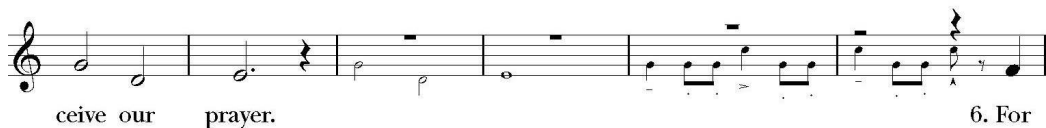
The image shows a musical score for a single staff in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the staff. The music is divided into four numbered sections. Section 1: '1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and'. Section 2: '2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -'. Section 3: '3. Lord Je - sus Christ,'. Section 4: '4. you'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



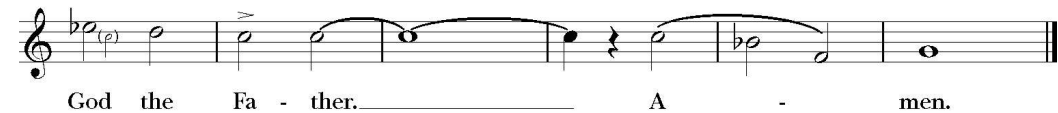
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. 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.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the

Read responsively by half verse

swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in

you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AT THE GRADUAL, Alleluia

Al-le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

5
Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your sav - ing Word.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the Alleluia, which is repeated four times. The second staff, starting with a measure rest and the number 5, contains the melody for the prayer: "Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your saving Word."

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to

the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Davidson

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

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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 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

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 Holy Faith Episcopal Church, Port St. Lucie, and Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Sanford.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Church in Wales.

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, Chase, Danielle, Eric, Geoffrey, Harry, Jack, 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 Frank.*** 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)

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At the Offertory

Anthem,

All they from Saba shall come forth

Michael Haydn

...gold and frankincense bringing, and showing praises to almighty God. *Alleluia.*

Presentation Hymn, "Our Savior's infant cries were heard"

Tune: WINCHESTER OLD



1. Our sav - ior's in - fant cries were heard And met by hu - man love. Be -
4. For Christ who was a ref - u - gee From Her - od and his sword Is



fore he preached one sav - ing word Or prayed to God a - bove.
seek - ing now through us to be Our chil - dren's friend and Lord.

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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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

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At the Distribution,

Voluntary

Elevation liturgique

Paul Maleingreau

Hymn 118, "Brightest and best"

Tune: STAR IN THE EAST

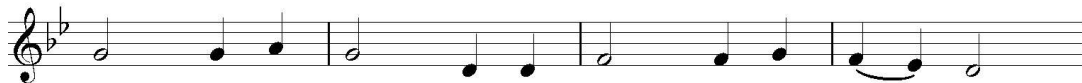
Unison (Harmony on following pages)



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
*5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Refrain



Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Gigue

J. S. Bach



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

We welcome this morning violinist Mariana Aguilera, a member of the Brevard Symphony Orchestra and a native of Venezuela. Take a moment and greet her at the end of the service.

J. S. Bach composed four Orchestral Suites (which he called “overtures”) and we hear two movements from the 3rd Suite. An arrangement of the second movement of the suite by German violinist August Wilhelm (1845-1908) became known as “Air on the G String” indicating that it is to be played on the lowest-pitched of the four strings of the modern violin. The final movement of this suite is a Gigue (English “Jig”) which is a lively dance form originating with the English and imported into France in the mid-17th century.

“We three kings of Orient are” was written by the Rev. John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891) and first found in Carols, Hymns and Songs of 1863. After a career as a reporter and tutor, Hopkins became an Episcopal priest with an interest in music. His Epiphany hymn is based on the visit of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-11) and is the first modern American Christmas carol.

Michael Haydn (1737 - 1806) was an Austrian composer of the Classical era, and the younger brother of the famous Joseph Haydn. Michael remained close to Joseph all of his life and we know that Joseph regarded his brother’s music highly, to the point of feeling Michael’s religious works were superior to his own (possibly for their devotional intimacy, as opposed to Joseph’s monumental and majestic, more secularized, symphonic style)

Paul de Maleingreau (1887-1956) was a Belgian organist and composer who, in 1921-22, was the first to play Bach’s complete organ works in Brussels. Gregorian plainsong forms the basis of most of his compositions, and indeed a large part of his output is intended for the liturgy.



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. For your convenience we have placed request sheets/envelopes in the pew, or you may contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Marie Johnson, Jan Louks.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Gary & Clarissa Harrell.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: will resume on Jan 12. All are welcome!

A NEW KIND OF BIBLE STUDY will be offered by the Interim Rector during the season of Epiphany. We will be reading and discussing a work of fiction which is based on the Bible. The book is *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt*, by Anne Rice. The story centers around the young Jesus of Nazareth and the return of him and his family to their home after years of exile in Egypt, where they were sent after his birth, to escape the wrath of King Herod. Throughout, Jesus keeps asking "What happened in Bethlehem?" To understand the story, we will read from the Biblical Gospels and from the Gospel of James and other non-biblical sources. A sign-up sheet will be available in the parish hall, and the time will be determined by those who wish to participate.

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

THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR HOLY BAPTISM is Sunday, January 12. If you or yours is desirous of receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Mother Susan.

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 February 6. If you can help please send an email to office@stjohnsmlb.org.

PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately following the service.

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is 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. The prayers are strictly confidential therefore if you need Mother Susan to be aware of an illness or personal situation you will need to contact her directly.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will take place on Sunday, January 26, following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This year, because the Vestry is "frozen," during the Search for a new Rector, there will be no elections. This is a time to hear reports from various organizations, including the Search Committee, and the 2025 Budget, which by then will have been approved by the Vestry.

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.

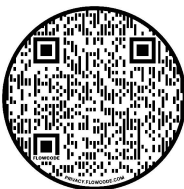
FAMILY PROMISE: One of the primary needs a support church fills is to provide meals for the families while they are sheltered in the hotels. If you do have any questions, feel free to email, text or call Ben at: ben.kendall@gmail.com, 832-229-0142.

FOOD PANTRY: Remember the Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry this season. They are always appreciative of your donations. A basket

is in the Sanctuary if you would like to help.

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 stjohnsmib.org and click on Donate Now!



THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM thanks all of you who have generously submitted 2025 pledge cards, as they are very helpful in planning our 2025 budget. If you haven't completed your pledge card, it's not too late and still okay to turn it in. For those who have requested Pledge envelopes they are

available in the Parish Hall. Pledge packets are available at the back of the church. An usher can show you where they are. Thanks again for participating in our 2025 campaign.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS this month is the Clergy Discretionary Fund. This Outreach fund provides bus passes and gift cards throughout the year to people in need, making their lives a little easier. Please be generous in your support for this worthy cause. Contributions marked for Outreach in January will go directly to the Clergy Discretionary Fund.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 43:1-7. Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, Psalm 29

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

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Greeters	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks
Ushers	B. Chernault J. Miller	A. & J. Lacy	J. & J. McLaughlin	J. Bond L. Miller
LEM	J. Bond	M. Salmon	K. Oas	J. Hamilton
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas
DOK	T. Chernault	J. Bond	L. Fletcher	J. Miller
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
AVV	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (1/5) Christian Formation, will resume on January 12.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also livestream.
Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m., in the Chapel.
- Mon (1/6) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall.
AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues (1/7) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wed (1/8) Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thur (1/9) Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m.
AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Fri (1/10) TGIF, Men's Bible Study. La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935.
- Sun (1/12) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel.
Holy Eucharist & Baptiam, Rite II, 10 a.m., also livestream.

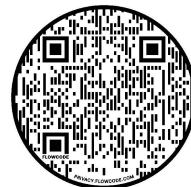
THE OFFICE will be open on Thursdays only. During the rest of the week please email the office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

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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