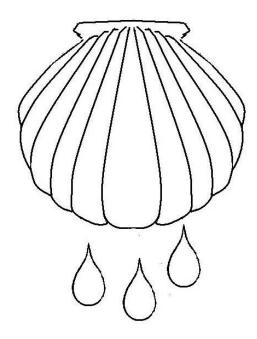


First Sunday after the Epiphany, The Baptism of Our Lord Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

January 12, 2025 10 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19

Tune: Salzburg

Hymn 135, "Songs of thankfulness and praise"



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

There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; *One God and Father of all*

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in

my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, * ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; * worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Read responsively by half verse

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; * the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; * the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; * the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *

and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord * all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; * the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

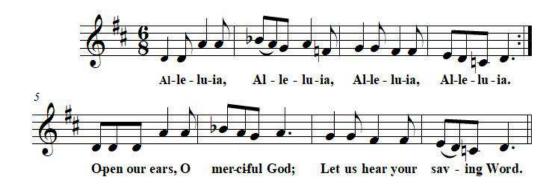
Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been

baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

AT THE GRADUAL, Alleluia



Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts

concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

THE SERMON

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Holy Baptism

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors say

I present Zachery Michael Edmonds to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ? *We will*.

Let us join with him who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our

Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen*.

The Baptism

Zachery Michael, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Zach, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to him.

Celebrant: you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

The person's Baptismal candle is lighted from the Paschal Candle and presented to him.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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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Tune: EBENEZER

Alleluia. O praised be God. All raise your voices; sing with thankful voices. Thou God today has given us joy. Hold fast to Him and praise His name eternal.

Presentation Hymn, "Christ, your footprints through the desert"



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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.

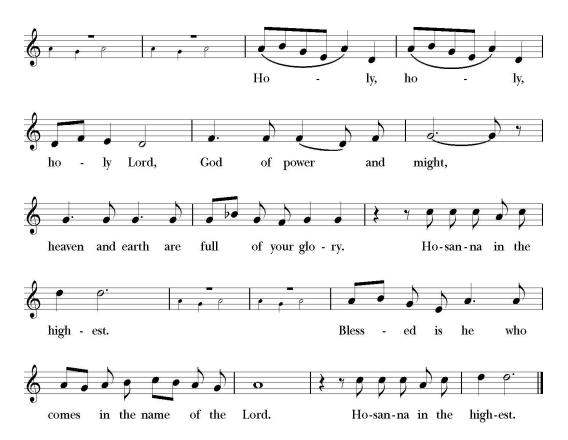
Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

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:

Setting: Mathias

Sanctus and Benedictus



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

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

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.

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.

Tune: Taizé

Hymn, "Eat this bread"



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



Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Improvisation

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) wrote "Songs of thankfulness and praise" for the publication *The Holy Year* issue of 1862. "Epiphany" means "manifestation" of Christ to the world, and the author used the word "manifest" twelve times to describe Christ's birth, baptism, appearance at the wedding feast in Cana, healing the sick, and his powers over evil. Thus the hymn becomes not only praise to God, but a time for learning more about Epiphany and about Christ himself.

The anthem at the offertory is a section from Bach's Cantata 142, *Uns ist ein Kind geboren* (Unto us a child is born). A number of musicologists believe that this is by an unknown composer

Tune: Caithness

and is listed among the Bach works with a doubtful attribution. Some think it is the work of Johann Kuhnau, Bach's successor at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig. The florid organ accompaniment caused one wit to observe that this piece is an "organ solo with choir accompaniment."

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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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given this week to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Keith and Marie Salmon.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Hasty Miller, Kyle Louks, Sallie Razor, Dick Jarvela.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Keith & Marie Salmon.

Adults meet in the Parish Hall. Children in the chapel. All are welcome!

THE NEW BIBLE STUDY: will begin Thursday, January 16, at noon in the Chapel, when we will read and discuss a work of fiction which is based on the Bible. The book is Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt, by Anne Rice. To understand the story, we will read from the Biblical Gospels and from the Gospel of James and other non-biblical sources.

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La

Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559.

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 stjohnsmlb.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 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11, Psalm 36:5-10 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 12	January 19	January 26	February 2
Greeters	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy
Ushers	A. & J. Lacy	J. & J. McLaughlin	J. Bond L. Miller	B. Chernault J. Miller
LEM	M. Salmon	K. Oas	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett
Daughter	J. Bond	L. Fletcher	J. Miller	T. Chernault
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. 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 (1/12) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also livestream.
- Mon (1/13) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues (1/14) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
 Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wed (1/15) Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thur (1/16) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.
 Bible Study, 12 noon, Chapel.
 Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m.
 AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
 Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Chapel.
- Fri (1/17) TGIF, Men's Bible Study. La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935.
- Sun (1/19) 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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