



The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

February 2, 2025
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome today if your heart is singing, and welcome if your heart is breaking.

Welcome if you're anxious about tomorrow,
and welcome if you don't have a care in the world.

Welcome if your conscience is troubling you,
and welcome if you're barely able to contain your experience of forgiveness.

Welcome if you leapt out of bed this morning,
and welcome if you had to drag yourself out.

Welcome to you if this is your first visit,
and welcome to you if you have barely missed a single Sunday
since you first became a part of this community.

Whether you are here as a wanderer or a pilgrim, a seeker or a skeptic,
a saint or a sinner, a regular or a visitor, a friend or a stranger; you are welcome!

And we invite you to belong here even before you believe.

(Adapted from Liverpool Cathedral)

Preparation for Worship

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines of our mind.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Congregation joins in the portions printed in bold italics.

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

The Procession with lighted candles is the distinctive feature of the Eucharist of Candlemas. Candles are distributed before the Procession.

The Celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the day's liturgy.

Celebrant The Lord is the strength of my life
People The Lord is my light and my salvation

Celebrant Jesus Christ is the light of the world
People A light which no darkness can quench

Celebrant Dear Friends: forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgment, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The candles are lighted. This acclamation is made

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe
People To you be glory and praise for ever!

Celebrant For you, O Christ, are our light and our salvation
People We welcome Christ with joy

Celebrant May the light of Christ shine through us
People Blessed be God for ever

The Celebrant blesses the candles,

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendor, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal temple where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace to meet the Lord.

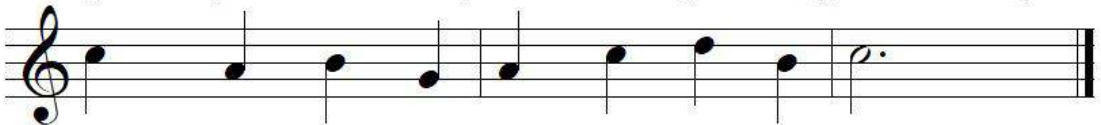
People: In the Name of Christ. Amen.



1. O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let
2. A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the
3. The a - ged Sim - eon sees at last his
4. But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of
5. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all



sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,
low - ly vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with
Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes
the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things
glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly



both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.
two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.
Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.
in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.
Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

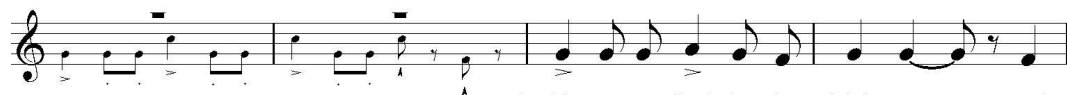
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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,



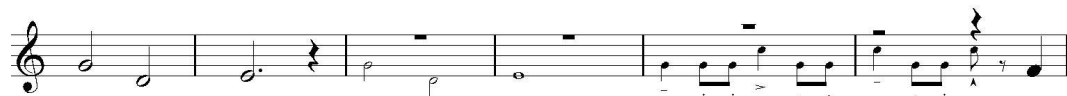
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



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.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

all extinguish their candles and sit

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,

and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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 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.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that

Read responsively by half verse

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; *
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!

he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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 Alleluia, which is repeated four times. The second staff, starting with a measure rest and the number 5, contains the beginning of the Gradual: 'Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your saving Word.'

Luke 2:22-40

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the

presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to

their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Davidson

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 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 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Vero Beach, and Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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., Milton, Murray, 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,

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer B)

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At the Offertory, Canticle,

The Song of Simeon

Thomas Ravenscroft

O Lord my God because my heart hath longed
restlessly,
My Lord and Saviour to behold and see before I die;
The joy and health of all mankind desired long before
Who now is come into the world lost man for to
restore.
Then suffer, Lord thy servant now in peace for to
depart,
According to thy holy word, which doth rejoice my
heart;

Because my eyes which thou hast made to give thy
body light
Have now beheld thy saving health, which is the
Lord of might
Whom thou hast mercifully set, of thy abundant
grace,
In open sight, and visible, before all people's face,
The gentiles to illuminate, who do in darkness dwell,
Also to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Presentation Hymn, "God has spoken by his prophets"

Tune: HOLY MANNA

1. God has spo - ken by his proph - ets, Spo - ken
his un - chang - ing Word: Each from age to age pro - claim - ing
God, the one the right - eous, Lord In the world's de - spair and
tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast: God is king, his
throne e - ter - nal: God the first, and God the last.

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: Mathias

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.

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Postlude á la Offertoire

Henri Nibelle

Motet

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts

Henry Purcell

...shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord, spare us, Lord most holy. O God most mighty. O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal. Suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death To fall from thee. Amen.

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 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Psalm 18

Benedetto Marcello



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, traditionally called *Candlemas*, always falls on 2 February, and celebrates an early episode in the life of Jesus, forty days (inclusive) after Christmas. Under Mosaic law as found in the *Torah*, a mother who had given birth to a man-child was considered unclean for seven days; moreover she was to remain for three and thirty days “in the blood of her purification.” Candlemas therefore corresponds to the day on which Mary, according to Jewish law, should have attended a ceremony of ritual purification (Leviticus 12:2-8). The Gospel of Luke 2:22-39 relates that Mary was purified according to the religious law, followed by Jesus’

presentation in the Jerusalem temple, and this explains the formal names given to the festival, as well as its falling 40 days after the Nativity. Today is also the traditional day for the blessing of candles – hence the name “Candle Mass” and there are some wonderful stories and superstitions that have arisen in the past. The candles symbolize Jesus as “The Light of the World.”

When Jesus was presented in the temple, Simeon (an old man who had been promised that he would not die before he had seen the Messiah) exclaims, “Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen your Salvation.” This Canticle has long been used as one of the traditional Canticles for Evensong and we hear a translation and versification from Sternhold and Hopkins’s *The Whole Booke of Psalmes collected into Englishe Metre* (1584).

Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1588 - 1635) was an English musician, theorist and editor most notable as a collector of British folk music.

Born in Venice, Benedetto Marcello was a member of a noble family and his compositions are frequently referred to as Patrizio Veneto. Although he was a music student of Antonio Lotti and Francesco Gasparini, his father wanted Benedetto to devote himself to law but he managed to combine a life in law and public service with one in music. His two “Psalms” for organ have long been a standard part of the modern organ repertoire.

The hymn “God has spoken” which we sing at the Presentation was written by George K. Briggs, and is copyrighted 1953 by The Hymn Society. We reprint it with permission under our OneLicense A-740052.



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: Tyler Heusinkveld, Bill Chernault, Pam Jarvela, Mark Schexnayder, Shannon Brooks-Hamilton.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Jim & Amy Lacy.

THIS SUNDAY, is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple, also called CANDLEMAS. The service will begin with a candlelight procession from the Parish Hall (for those who are able) to the church. We will try to make it possible for those in the church to hear. This is a rare occasion to celebrate this important Feast on a Sunday – please join us!

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: will not meet today.

BOOK AND BIBLE STUDY: meets on Thursdays, at noon in the Interim Rector's office, to read and discuss a work of fiction which is based on the Bible. The book is *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* by Ann 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.

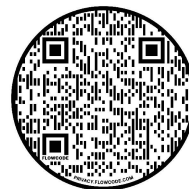
A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the Daughters' banner. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. The prayers are strictly confidential therefore if you need Mother Susan to be aware of an illness or personal situation you will need to contact her directly.

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 and donate packaged, or canned goods. They are always appreciative and 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: If you haven't completed your pledge card, it's not too late and still okay to turn it in. Pledge packets are available at the back of the church. For those who have requested Pledge envelopes they are available in the Parish Hall. Thanks again for participating in our 2025 campaign.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS this month is the Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard County. They are located on Fee Avenue, Melbourne, and

provide assistance to veterans in their readjustment to life in the civilian community. VAVB has taken specific action to assist in helping homeless vets with The Veterans Transitional Facility, a temporary shelter for homeless veterans, and provide for their immediate needs permitting them to search for work, and once employed, to save enough money to acquire living quarters and transportation. The facility consists of ten apartments housed in two buildings which can accommodate up to nineteen residents. The

current cost for maintaining the facility is approximately \$90,000.00 per year. VAVB is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Florida. In partnership with the state, county, city government, and Veterans organizations and other supporters they continue to operate this worthwhile program to assist veterans and their family members. More information on the organization may be found at vietnamandallveteransofbrevard.com.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 6:1-13, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 138. 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

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
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	R. Huffman	J. Bond	M. Salmon	K. Oas
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett
Daughter	T. Chernault	L. Miller	L. Fletcher	J. Miller
Counter	K. 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 OFFICE will be open on Thursdays only. During the rest of the week please email the office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (2/2) No Christian Formation, today. It will resume next Sunday!
CANDLEMAS, Rite II, 10 a.m., also livestream. Those who are able will join the Procession with candles, beginning in the Parish Hall.
Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m.
- Mon (2/3) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall.
AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues (2/4) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Outreach Meeting, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wed (2/5) AA Business Mtg, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thur (2/6) Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study, 12 noon, Interim Rector's Office.
AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Fri (2/7) TGIF, Men's Bible Study. La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935.
- Sun (2/9) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also livestream.

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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Amy Lacy, Secretary

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Jackie Bond, Kathy Oas, Katie Wilson

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Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy, Julie Miller

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Peter Fischel, Ben Kendall