

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany: Holy Eucharist: Rite II February 16, 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**.

Voluntary

ON DUKE STREET

Hugo Gehrke

Hymn 544, "Jesus shall reign"



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

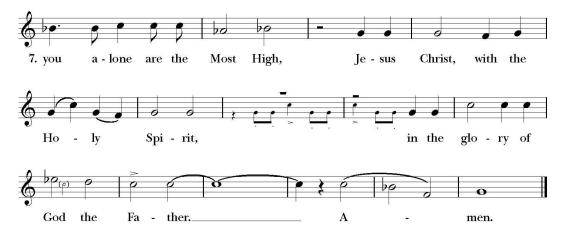
worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Setting: William Mathias



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Collect of the Day The Lord be with you,

And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

All sit

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It

shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Recited responsively by half verse

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * <i>nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!</i>	<pre>everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.</pre>
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, * and they meditate on his law day and night.	Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * <i>nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.</i>
They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *	For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, * <i>but the way of the wicked is doomed.</i>

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

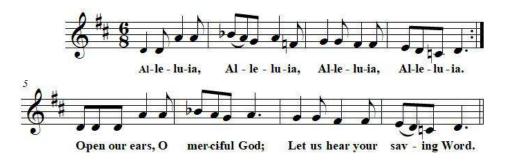
Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been

raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

AT THE GRADUAL, Alleluia



Luke 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power	they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be
came out from him and healed all of them. Then	hungry.
he looked up at his disciples and said:	Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will
"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you	mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."
will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.	The Gospel of the Lord. <i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Davidson

The Nicene CreedAll stand, as ableBCP, p. 358We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen
and unseen.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.

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Prayers of the People	All knee	l, as able	Form IV, <i>BCP</i> , <i>p</i> . 388	
Let us pray for the election of a new Rector. Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Loc				
minas 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	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. <i>Silence</i>			
Lord. Amen		Lord, in your mercy		
Let us pray for the Church and for the w	vorld.	Hear our prayer.		
Grant, Almighty God, that all who conf Name may be united in your truth, live in your love, and reveal your glory in th	together	Bless all whose lives are cl and grant that we may ser love one another as he low	rve Christ in them, and	
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pra Paul's Episcopal Church, Winter Haven	-	Lord, in your mercy <i>Hear our prayer</i> .		
Saints Episcopal Church, Winter Park.	aints Episcopal Church, Winter Park.	Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body,		
hops and clergy of The Church of Bangladesh		mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.		
Lord, in your mercy <i>Iear our prayer</i> .		We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially <i>Barbara, Jan,</i> <i>Bryan, Lilian, and Frank. Silence</i>		
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.				
	Lord, in your mercy <i>Hear our prayer</i> .			
Heavenly Father, watch over and pronation's military members and their respecially, <i>Andrew, Brandon, Bryan, Chase, Danielle, Eric, Geoffrey, Harr Jay, John, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., M., Milton, Murray, Ricky, and Sarah.</i>	families, , <i>Caleb</i> , y, <i>Jack</i> , <i>Matthew</i>	We commend to your me that your will for them me pray that we may share with eternal kingdom. <i>Silence</i> Lord, in your mercy <i>Hear our prayer</i> .	ay be fulfilled; and we h all your saints in your	
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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

The Peace

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

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

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

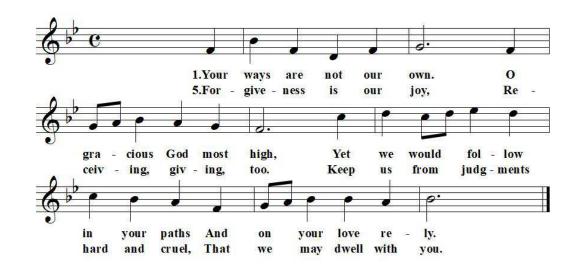
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

All sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving(Eucharistic Prayer B)BCP, p. 367At the Offertory, MotetO Sacrum ConviviumJ. F. DavidsonO sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur et recolitur memoria passionis ejus. Alleluia.O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received and the memorial of his passion is renewed. Alleluia

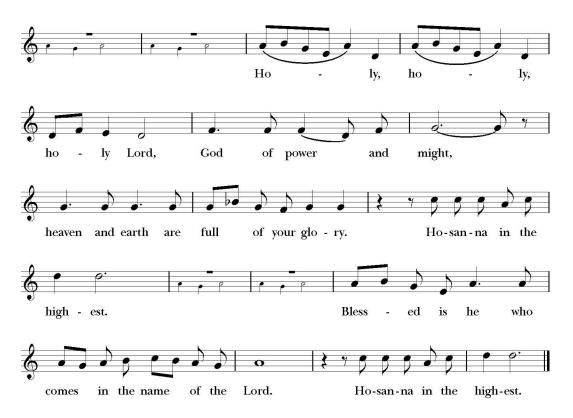
Presentation Hymn, "Your ways are not our own"



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All things come of Thee, O Lord. everywhere to give thanks to you, Father And of Thine own have we given Thee. Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. The Lord be with you. Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface. And also with you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: 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

Tune: Festal Song



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*.

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.

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. Due to COVID restrictions, 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 when the chalice bearer comes by, then return to your seat.

At the Distribution,

Voluntary

Poco allegro

Hymn, "Jesus, Lord"

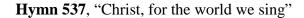


The Postcommunion PrayerAll kneel, as able

BCP, p.366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing





Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Fanfare in C

Henry Purcell

H H H

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Hugo Gehrke (1912-1992) was one of a number of Lutheran church music educators and composers who contributed music to the series of publications called *The Parish Organist* and from which this morning's opening voluntary is taken. These pieces are, for the most part, tuneful, not technically difficult, and serve as an excellent introduction to singing the hymn on which they're based. Take a moment and say a prayer of thanksgiving for him and the many others who contribute their talents so that our worship may be made "decently and in good order" (to quote Saint Paul)

Isaac Watts' "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" is a paraphrase of the second part of Psalm 72, entitled "Christ's Kingdom among the Gentiles." A missionary hymn, it was written fifty years before the birth of the modern missionary movement. Here is an example of Christianizing the psalms, for there was no doubt in Watts' mind that the "King" of the psalm was Christ, whose kingdom would stretch around the world.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) was an English Congregational Church minister, Hymn writer, Theologian, and Logician. He was a prolific and popular hymn writer and is credited with some 750 hymns. His works include "When I survey the wondrous cross," "Joy to the world," and "O God, our help in ages past." He is recognized as the "Godfather of English Hymnody"; many of his hymns remain in use today and have been translated into numerous languages. (from the *Wikipedia*)

Dr. D's *O sacrum convivium* was composed as a teaching piece for one of his choir's efforts in learning to sing in Latin. Latin uses only five vowel sounds as opposed to English's twenty and Dr. D is convinced that real choral blend is achieved only when every singer is singing the same vowel sound simultaneously. Our choir has spent a good deal of time and energy learning to sing proper vowels and we think the results speak for themselves.

H H H

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 today to the Glory of God and in Honor of our 5th Wedding Anniversary, 2-20-2020 by Joe and Judy McLaughlin.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Susan Davidson, Debra Ball, John Campbell.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: JOE & Judy McLaughlin.

Adults meet in the Parish Hall to study Women in the Bible. Children meet in the chapel. All are welcome!

BURNING THE PALMS: If you saved palms or palm crosses from previous years and would like us to burn them on Shrove Tuesday to be used on Ash Wednesday, please bring them to the church by March 2, and place them in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary.

COFFEE HOUR: A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Each week volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, and clean-up. Two or three could form a team and choose the weeks you would be willing to serve. To limit the amount of work required we suggest bringing cookies on a paper plate. This will eliminate the washing up!

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

Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559. Whether you are a long-time member or new to our church, we welcome you to be a part of this enriching experience. Let's grow in faith and friendship as we seek to live out God's will in our daily lives. We look forward to seeing you there! In Christ's love, Paul A. Burleson, (321) 271-1636.

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.

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. Pledge packets are still 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.

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.

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: Genesis 45:3-11,15, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50, Luke 6:27-38, Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42



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 16	February 23	March 2	March 5 Ash Wed. Noon	March 5 Ash Wed. 7 p.m.
Greeters	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks		
Ushers	J. & J. McLaughlin	J. Bond L. Miller	B. Chernault J. Miller		
LEM	M. Salmon	K. Oas	J. Hamilton		
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon		
Daughter	L. Fletcher	J. Miller	T. Chernault		
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson		
A/V	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 (2/16) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also livestream. Young People's AA, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Mon (2/17) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues (2/18) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (2/19) Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thur (2/20) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer, 6 p.m. Sanctuary. AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall. Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m. Chapel.
- Fri (2/21) TGIF, Men's Bible Study. La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935.
- Sun (2/23) 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 > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office @stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

... is a worshiping community, obedient to scripture, growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.



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