



Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany:  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 23, 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**

*Improvisation on HYFRYDOL*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Book of Common Prayer, p.355*

***And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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.*

Let us pray.

*O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for*

*ever. Amen.*

## The Lessons

*All sit*

### Genesis 45:3-11, 15

**J**oseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and

ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’”

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

*Recited responsively by half verse*

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
*do not be jealous of those who do wrong.*

For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
*and like the green grass fade away.*

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
*dwell in the land and feed on its riches.*

Take delight in the Lord, \*  
*and he shall give you your heart's desire.*

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
*and he will bring it to pass.*

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
*and your just dealing as the noonday.*

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Be still before the Lord \*  
*and wait patiently for him.*

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
*the one who succeeds in evil schemes.*

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
*do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.*

For evildoers shall be cut off, \*

*but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.*

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \* *you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.*

But the lowly shall possess the land; \* *they will delight in abundance of peace.*

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; \*

*he is their stronghold in time of trouble.*

The Lord will help them and rescue them; \* *he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.*

### 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last

Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**J**esus said, “I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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. Richard's Episcopal Church, Winter Park, and Church of the Holy Spirit, Apopka.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Episcopal Church of Brazil.

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.*** *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)

BCP, p. 367

At the Offertory, Anthem *A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester*

L. G. White

O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

Presentation Hymn, "Help us forgive, forgiving Lord"

Tune: DETROIT



1.Help us for - give, for - giv - ing\_ Lord, The  
2.For on the cross you bore for\_ us The  
3.Let grace un - lock each pris - oned heart, Un -  
4.And then, the bro - ken cir - cle\_ closed, The



wrong that oth - ers do And, when our\_ hearts are  
curse, the scorn, the hate And gave your life to  
coil each fist - ed hand Un - til from hate our  
bro - ken friend - ships healed, Lord, hold us\_ fast with -



pierced by\_ pain, To bring the hurt to you.\_\_\_\_  
lift\_ from us sin's cruel and crush - ing weight.\_\_\_\_  
hearts are\_ freed, Our hands in love ex - tend.\_\_\_\_  
in\_ the\_ bonds By your for - give - ness sealed.\_\_\_\_

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.

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.***

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

Versets

Paul Tournemire

Hymn 304, "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Tune: LAND OF REST

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

*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. Lord, whose love through hum - ble — ser - vice  
 2. Still your child - ren wan - der — home - less;  
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us — vi - sion,  
 4. Called by wor - ship to your — ser - vice,



bore the weight of hu - man — need, who up - on the  
 still the hung - ry cry for — bread; still the cap - tives  
 till your love's re - veal - ing — light, in its height and  
 forth in your dear name we — go, to the child, the



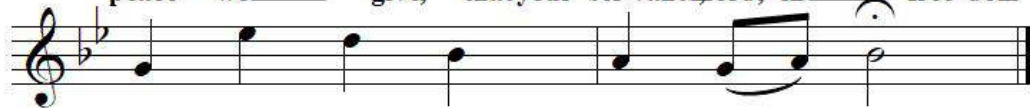
cross, for - sak - en, off - ered mer - cy's per - fect — deed,  
 long for — free - dom; still in grief we mourn our — dead.  
 depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our quick - ened — sight,  
 youth, the — a - gèd love in liv - ing deeds to — show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the — wor - ship not of voice a -  
 As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion  
 hope and health, good will and — com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and



lone, but — heart, con - se - crat - ing to your — pur - pose  
 freed the — soul, use the love your Spi - rit — kin - dles  
 bids us — bear, stir - ring us to tire - less — striv - ing,  
 peace we — give, that your ser - vants Lord, in — free - dom



ev - ery gift that you im - part.  
 still to save and make us — whole.  
 your a - bun - dant life to — share.  
 may your mer - cy know and — live.

## Dismissal

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

## Voluntary

*Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord*

Davidson



## THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The idea for “Love divine, all loves excelling” was taken from a popular song by the poet Dryden, “fairest Isle, all Isles excelling.” Its theme is the great thread of divine love which runs through all of Wesley’s hymns. After a prayer addressed to Christ to dwell within our lives, the hymn returns to the theme of sanctification – God’s “great salvation” is sufficient to deliver a Christian from the power as well as from the guilt of sin (2 Corinthians 5:17). Thus we are “going on to perfection,” being “changed from glory into glory” (2 Corinthians 3:18). (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

“Lord, whose love through humble service” was penned by Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984). It was written in June, 1961 in response to an invitation by the Hymn Society of America to submit hymns on social welfare and was included in *Seven New Social Welfare Hymns*. As Christians we should follow the example of Christ, whose life was spent serving others. Our worship in church is vain unless it is followed by living concern for others. (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

In literature, a “verset” is a short phrase from a sacred book and in music it usually refers to a brief organ piece designed for use in the eucharist. Charles Tournemire (1870-1939) was a French composer and organist most famous for his improvisation at the Basilica of St. Clotilde in Paris. These little versets were almost undoubtedly some of his improvisations that were later written down. His output of eight symphonies, four operas, twelve chamber works and eighteen piano pieces is largely forgotten, but his organ music – and especially his virtuosic *Tu es Petra* (Thou art the Rock) – is still frequently heard on recitals.

When Dr. D went to Trinity Episcopal Church in Torrington, Connecticut he found a very fine organ which was badly in need of repair. There was a good set of chimes and a harp stop but the volume control for the set of chimes was missing. The very able organ technicians quickly found the control and mounted it on the console. To celebrate these two “percussive” stops on the organ Dr. D. composed *Five Percussive Pieces* and we hear one of these this morning.





**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](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Katie Wilson, Dick Martin, Ben Kendall..

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** None known.

**ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** 9:00 a.m., 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 next Sunday, 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

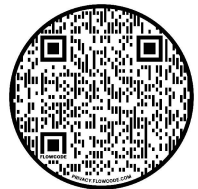
experience. Let's grow in faith and friendship as we seek to live out God's will in our daily lives. We look forward to seeing you there! In Christ's love, Paul A. Burlison, (321) 271-1636.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:kmoas40@gmail.com) or Paul Mitz, Jr. Warden. Text or phone Paul at : 321-288-4050.

## LENT AT ST. JOHN'S

### Ash Wednesday Worship

March 5, Noon & 7 p.m.

### Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays, Beginning March 12

5:30 - Soup is on; 6-7 - Program

Inquirer's Class

### Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 16, 7 p.m.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS.** The following groups are asked to provide soup on certain Wednesdays. Here's the schedule:

**March 12** - LEMs, Altar Guild, Flower Guild

**March 19** - Ushers & Greeters

**March 26** - Daughters of the King

**April 2** - Ushers and Greeters

**April 9** - Choir

**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](http://vietnamandallveteransofbrevard.com).

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36, [37-43], Psalm 99



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](mailto:srazor@bellsouth.net); or Sarah Kendall, at 702-203-6093, [537sarah@gmail.com](mailto:537sarah@gmail.com).

### SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	February 23	March 2	March 5 Ash Wed. Noon	March 5 Ash Wed. 7 p.m.	March 9
<b>Greeters</b>	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy			A. Weeks B. Rincones
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Bond L. Miller	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. Bond		A. & J. Lacy
<b>LEM</b>	K. Oas	J. Hamilton	M. Salmon	K. Oas	R. Huffman

<b>Altar Guild</b>	L. Bennett	M. Salmon			K. Oas
<b>Daughter</b>	J. Miller	T. Chernault			J. Miller
<b>Counter</b>	K. Wilson	K. Wilson			K. Wilson
<b>A/V</b>	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz			B. Kendall V. Mitz

### SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	<b>March 16</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>March 30</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 13 Palm Sunday</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones
<b>Ushers</b>	J.& J. McLaughlin	J. Bond L. Miller	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller	A. & J. Lacy
<b>LEM</b>	J. Bond	M. Salmon	K. Oas	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
<b>Daughter</b>	L. Fletcher	L. Miller	J. Bond	T. Chernault	J. Miller
<b>Counter</b>	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
<b>A/V</b>	B. Kendall V. Mitz	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](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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.  
AA Intergroup, 3 p.m. Parish Hall.

Mon (2/24) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Tues (2/25) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (2/26) Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft.

Thur (2/27) Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Prayer, 6 p.m. Sanctuary.  
AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Fri (2/28) TGIF, Men's Bible Study. La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935.

Sun (2/30) 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](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) and we will send you the link.

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Amy Lacy, Secretary

*Serving thru 1/2025*

Jackie Bond, Kathy Oas, Katie Wilson

*Serving thru 1/2026*

Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy, Julie Miller

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Peter Fischel, Ben Kendall

