

Second Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist: Rite II March 16, 2025 10 a.m.

## Welcome to St. John's!

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit."

(Psalm 51:11-13)



### **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 ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

There are no organ voluntaries (prelude and postlude) during Lent

**HYMN 401,** "The God of Abraham praise"

Tune:Leoni

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Book of Common Prayer, p.355

His mercy endures 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*.

Kyrie eleison, S-91

Setting: Healey Willan

(The "S" numbers may be found at the front of *The Hymnal 1982*)

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you, *And also with you*. Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons All sit

#### Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a ■ vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said. "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought

you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your

descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, \* yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, \* vet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek: \*

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \* and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter: \*

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head \* above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation

Recited responsively by half verse

with sounds of great gladness; \* I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \* have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, \* nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; \* do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, \* the Lord will sustain me.

Show me your way, O Lord; \* lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \* for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord \* in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \* wait patiently for the Lord.

# **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

rothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told **D** observe those who live according to the you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. example you have in us. For many live as Their end is destruction; their god is the belly;

and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things

subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

Tract Richard Muir, Cantor

You have caused the earth to quake, O Lord, You have rent it open. Repair its breaches, for it totters. May your chosen ones escape the menacing bow and be delivered..

Luke 13:31-35 All stand, as able

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to

it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

THE SERMON

Planting Seeds

Mr. Andrew Weeks

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 I, BCP, p. 383

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.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Clermont, and St. Mark's Church, Cocoa.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

For Justin, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Melbourne, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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* 

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and

captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

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 A)

BCP, p. 361

At the Offertory, Anthem

Hosannah to our Conquering King

Hezekiah Moors

Tune: Omni Die

Hosannah to our conquering King!

All hail, incarnate love!

Ten thousand songs and glories wait

To crown thy head above,

Thy victories and thy deathless fame Through the wide world shall run, And everlasting ages sing

The triumphs thou hast won.

Presentation Hymn, "Son of God, by God forsaken"





plea: Source of Life, by death o'er - tak-en, Feed us from the bar-ren tree.

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All things come of Thee, O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.* 

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to

proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS, S-114** 

Setting: Healey Willan

Please kneel, as able Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love

you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.* 

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 Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet, to which all adults and children are invited. If you are a baptized Christian of any tradition (and regardless of your current status in any other church) we welcome you to receive communion with this community of God's people. At the time of communion, the ushers will indicate when your row should come forward. Please come to the altar rail; you may stand or kneel. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands; the appropriate response is "Amen." When the chalice of wine comes, hold out your bread for the minister to dip it

in the wine for you, or decline it by crossing your arms over your chest. If for any reason you prefer not to receive the bread and wine, or if you have not been Baptized, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

### At the Distribution,

**Voluntary** Andante Warder-Harvey

**Hymn 328,** "Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord"

Tune: Bangor Antiphoner

**The Postcommunion Prayer** 

All 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

Hymn 590, "O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising"

Tune: CHARTERHOUSE

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (The customary "Alleluias" are omitted during Lent)

## H H

## THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Willan (1880-1968) was an anglo-Canadian composer noted for his exceptional music program at the church of St. Mary Magdalene in Toronto. He is best known for his organ and sacred works, which show evidence of his love for plainsong and Renaissance music. His Eucharistic setting for St. M. M. was one of the most frequently used for the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* and we will use parts of this lovely setting on an occasional basis. While the Missa St. Mary Magdalene uses Rite I language, the Book of Common Prayer specifically gives permission to interchange Rite I and Rite II lyrics.

"O Jesus Christ, May grateful hymn be rising" is the product of Bradford G Webster and was first published as one of the hymns in the Hymn Society of America's Five New Hymns on the City, published in 1954. For many years the Hymn Society of America has been a leader in encouraging the production of new texts on pertinent themes for which few hymns have been written. Webster's

hymn was written to express the concerns modern urban society finds in our cities. He was a Methodist minister who served New York State churches for over 40 years.

## 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.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**: Sandra Pekar, Ginny Bradley, Laure Bennett, Ryan Hambel.

Anniversaries this Week: None known.

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

MARCH MADNESS DIAPER DRIVE: Christ Episcopal Church invited St. John's to join them this month to collect diapers and wipes for New Life Mission. Many of the NLM supplies were damaged in a recent flood at their building on Highway 1. Place your donations in the bassinet adjacent the Daughters of the King table in the Parish Hall.

# LENT AND EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

### **Lenten Soup Suppers**

Wednesdays 5:30 - Soup is on; 6-7 - Program Inquirer's Class

Choral Evensong Tonight Sunday, March 16, 7 p.m.

Evensong

Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Walk and Pray the Stations of the Cross Fridays at noon led by Marie Salmon

#### Palm Sunday Worship

April 13, 10 a.m.
Starting in the Park, weather permitting
With Blessing of the Palms

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 17, 7 p.m. With foot washing and Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday April 18, 7 p.m.

#### **Easter Celebration**

Sunday, April 20 Sunrise in the Park, 7 a.m. Easter Festival Worship, 10 a.m.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS.** The following groups are asked to provide soup on certain Wednesdays:

March19 - Ushers & Greeters
March 26 - Daughters of the King
April 2 - Vestry; April 9 - Choir

**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.

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.

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!



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 Life Recaptured a local program that assists girls to escape the nightmare of sex trafficking. Their gift shop and beauty boutique are open Monday through Saturday. Their Connections Café, open Wednesday through Saturday and offers delicious food. Visit liferecaptured.org. for more information.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Exodus 3:1-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8. To find all the lessons visit the webpage: 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

|             | March 16              | March 23              | March 30                  | April 6               | April 13<br>Palm Sunday |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Greeters    | A. Weeks<br>J. Miller | A. Weeks              | A. Weeks                  | A. Weeks<br>A. Lacy   | A. Weeks<br>B. Rincones |
| Ushers      | J. & J.<br>McLaughlin | J. Bond<br>L. Miller  | B. Chernault<br>J. Miller | J. Bond<br>L. Miller  | A. & J. Lacy            |
| LEM         | J. Bond               | M. Salmon             | K. Oas                    | J. Hamilton           | R. Huffman              |
| Altar Guild | L. Bennett            | M. Salmon             | K. Oas                    | L. Bennett            | M. Salmon               |
| Daughter    | L. Fletcher           | L. Miller             | J. Bond                   | T. Chernault          | J. Miller               |
| Counter     | K. Wilson             | K. Wilson             | K. Wilson                 | K. Wilson             | K. Wilson               |
| A/V         | B. Kendall<br>V. Mitz | B, Kendall<br>V. Mitz | B, Kendall<br>V. Mitz     | B, Kendall<br>V. Mitz | B, Kendall<br>V. Mitz   |

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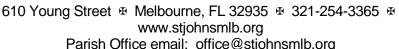
#### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (3/16) 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 Peoples AA, 4:00 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Mon (3/17) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues (3/18) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (3/19) Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Loft
- Thur (3/20) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., 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, 7:00 p.m., Chapel.
- Fri (3/21) TGIF, Men's Bible Study. La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. Stations of the Cross, 12 noon.
- Sun (3/23) 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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