

ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

March 23, 2025  
10 a.m.

**Welcome to St. John's!**



**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***

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.

*Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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*

**Exodus 3:1-15**

**M**oses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face,

for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of

Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am

has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 63:1-8**

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
***my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no  
water.***

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy  
place, \*  
***that I might behold your power and your glory.***

For your loving-kindness is better than life  
itself; \*  
***my lips shall give you praise.***

So will I bless you as long as I live \*

*Recited responsively by half verse*

***and lift up my hands in your Name.***

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
***and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,***

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
***and meditate on you in the night watches.***

For you have been my helper, \*  
***and under the shadow of your wings I will  
rejoice.***

My soul clings to you; \*  
***your right hand holds me fast.***

### **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

**I**do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things

happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let

you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Tract**

Hasty Miller, Cantor

I have lifted my eyes up unto you,\*  
who dwell in the heavens.  
Behold, as the eyes of servants\*  
look to the hands of their masters;  
And as the eyes of a maidservant\*

to the hands of her mistress;  
So do our eyes look unto the Lord our God\*  
until he have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,\*  
have mercy on us.

**Luke 13:1-9**

*All stand, as able*

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**A**t that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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 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. David’s by the Sea, Cocoa Beach and St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Crystal River.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of South America.

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.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our

life, to Christ our God.  
**To thee, O Lord our God.**

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, Motet**

*Vinea mea electa*

Michael Haydn

*...ego te plantavit, quomodo conversa es, in amaritudinem, ut me crucifigeres, et Barabbam dimitteres? Sepivite ex lapides elegi ex te, et aedificavi turrim. Quomodo conversa es in amaritudinem, ut me crucifigeres, et Barabba dimitteres? Vinea mea elect...*

O vineyard, my chosen one, I planted you: How have you been changed into bitterness, that you would crucify me and set Barabbas free? I built a fence around you and plucked the stones from you and built a watchtower. O vineyard, my chosen one...

**Presentation Hymn, "Sovereign maker of all things"**

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR



Sov - 'reign Ma - ker of all things, God of co - e - nant and grace,  
Ev - 'ry crea - ture knows your pow'r, Quakes with fear be - fore your face.  
But your mer - cy far ex - ceeds What our minds can com - pre - hend:  
Deep com - pas - sion stays your hand. Chas - t'ning not, though we of - fend.

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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.*

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS, S-114

*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

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

Setting: Healey Willan

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 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with them in remembrance that Christ died for you, 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**

*Postlude a l'Offertoire*

Henri Nibelle

**Hymn**, "Jesus, Lord"

Je - sus, Lord, we ac - know - ledge your pre - sence;  
hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

### 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

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** (The customary “Alleluias” are omitted during Lent)



## THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

In Psalm 80:8-16 Israel is “the vine brought out of Egypt” which flourishes but is eventually ravaged. In the parable of the vineyard found in Isaiah 5:1-7 (the source for most of the *Vinea mea electa* text), the “vineyard” is “the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are the plant of his pleasures.” Jeremiah 2:21 echoes: “Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?”

The unknown author of the *Vinea mea electa* text extends the metaphor into a New Testament context, asking not why the “chosen vine” was ravaged or brought forth the “wild grapes” of transgression, but how God’s chosen Israel could become so embittered that they would be capable of crucifying Christ and freeing the thief Barabbas.

In its ancient liturgical context *Vinea mea electa* appears during the First Nocturn of Matins on Good Friday as a Responsory to the third Lesson from the third chapter of the *Lamentations of Jeremiah* which ends with the words:

“He had built against me round about, that I may not get out: he hath made my fetters heavy. Yea, and when I cry, and entreat, he hath shut out my prayer. He hath shut up my ways with square stones, he hath turned my paths upside down.” (Lamentations 3:7-9) (from *Translations and Annotations of Choral Repertoire* compiled and annotated by Ron Jeffers)

Dr. D’s “Jesus, Lord” is composed in the style and intent of a hymn from the Taizé community. The point of these pieces is that they are sufficiently short and easy so that every member of the worshiping congregation can participate. The continual repetitions allow us to let the text and music flow deeply into our subconscious to draw us nearer to the mind and heart of God. Even if you think you don’t sing, simply repeating the text – either in Latin or English – lets you be a real part of this worship experience, whether in your pew, at the rail, or going in between.

If we could get our hands on one of Harry Potter’s magic wands we would wave it in such a way as to cause every worshiper to join with the choir in singing these Taizé pieces during the Distribution. These brief, introspective snippets of music are just about the perfect way to continue our participation. Even if you think you “don’t sing” you could at least murmur the words in rhythm - it’ll accomplish the same goal: quieting your inner voices and opening you up to the reception of the Holy Spirit.

“The glory of these forty days” was written by St. Gregory the Great (c.540-604) and translated

for us by Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947). This great Latin hymn *Clarum decus jejunii* is a hymn for the opening of the Lenten season, a reminder of the necessity for fasting and prayer as exemplified by Moses, Elijah, Daniel and John the Baptist. (from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)



**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).

**SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK!** Scan the QR code at right or visit [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) or 321-254-3365.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** None known.

**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!

**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.

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## LENT AND EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

### Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays

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

### Evening Prayer

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.

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

**March 26** - Daughters of the King

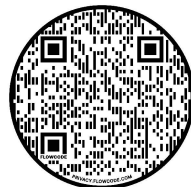
**April 2** - Vestry;

**April 9** - Choir

**SIMNEL CAKE IS A SPECIAL TREAT,** something like a fruit cake, baked in England for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, known variously as Mothering Sunday, Rose Sunday, Mid-Lent, or Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). Next Sunday (March 30) is that Sunday! If you love to bake, you might enjoy trying to make a simnel cake to share for coffee hour! There are a number of recipes available online.

### DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE!

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**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!

**FOOD PANTRY:** Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry whose volunteers are committed to the mission of Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in". A food basket is in the church for donations of non-perishable items.

**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.

**PRAYER IS AVAILABLE** at the altar rail immediately following the service.

**COFFEE HOUR:** A sign-up sheet to bring snacks, or assist with set-up/clean-up, on Sunday morning is in the Parish Hall.

**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 Linda Fletcher, at 321-704-7100, lcalvert1956@yahoo.com; or Ben Kendall at 832-229-0142, ben.kendall@gmail.com, 832-229-0142.

**YARD CLEAN-UP:** there are still a few items needing attention on the church grounds. Please check the board in the parish hall if you can help.

**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:** Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32, Psalm 32. To find all the lessons visit the webpage: [lectionarypage.net](http://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](mailto:srazor@bellsouth.net); or Sarah Kendall, at 702-203-6093, [537sarah@gmail.com](mailto:537sarah@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY MINISTRIES**

	<b>March 23</b>	<b>March 30</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 13 Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 20 Easter Sunday</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Bond L. Miller	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller	A. & J. Lacy	J. & J. McLaughlin
<b>LEM</b>	M. Salmon	K. Oas	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman	J. Bond
<b>Altar Guild</b>	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	TBD
<b>Daughter</b>	L. Miller	J. Bond	T. Chernault	J. Miller	L. Miller
<b>Counter</b>	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
<b>AV</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).

O Sun of Justice, fill our hearts,  
Where sinfulness has brought decay;  
Dispel the darkness of our souls  
As now the night gives place to day.

Make this a fitting time for us,  
A time to change and turn to you;  
Please hear our prayer, most patient Lord,  
Repentance in our hearts renew.

As spring awakes the frozen earth,  
So Easter blooms from Lent's restraints.  
Rejoice! for Christ will conquer death  
And bring his grace to make us saints.

O everlasting Trinity,  
We soon shall see that day of days  
When all creation, born again,  
Will sing the Easter song of praise.

*- Latin hymn of the Sixth Century*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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.

Mon (3/24) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Tues (3/25) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (3/26) Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Loft

Thur (3/27) 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 (3/28) TGIF, Men's Bible Study. La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935.  
Stations of the Cross, 12 noon.

Sun (3/30) 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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