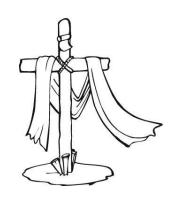


Easter Day Holy Eucharist: Rite II April 20, 2025 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

VOLUNTARY

on *Christ lag in Todesbanden* (Christ lay in death's bonds but now is risen)

H. F. Quehl

INTROIT Traditional

I am risen, and am still with thee, *Alleluia*. Thou hast laid thine hand upon me, *Alleluia*. Thy knowledge is too thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, *Alleluia*. O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, *Amen*. I am risen...

HYMN 179, "Welcome, happy morning"

Tune: Fortunatus

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

(Sung, ringing bells)



COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS All sit

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put

him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

We hear the organ play the Antiphon, then the Cantor sings the Antiphon, then all sing the antiphon and as indicated in the body of the Psalm.



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;* his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,* "His mercy endures for ever." **Antiphon**

The LORD is my strength and my song,* and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory* in the tents of the righteous: **Antiphon**

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live,* and declare the works of the LORD. **Antiphon**

The LORD has punished me sorely,* but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

Antiphon

"This is the gate of the LORD;* he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me* and have become my salvation. **Antiphon** The same stone which the builders rejected* has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing,* and it is marvelous in our eyes. **Antiphon**

On this day the LORD has acted;* we will rejoice and be glad in it. **Antiphon**

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

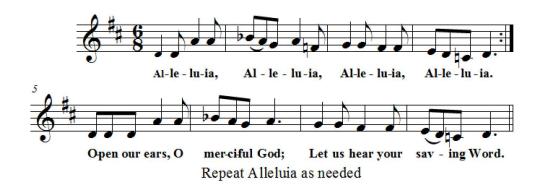
If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming

those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



John 20:1-18

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

arly on the first day of the week, while it was Lstill dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Traditional Russian Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life!

THE SERMON

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 III, BCP, p. 387

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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in

the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints' Episcopal Church, Enterprise, and St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Eustis.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of Hong Kong Anglican Church.

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.

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*

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.

The Confession and Absolution are omitted during Eastertide.

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

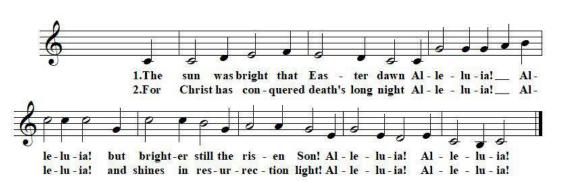
Why seek ye the living

Charles Villers Stanford

Tune: Puer nobis nascitur

... among the dead? He is not here, but is risen. Remember how he spoke when he was yet in Galilee, saying: the son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and the third day rise again. Luke 24:5-7

Presentation Hymn, "The sun was bright that Easter dawn"



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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 and Benedictus, S-129

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.

Setting: Robert Powell

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

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 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

Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ lay in death's bonds, but now is risen)

J. S. Bach

Hymn 190, "Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary"

Tune: FISK OF GLOOUCESTER

The Post-Communion 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 207, "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Tune: Easter Hymn

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

A troparion is a short hymn of one stanza and the one we hear this morning is obviously for use on Easter day. The concept of repetition with increasing intensity comes to us from the Russian liturgy and we think it is nearly the perfect way to emphasize the conclusion of the reading of the Easter gospel

While much of C. V. Stanford's (1852-1924) music has been forgotten, many of his ecclesiastical works have retained a higher profile. In *Music in Britain*, Nicholas Temperley writes that it is due to Stanford that settings of the Service Music regained their "full place beside the anthem as a worthy object of artistic invention." As with his concert works, Stanford's music is dominated by melody. "Why seek ye the living" also shows what may be some influence of the music of Richard Wagner's concept of *leitmotive*, with the repetitions of melodic motives in this anthem.

Elizabeth Charles (1828-1896) who wrote "Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary" is the author of numerous and very popular works intended to popularize the history of early Christian life in Great Britain; of Luther and his times; of Wesley and his work; and the struggles of English civil wars.

"Jesus Christ is risen today" is a masterpiece of a hymn text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

yet surprisingly his brother John did not include it in his monumental 1780 *Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists*. The florid notes for the Alleluias remind us that sometimes singing moves beyond mere words, adding a larger dimension to our praise. Music not otherwise credited is by the Organist/Choirmaster

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VISITORS AND GUESTS: We're glad you're here and hope you will join us again next Sunday.

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: John Hawkins, David Keleel.

Anniversaries This Week: Austin & Cati Stitzel, Lee & Nancy Steininger.

No Christian Formation today. Will resume next week at 9:00 a.m., Adults meet in the Parish Hall. Children meet in the chapel. All are welcome!

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!

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.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY OR NEXT SUNDAY. It will resume on April 27. A sign-up sheet to assist with set-up/clean-up, on Sunday morning is in the Parish Hall.

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

PONATE 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!



St. John's Outreach Focus this month is Nana's House whose mission is to provide a safe, secure, loving home where neglected, abused, needy or abandoned children can experience God's love and healing. Nana's House is 100% community funded and every penny donated goes directly to caring for the children. They do not accept State funding. They are 100% volunteers - no paid staff. They are in partnership with the organization One More Child, and all foster families are licensed and trained by them to care for children in the state foster system. Their indicators for progress are measured by the number of children they can help. the number of qualified foster parents they can recruit, and the devotion of their volunteers. Visit nanaschildrenshome.com for more information.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

	April 27	May 4	May 11	May 18
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller
Ushers	J. Bond L. Miler	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller	A. & J. Lacy
LEM	K. Oas	K. Oas	R. Huffman	J. Bond
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett
Daughter	L. Fletcher			
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31, Psalm 118:14-29.

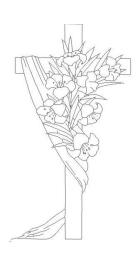
All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office @stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.



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.

Easter Flowers

are given to the glory of God and ...



In thanksgiving for those in my family who are present, and In loving memory of those in my family who have passed, by Katie Wilson.

In loving memory of Bob, by Kathy and family.

In thanksgiving for my children and grandchild, and In loving memory of Mary Schmelowski, my Mother, by Linda Fletcher.

In thanksgiving for our many blessings, and In loving memory of family members, by Ellen and Richard Huffman.

In loving memory of Phyllis & Philip, by Joe McLaughlin & Judy Bell-McLaughlin.

In loving memory of my parents, Orville & Opal Hopkins, by Debra Ball.

In thanksgiving for Stone & Chase, and In loving memory of Ivy Rennals, by Keith & Marie Salmon.

In loving memory of George, Frances, Jean, Thomas, Ryan, Gary Lynn, JoAnn, Jim, and Jimbo, by Chuck and Jan Strissel.

In thanksgiving for a loving family, and In loving memory of Gloria Kenworthy, by Jack, Rusell, Shannon, and Laci.

In loving memory of Patrick Ponder & Tammy Ponder, by Lois Ponder.

- In loving memory of Toni Steininger, Bob Randall, Gene Abruzzo, and Ellen Peake, by Lee & Nancy Steininger.
- In thanksgiving for The choir of St John's, by Jerry and Susan Davidson.
- In thanksgiving for The ministry of St. John's, by Susan and Jerry Davidson.
- In thanksgiving for Bob Davis, and In loving memory of Michael Proctor, by Pamela Davis.
- In loving memory of Thelma Ruth Benfield, by Ron, Eddie, Linda, Les.
- In thanksgiving for ministers, teachers, health workers, missionaries, child & elder advocates, and all who work to improve lives across the nation and the world, by Laure Bennett.
- In loving memory of George & Ellen Muir, Frank & Janet Gawle, Carol Rich, by Richard Muir.
- In thanksgiving for our St. John's family, and In loving memory of Robin Loftus, Harriette and Jess Cason and Dorothy and Bill Chernault, by Teresa and Bill Chernault.
- In thanksgiving for Barbara Russell's and Tony Codling's 90th birthdays, by Sandra Pekar.
- In loving memory of Beth, by Al Sykes, Karon, and Susan.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun. (4/20) **Easter Sunrise**, In-Person only, 7 a.m. in the park NO Christian Education today, returns April 27. **Festival Easter Celebration.** Holy Eucharist. Rite II. 10 a.m..

Festival Easter Celebration, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestream. Young People's AA, 4:00 p.m.

Mon (4/21) AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Tues (4/22) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (4/23) Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. In the choir loft.

Thurs (4/24) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall.

Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.

AA Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Vestry meeting, Chapel, 7 p.m.

Fri (4/25) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (4/27) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall

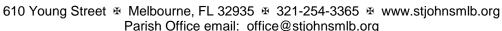
Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

THE OFFICE will be open on Thursdays only. During the rest of the week please email the office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

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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