

Second Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist: Rite II April 27, 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

Improvisation on Gelobt Sei Gott

HYMN 205, "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing"

Tune: Gelobt Sei Gott

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed

by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

Psalm 118:14-29

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:

"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.

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.

"This is the gate of the Lord; * he who is righteous may enter." Recited by all in unison

will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.

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.

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

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! * Lord, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the

All sit

horns of the altar.

"You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you."

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

All stand, as able



John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them

and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he

said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

THE SERMON

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and sprinkling

Form III, BCP, p. 387 **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** All kneel. as able Let us pray for the election of a new Rector. That your Name may be glorified by all people. Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; graciously on your Church, and so guide the That they may be faithful ministers of your minds of those who shall choose a rector for Word and Sacraments. this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip We pray for all who govern and hold authority in us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our the nations of the world; Lord. Amen. That there may be justice and peace on the earth. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; Grant that every member of the Church may truly That our works may find favor in your sight. and humbly serve you;

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BCP, p. 292

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; <i>That they may be delivered from their distress.</i>	Jay, John, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., Matthew M., Milton, Murray, Ricky, and Sarah.		
	We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot		
Give to Pope Francis, and all the departed eternal rest.	be here with us today especially <i>Barbara, Jan,</i> <i>Bryan, Lilian, and Frank.</i> And for those on our		
Let light perpetual shine upon them.	weekly prayer list. Silence		
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; <i>May we also come to share in your heavenly</i> <i>kingdom.</i>	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. <i>Amen.</i> <i>The celebrant adds a concluding collect.</i> <i>The Confession and Absolution are omitted</i> <i>during Eastertide.</i>		
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Ft. Meade, and St. Andrew's Church, Fort Pierce.			
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.			
Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially <i>Andrew</i> , <i>Brandon</i> , <i>Bryan</i> , <i>Caleb</i> , <i>Chase</i> , <i>Danielle</i> , <i>Eric</i> , <i>Geoffrey</i> , <i>Harry</i> , <i>Jack</i> ,			
The Peace			
peace of the Lord be always with you.			

Announcements

And also with you.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

All sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

At the Offertory, Anthem *Thomas, because you have seen me* Michael J. C. Ward ... you have believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Presentation Hymn 209, "We walk by faith" We will sing s

We will sing stanzas 1 & 2 only

Tune: ST. BOTOLPH

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:	

Setting: Robert Powell

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.

Sanctus and Benedictus, S-129

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.

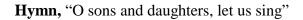
The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet, to which all adults and children are invited. If you are a baptized Christian of any tradition (and regardless of your current status in any other church) we welcome you to receive communion with this community of God's people. At the time of communion, 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,

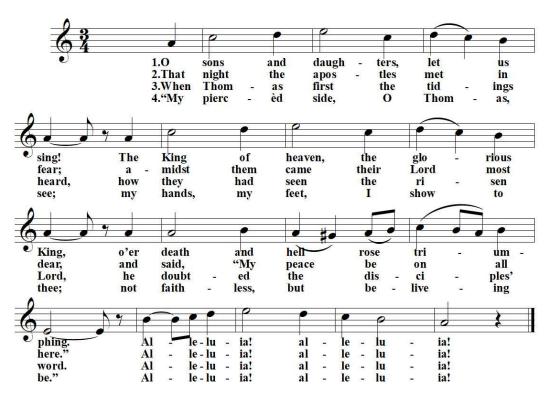
Voluntary

Christ ist erstanden

Johann K. F. Fischer



Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE



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 296, "We know that Christ is raised"

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia! *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Voluntary

Improvisation on Engelberg

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

One of the goals of the committee which put together our *Hymnal 1982* was that hymns were to be "inclusive," that is, references to race or gender were to be avoided when possible. Thus "Good Christian men, rejoice and sing" has become "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing" in our hymnal. Cyril A. Alington, (1872-1955), the author and former headmaster of Eton and from 1921 chaplain to the king of England, had Vulpius' rousing tune in mind when he wrote this text for Easter. Few new hymns for that season succeed, but lines such as "the life laid down, the life restored" help to remind us of the eternal freshness of the Easter message. (from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

Matthew J. C. Ward's motet which we hear this morning recounts the story of "Doubting Thomas" using the techniques of 16th century polyphony even though Ward was born in 1985. His original work is in Latin (*Quia vidisti me, Thoma*) but Dr. D. has translated it into English. A search of the internet failed to turn up any further information about the composer.

Our closing hymn (published in *Hymns and Songs*, 1969) was written by John B. Geyer (b. 1932) and, of this hymn based on Romans 6 the author has written, "We know that Christ was raised' was written in 1967, when I was tutor at Cheshunt College, Cambridge, U.K. At that time a good deal of work was going on round the corner (involving a number of American research students) producing living cells ('the baby in the test tube'). The hymn attempted to illustrate the Christian doctrine of baptism in relation to those experiments. Originally intended as a hymn for the Sacrament of Baptism, it has become popular as an Easter hymn." (from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

The tune to which this hymn will be sung is entitled ENGELBERG, a fine example of English hymn-writing by an eminent early twentieth-century composer, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford.

All music not otherwise credited is by the Organist/Choirmaster.

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VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Snacks and beverages are provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or to be included on our newsletter and mailing lists please email the Church Office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jim Lacy.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

Adult & Youth Christian Formation: 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!

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 11. We will honor mothers by having flowers for all the ladies and the MEN will take over the kitchen for coffee hour duties. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

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

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR. A sign-up sheet to assist with set-up/clean-up, on Sunday morning is in the Parish Hall.

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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 9:1-6, (7-20), Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19, Psalm 30.

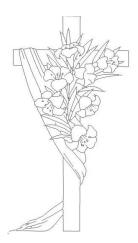
All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office @stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.



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.

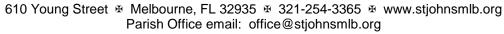
THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun. (4/27) Adult Christian Formation, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. Children in the Chapel. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestream. AA Intergroup, 3 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Mon (4/28) AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (4/29) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (4/30) Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. In the choir loft.
- Thurs (5/1) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office. Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m. AA Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Fri (5/2) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (5/3) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. Children in the 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.

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





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