

Fifth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist: Rite II April 6, 2025

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

HYMN 398, "I sing the almighty power of God"

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

Tune: Forest Green

(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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons All sit

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm 126

Recited responsively by half verse

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Philippians 3:4-14

Tf anyone else has reason to be confident in the If lesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in

Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Tract

Often have they fought against me* from my youth. Let Israel now say: Often have they fought against me* from my youth.

Yet, they have not prevailed against me:*

my back has become an anvil for the hammering

of sinners.

They have long oppressed me with their iniquities.*

Sallie Razor, Cantor

But the Lord of justice will break the neck of sinners.

John 12:1-8 All stand, as able

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

raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of

those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he

was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

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 Church of the Holy Presence, DeLand and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, DeLand. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Chile.

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, Anthem

Like as the hart

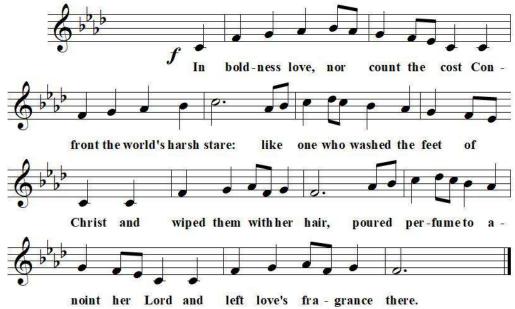
Herbert Howells

...desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where, is now thy God? (Psalm 42:103)

Presentation Hymn "In boldness, look to God for help"

Tune: Morning Song



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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.

Angels and Archangels and with all the company | proclaim the glory of your Name:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to

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 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 Poco allegretto César Franck

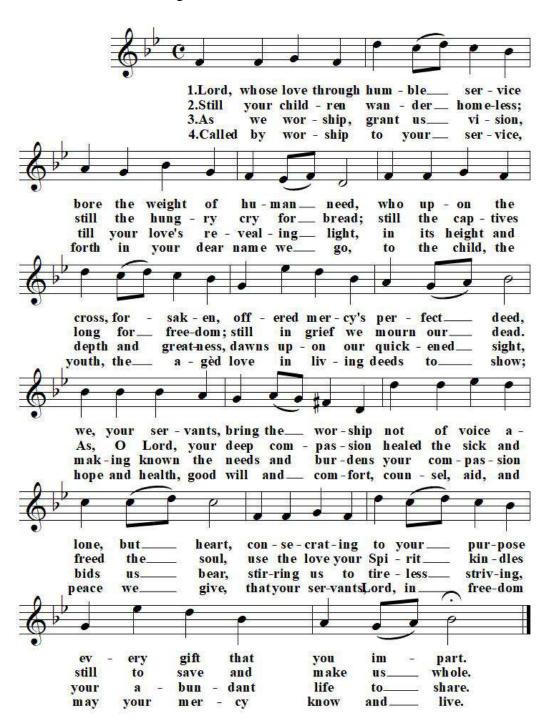
Hymn 313, "Let thy blood in mercy poured"

The Postcommunion PrayerAll 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

Tune: Jesu, Meine Zuversicht



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

Herbert Norman Howells (1902-1983) was an English composer, organist, and teacher, most famous for his large output of Anglican church music. "Like as the hart" which we hear this morning is a staple in the repertories of just about every Episcopal choir that has the forces to sing it. Its subtle rhythms and rich harmonic language put it in the top rank of Howells' output.

César Auguste Jean Guillaume Hubert Franck (1822-1890) was a composer and music teacher born in present-day Belgium. Educated in Paris, after a brief return to Belgium he settled in Paris to a long tenure at the church of St. Clothilde and Professor of music at the Conservatoire de Paris, where he taught students who would make up a "Who's Who" of musicians of the era. This morning we hear one of the smaller scaled pieces from his collection entitled *L'Organiste*

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.

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 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: Clarissa Harrell.

Anniversaries this Week: None known.

EASTER MEMORIALS! Please use the form in this week's bulletin to submit your Easter Memorial for a loved one. You may also submit your request by email to office@stjohnsmlb.org. Memorials must be in the church office by Tuesday, April 15.

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

LENT AND EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

Lenten Soup Suppers

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

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 group should provide soup next Wednesday:

April 9 - Choir

THE BELLS HAVE BEEN SILENT throughout Lent. Let us bring back a tradition and each parishioner bring their own bell to church on Easter Sunday morning to celebrate that He is Risen!

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!



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 assist with setup/clean-up, on Sunday morning is in the Parish Hall. No coffee morning for the next two Sundays, it will resume on April 27.

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 at832-229-0142, 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.

Thank You to the Boy Scouts for their assistance in taking care of many chores, too numerous to mention.

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 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. Cindy Best will be speaking today on behalf of Nana's House.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4-14, John 12:1-8, Psalm 126

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 SCHEDULE

	April 6	April 13 Palm Sunday	April 20 Easter Sunday	April 27
Greeters	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks
Ushers	J. Bond L. Miller	A. & J. Lacy	J. & J. McLaughlin	J. Bond L. Miler
LEM	M. Salmon	R. Huffman	J. Bond	K. Oas
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	TBD	L. Bennett
Daughter	T. Chernault	J. Miller	L. Miller	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

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

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.

Lent and E aster at St. John's

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

All are welcome Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. through April 9.

Program: Inquirers' Class

Primarily for those preparing for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church, and also for lifelong Episcopalians who may find the information interesting concerning the beliefs, history and worship.

WALK AND PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS AT 12 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

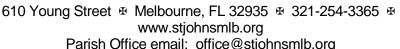
Sunrise in the Park, 7 a.m. Easter Festival Worship, 10 a.m.

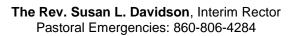
THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (4/6) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also livestream. Daughters of the King, 11:30 p.m.
- Mon (4/7) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall. AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues (4/8) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (4/9) Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Loft
- Thur (4/10) Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m. AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Fri (4/11) TGIF, Men's Bible Study. La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. Stations of the Cross, 12 noon.
- Sun (4/13) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also livestream.

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.



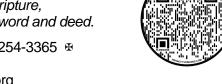


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