

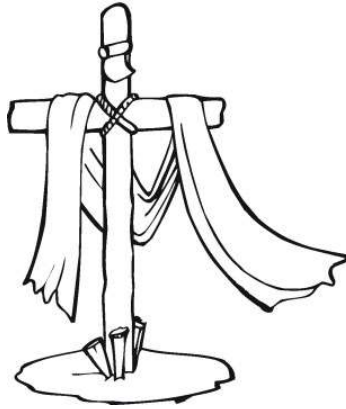
ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday after Easter
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 4, 2025
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

VOLUNTARY

on WINCHESTER NEW

Metzger

HYMN 391, "Before the Lord's eternal throne"

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

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

(Organ)

f Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -
migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. *mp* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
mf you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive
a tempo
rit our prayer. *f* For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone
are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the Glo - ry of God the
Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Acts 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this

moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30

Recited responsively by half verse

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have
lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
***you restored my life as I was going down to
the grave.***

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
***give thanks for the remembrance of his
holiness.***

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an
eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be
disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as

strong as the mountains.”

Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down
to the Pit? *
***will the dust praise you or declare your
faithfulness?***

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper.”

You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
***you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed
me with joy.***

Therefore my heart sings to you without
ceasing; *
***O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for
ever.***

Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels
surrounding the throne and the living creatures
and the elders; they numbered myriads of
myriads and thousands of thousands, singing
with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was
slaughtered to receive power and wealth and
wisdom and might and honor and glory and
blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on

earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all
that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the
throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor
and glory and might forever and ever!” And the
four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the
elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Al-le - lu-ia, Al - le - lu-ia, Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le - lu-ia.

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Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your sav - ing Word.
Repeat Alleluia as needed

John 21:1-19

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat,

dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to

him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to

go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 give thanks for the election of a new rector.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: we give you thanks for working through the Search Committee and the Vestry to bring to us a new rector for this parish. 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 St. Simon the Cyrenian Church, Fort Pierce, and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fruitland Park.

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

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 *These are they which follow the Lamb*

John Goss

...theresoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile for they are without fault before the throne of God. (Revelation 14:4-5)

Presentation Hymn , “O risen Christ”

Tune: LAND OF REST

1. O ri - sen Christ, you search our hearts With
2. Christ, help us live the love we speak, Our
love's all see - ing eye And ask us, "do you
sa - cred vows to keep, To hear and an - swer
love me most?" And wait for our re - ply.
when you call, "Now go, and feed my sheep!"

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:

Please kneel, as able

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection,

and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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 is Risen

J.F.K. Fischer

Hymn, "Jesus, Lord"



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 180, "He is risen, he is risen"

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Improvisation on UNSER HERRSCHER



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Hans Arnold Metzger (1913-1977) was a German organist, composer, and music educator who served from 1945 as director of the Evangelical School for Church Music at the Protestant University of Church Music in Tuebingen.

Sir John Goss (1800-1880) was an English organist, composer and teacher. After a brief period as a chorus member in an opera company he was appointed organist of a chapel in south London, later moving to more prestigious organ posts and finally St Paul's Cathedral, where he struggled to improve musical standards. As a composer, Goss wrote little for the orchestra, but was known for his vocal music, both religious and secular. The music critic of *The Times* described him as the last of the line of English composers who confined themselves almost entirely to ecclesiastical music.

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 the Taizé-style pieces to and from the altar rail and in your pew 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 the inner voices and opening us up to the reception of the Holy Spirit.



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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY to the Glory of God and for Mother Susan, who has served St. John's faithfully for the last ten months as our interim priest.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Will Lester, Floyd Trogon, Lois Thayer, Charlie Williams, Lilian Collins.

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. 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 today is to thank Mother Susan for her loving care this past year.

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ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS for the month of May is Solar Light for Africa. SLA is a Christian ministry run by Charlene Turner that seeks to "Illuminate – Enlighten – Empower" the people of Uganda with clean, reliable, and cost-effective solar power in schools, clinics, orphanages, and other facilities. This year, Charlene will travel to Uganda to continue SLA's work on new projects.

Visit solarlightforafrica.org for more information. Anything in the blue envelopes, or clearly marked for outreach in the month of May will go to SLA. Charlene Turner will be our speaker today.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Greeters	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks
Ushers	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller	A. & J. Lacy	B. Chernault J. Miller
LEM	K. Oas	R. Huffman	J. Bond	M. Salmon
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30, Psalm 23.



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun. (5/4) 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.
Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m. Chapel.
- Mon (5/5) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall.
AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (5/6) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Outreach, 7 p.m., by Zoom.
- Wed (5/7) AA Bus Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. In the choir loft.
- Thurs (5/8) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
AA Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Fri (5/9) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (5/11) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. Children in the Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

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.

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growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.*

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Amy Lacy, Secretary

Serving thru 1/2025
Jackie Bond, Kathy Oas, Katie Wilson

Serving thru 1/2026
Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy, Julie Miller

Serving thru 1/2027
Peter Fischel, Ben Kendall

