

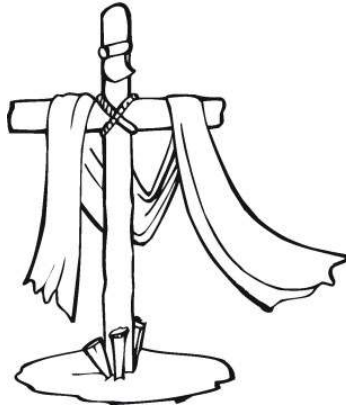
ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 11, 2025
10 a.m.

Happy Mother's Day!



Today we welcome
The Rev. Timothy Rutherford
as St. John's new Rector.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Congregation joins in the portions printed in bold italics.

VOLUNTARY

Two Versets

Charles Tournemire

HYMN 377, "All people that on earth do dwell"

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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
rit. our prayer. *a tempo* *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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was

with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Recited responsively by half verse

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have

they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

All stand, as able

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 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of

Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us

plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my

hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

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

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. Mark's Episcopal Church, Haines City, and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Inverness.

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

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.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

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.

All sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, p. 361

At the Offertory, Anthem *No saint on earth lives life to self alone*

Orlando Gibbons

No saint on earth lives life to self alone,
Or dies alone, for we with Christ are one.
So if we live for Christ alone we live,
And if we die, to Christ our dying give.
In living and in dying this confess:
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faithfulness.
For to this end our Lord by death was slain.

That to new life he might arise again.
Through sorrow on to triumph Christ has led,
And reigns for all the living and the dead.
In living and in dying, him we bless.
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faithfulness
– J. W. Schulte-Nordholt

Presentation Hymn 208, “The strife is o'er”

Tune: VICTORY

we will sing stanza 1 only.

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

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.

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

ON DER TAG, DER IST SO FREUDENREICH
(This day which is so joyful)

Johann Pachelbel

Hymn 645, “The King of love my shepherd is”

Tune: St. Columba

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 708, “Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Improvised Toccata



THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

In literature, a “verset” is a short phrase from a sacred book and in music it usually refers to a brief organ piece designed for use in the Eucharist. Charles Tournemire (1870-1939) was a French composer and organist most famous for his improvisations at the Basilica of St. Clotilde in Paris. These two little versets were almost undoubtedly some of his improvisations that were later written down. His output of eight symphonies, four operas, twelve chamber works and eighteen piano pieces is largely forgotten, but his organ music – and especially his virtuosic *Tu es Petra* (Thou art the Rock) – is still frequently heard in recitals.

William Kethe (d. 1594), the author of “All People that on Earth Do Dwell,” was exiled from Scotland during a religious persecution. He was influenced by the style of psalm paraphrases sung in Geneva. He had in mind the famous “Doxology” tune (OLD HUNDREDTH) by Louis Bourgeois, music editor for *the Genevan Psalter* of 1551. It is the oldest English metrical psalm in use today. (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

Orlando Gibbons (1583 - 1625) was an English composer and keyboard player who was one of the last masters of the English Virginal (a type of keyboard) School but perhaps best known for his madrigals. He was the best known member of a musical family dynasty, and by the 1610s he was the leading composer and organist in England, with a career cut short by his untimely death in 1625. He ended his career as Organist/Choirmaster of Westminster Abbey. (from the *Wikipedia*)

As we sing “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” note the extremely fine paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm which forms this hymn. Most of the psalms are available in paraphrases (of greater and lesser

success). One of the outstanding sets of psalm paraphrases belongs to Isaac Watts, who took it upon himself to, as he put it, “Christianize the psalms.” Take a look in the indices in our hymnal and compare some of Watts’ work with the original psalms – some are truly extraordinary.



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: Carl Holliday, Frank Hernkind.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION classes are in recess until the Fall.

HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY. We will honor mothers by having flowers for all the ladies and the MEN will take over the kitchen for coffee hour duties.

MESSAGE FROM MOTHER SUSAN: Many, many thanks to the wardens, vestry, and all the wonderful St. John’s congregation for the spectacular farewell reception last Sunday! It has been a joy and a privilege to serve the Lord with you as Interim Rector during the past ten months. God bless you as the Holy Spirit leads you to new and exciting ministries in the days and years to come!

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!

MESSAGE FROM SUSAN BADGIO TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE: I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Search Committee for their work and dedication to this process. We went through so much together and weren’t always in agreement, but bringing different perspectives to the table contributes to the outcome. We certainly had a lot of laughs along the way! I appreciate that the team was willing to openly share their thoughts and observations, all while keeping the best interest of St. John’s in the front of our minds. Most of all I am grateful for the opportunity to know each of the team members on a deeper level.

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 is in the Parish Hall. Each week volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, and clean-up. Two or three could form a team and choose the week you would be willing to serve each month.

FOOD PANTRY: Remember the Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry and donate packaged, or canned goods. They are always appreciative and a basket is in the Sanctuary if you would like to help.

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you do have any questions, feel free to email, text or call Ben at: ben.kendall@gmail.com, 832-229-0142.

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.

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.

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

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
Greeters	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy
Ushers	J. Bond L. Miller	A. & J. Lacy	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller
LEM	R. Huffman	J. Bond	M. Salmon	K. Oas
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas
Daughter	J. Miller	L. Miller	L. Fletcher	Teresa Chernault
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 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35, Psalm 148.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

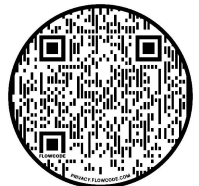
- Sun. (5/11) Christian Formation classes are in recess until the leaves Fall.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestream.
AA Intergroup, 3 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Mon (5/12) AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (5/13) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (5/14) AA Bus Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. In the choir loft.
- Thurs (5/15) 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, 7 p.m., Chapel.
- Fri (5/16) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sat (5/17) Wavecrest Graduation, 10:30-3:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Sun (5/18) Christian Education classes are in recess until the leaves Fall.
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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