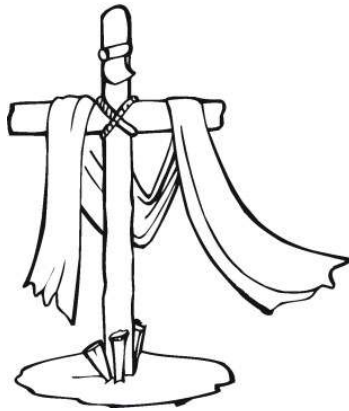


ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Easter
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 18, 2025
10 a.m.



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

J. S. Bach

HYMN 448, “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

All sit

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four – footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Recited responsively by half verse

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, *

tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and
praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Revelation 21:1-6

Isaw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first

things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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 13:31-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going,

you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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.
John’s Episcopal Church, Kissimmee, and St.
Peter’s Episcopal Church, Lake Mary.

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

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

I heard a voice from heaven

John Goss

...saying unto me, Write: "From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Even so, saith the spirit; for they rest from their labors. (Revelation 14:13-16.)

Presentation Hymn 296, "We know that Christ is raised"

Tune: ENGELBERG

(We sing stanza one 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,

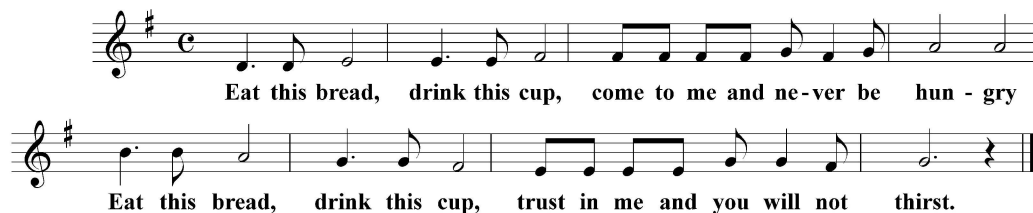
Voluntary

A Verse of Three Parts

Thomas Tompkins

Hymn, “Eat this bread”

Taizé



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 205, “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing”

Tune: Gelobt sei Gott

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Improvisation on Gelobt sei Gott



THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

“O love, how deep, how broad, how high” is attributed to Thomas à Kempis (1379-1471) and first found in the 15th century Karlsruhe manuscript. We sing this text today in the translations by Benjamin Webb (1819-1885). Of it, the late American hymnodist Austin Lovelace observes, “Is it really possible to measure the dimensions of the love of God – how deep, how broad, how high? This ancient hymn attempts to do it by rehearsing the entire life, ministry, death, resurrection and

ascension of Christ plus the sending of the Holy Spirit. And all of Christ's life and work was "for us" – a phrase which is repeated over and over." (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

Sir John Goss (1800-1880) takes a paraphrase from today's second reading from the book of Revelation as the basis for his short anthem, "I heard a voice from heaven." Dr. D maintains that there are only two reasons for having music in the liturgy: either it must bind the community or, it must illuminate the Word. Goss's setting of this text is in excellent example of the latter use and is a standard work in the English cathedral repertory.



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 this memorial: If I had a flower for every time I think of my Mother. I could walk in her garden forever. Happy Birthday Mom, in memory of Harriette Cason, by Teresa Chernault.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jamie Hamilton, Amanda Coleman, Carol Hawkins.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Dr. Jerry and The Rev. Susan Davidson.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: is in recess until the Fall.

PENTECOST IS APPROACHING: Can you read in another language? If so, we need your help for the Pentecost reading. Look for a sign-up sheet at

church or let us know at office@stjohns.org.

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!

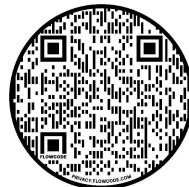
PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately following the service.

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.

DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE!

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

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.

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.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8
Greeters	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincone
Ushers	A. & J. Lacy	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller	J. & J. McLaughlin
LEM	J. Bond	M. Salmon	K. Oas	R. Huffman
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett
Daughter		L. Fletcher	Teresa Chernault	J. Miller
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 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29, Psalm 67. 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. (5/18) 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 (5/19) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall.
AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Tues (5/20) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Outreach, 7 p.m., by Zoom.

Wed (5/21) AA Bus Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. In the choir loft.

Thurs (5/22) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
AA Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Fri (5/23) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

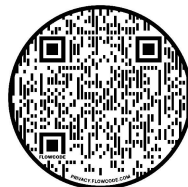
Sun (5/25) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. Children in the Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

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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