

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 16, 2025
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

HYMN 632,

“O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

Tune: MUNICH

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355****And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.***

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, S280

Robert Powell

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS*All sit***Isaiah 65:17-25**

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit

them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord – and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Canticle 9, *The First Song of Isaiah,*
*Isaiah 12:2-6***

Recite in unison

*Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure
defense, *
and he will be my Savior.*

*Therefore you shall draw water with
rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.*

*And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his
Name;*

*Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is*

exalted.

*Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done
great things, *
and this is known in all the world.*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your
joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the
Holy One of Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.*

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we

gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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.

5
Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your saving Word.
Repeat Alleluia as needed

Luke 21:5-19

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and

plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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 VI, BCP, p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; especially those affected by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica, Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sara, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, Presiding Bishop; Justin, our Bishop; Bishops Retired; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of the Messiah, Winter Garden, and Holy Cross Church, Winter Haven.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this

life.

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.*

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially **Frank.** And for those on our weekly prayer list. *Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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

The Peace

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

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

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.

All sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP, p. 367

**At the Offertory,
Anthem**

“I Heard a Voice from Heaven”

John Goss

Presentation Hymn 380,

Lesser Doxology
(We will sing stanza #3 only)

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to

you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 *Gregorian Modes* Flor Peeters

Anthem, “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 620, “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” Tune: LAND OF REST

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Voluntary *Passepied* Christoph Graupner



THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

For our processional hymn, we’ll sing another text by Anglican bishop William Walsham How (1823-1897), the author of the classic hymn “For All the Saints”. How earned the respect of common people by rejecting prestigious clerical positions to serve among the poor, and the respect of the intelligentsia by refusing to pit faith and reason against each other in the public square. Arguably, his willingness to approach scientific advances with curiosity rather than animosity made his audience more receptive to the church’s claims about special revelation. How’s high regard for Scripture is reflected in “O Christ, the Word Incarnate”, which begins with a meditation on Christ the Word Incarnate and then brings us to recognition of Scripture’s role in the church’s mission. How’s call to embrace God’s Word corresponds to this morning’s opening collect, in which we pray for grace to “read, mark, and inwardly digest” the holy Scriptures. The words of the hymn are matched with a German melody harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

Like this morning’s reading in Isaiah, the offertory anthem looks forward to a time when God’s

people can rest from their labors. The text was taken from the book of Revelation and set to music by Sir John Goss (1800-1880), an English composer, organist, and teacher known primarily for his sacred choral music. Goss began his musical education as a chorister at St. Paul’s Cathedral, where the harsh choirmaster confiscated his copies of Handel’s organ concertos on the grounds that he was there to sing and not to learn organ. Fortunately, his future teachers were much more encouraging, and Goss made rapid progress on the instrument, eventually becoming the organist at St. Paul’s himself after working at smaller churches.

Today’s communion voluntaries were written by Flor Peeters (1903-1986), who was one of the most well-known and well-regarded organ composers in Belgium in the 20th century. As a liturgical musician and pedagogue, he composed to meet the needs of his church and his students, producing well over a hundred pieces suitable for worship. In contrast to many of his contemporaries, he continued to write using medieval church modes rather than just the major and minor keys we know today.

The closing hymn, “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” employs some of the same imagery as Isaiah 65 in its description of the New Jerusalem. The text is taken from a description of heaven found in “Liber Meditationum”, a book of meditations often attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430), but its authorship is dubious; many scholars believe that the description of heaven (or even the entire book) is a forgery. Yet whatever its origins, the text’s scriptural basis is sound, and it remains popular in its English translation, believed to be completed by the Catholic priest Francis Baker (1820-1865).



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.

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: Paul mitz.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall, Youth in the Chapel.

TGIF: Join the Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m. at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: "Read the Bible in a Year", every Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rector's office.

THE PARISH BRUNCH will be Sunday, December 7 immediately following the 10 a.m. service. The main course will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. **A sign-up sheet** is in the parish hall.

ST. JOHN'S WILL RESUME GIFTS FROM THE HEART (GFTH) CHRISTMAS gift drive this year. We will be sponsoring a "Giving Tree" with ornaments suggesting a particular gift. The GFTH program is based on the premise that families, including those of very modest means, would prefer to provide for themselves rather than accept a handout. During the holiday season, the GFTH Christmas Shop offers an affordable shopping experience for families served by a coalition of community services and nonprofit organizations. Almost 3,000 new toys are needed before that time for the over 900 children served by the local partnering organizations. We will do our part, in conjunction

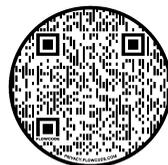
with other local churches and organizations, to give these families a "hand up, instead of a hand out". The "Giving Tree" ornaments will be available at coffee hour after the 10:00am service on November 9th, 16th, and 23rd. **The last day to drop off gifts at St. John's will be November 30th.** For those who are not attending church in person, please consider donating toys via their online gift registries on Amazon, Walmart, or Target and have the gift shipped to Sorensen Moving & Storage (Melbourne location). If you wish to donate cash or a check, that is certainly welcome, too. Please make the check payable to "Family Promise of Brevard" and write "GFTH" in the memo line. Thank you for your support and generosity!

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. Alternatively, you may contact Sarah Kendall, (702) 203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com, or any Daughter. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. All prayer requests are strictly confidential, and we, as Daughters, honor that confidentiality. Prayers will be passed on to Fr. Timothy if requested.

MILITARY MEMBERS: Help keep our military personnel up-to-date on the Prayers of the People. Email Jackie Bond before the end of the year if a member now on the list is still active, or if you have a new one to add. We will remove all others starting in January.

WHOLENESS TO FREEDOM FOOD PANTRY: Remember to bring non-perishable Thanksgiving foods for the food pantry. Place food in the basket at the back of the church or you may leave donations in the Parish Hall or the office. Many thanks for your generous support.

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!

St. JOHN's Focus for the month of November has been designated for Daily Bread. Focused Street Outreach is the first point of contact for individuals who are living unsheltered. Daily Bread deploys two mobile units with professional case managers to engage with people where they are, build trust, and offer services such as healthcare and emotional support. Case managers will also help connect individuals to additional services, including housing, and encourage them to begin their

journey toward stability. Daily Bread's plans include Providence Place a permanent, deeply affordable multi-family apartment community with on-site resident services and amenities, prioritized for individuals and families facing homelessness in Melbourne. It is a locally-led, non-profit housing initiative designed to provide long-term stability rather than temporary shelter. The project addresses the critical shortage of affordable housing, and contributes to community revitalization. Visit dailybreadinc.org to learn more.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR 2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

If you have not submitted a completed 2026 pledge card, it is still not too late. Pledge cards are available in the church or by contacting the church office. You can also pledge online by going to our website "stjohnsmlb.org" and clicking on "stewardship."

As we outline our plans under the leadership of Father Timothy for the upcoming year, the Vestry will rely on your stewardship response in approving a realistic and responsible budget.

Some parishioners prefer to use weekly pledge envelopes in their weekly giving; some don't use the envelopes. If you need envelopes, contact the church office or see Jack Kenworthy or Katie Wilson.



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 Pam Davis, at 321-480-9283, SunHatPam@hotmail.com.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Cantic 16, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43. To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

	November 16	November 23	November 30	December 7
Greeters	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy
Ushers	A. & J. Lacy	J. Bond J. McLaughlin	A. & J. Lacy	B. & T. Chernault
Chalice Bearer	K. Oas	M. Salmon	J. Bond	K. Oas
Acolytes	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett
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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (11/16) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults, Parish Hall; Youth, Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestreamed.

Mon (11/17) AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Tues (11/18) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (11/19) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. Choir Loft.

Thurs (11/20) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
Ladies AA, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Chapel.

Fri (11/21) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.

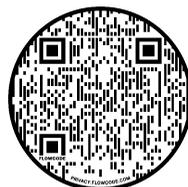
Sun (11/23) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m., Adults, Parish Hall; Youth, Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 a.m., also Livestreamed.

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.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

610 Young Street ✕ Melbourne, FL 32935 ✕ 321-254-3365 ✕ www.stjohnsmlb.org
Parish Office email: office@stjohnsmlb.org



The Rev. Timothy Rutherford, Rector
Pastoral Care: 803-565-6750 (Call or Text)
rector@stjohnsmlb.org

Sylvia Tammen, Music Minister
sylvia.tammen1@gmail.com

Jackie Bond, Office Assistant
office@stjohnsmlb.org

Carole Taylor, Bookkeeper
ctaylor9797@yahoo.com

The Vestry of St. John's Church
Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden
Paul Mitz, Jr. Warden
Keith Salmon, Treasurer
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