

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday After Epiphany, The Baptism of Our Lord
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 11, 2026
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

HYMN 135,

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Tune: SALZURG

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, S280

Robert Powell

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those

who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the
God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*

*The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.*

*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

*He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

*The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

*The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees
writhe *
and strips the forests bare.*

*And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"*

*The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

*The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of
peace.*

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging

him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,

suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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 I, BCP, p. 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of the Holy Presence, DeLand, and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, DeLand.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, Presiding Bishop, for Justin, our Bishop, Timothy and Vanessa, priests of our church, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation’s military members and their families, especially, ***Caleb, Chase, Geoffrey, Jack, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., Matthew M., Milton, Murray, Ricky, Sarah, and Siena.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace and those commanded to fight; for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold

and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, p. 361

At the Offertory ,

Anthem

“Saw You Never in the Twilight”

Hal H. Hopson

Presentation Hymn 380,

Doxology

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

(We will sing stanza #3 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

Sanctus and Benedictus, S-129

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.

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:

Setting: Robert Powell

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

Brightest and Best

Traditional Appalachian Carol

Hymn 120, "The Sinless One to Jordan Came"

Tune: SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

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 121,

"Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized"

Tune: CAITHNESS

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

Postlude in E-Flat Major

John Stanley



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Today is the first Sunday after Epiphany, a feast day that celebrates the manifestation of Christ's divinity to the Magi after his birth and to the world during his baptism. This morning's music alludes to both these occasions.

The prelude, "Take Me to the Water", is a traditional African-American spiritual that affirms the theological significance of baptism. This arrangement by Gospel music scholar Dr. Horace Clarence Boyer (a native of Winter Park in our own diocese!) is taken from the second edition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing", the Episcopal Church's supplemental African-American hymnal.

The opening hymn, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise", was written by Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), nephew of poet William Wordsworth, distinguished classics scholar, and bishop in the Church of England. Each verse of the hymn is centered around one or more symbols that reveal Christ's nature (the star of Bethlehem, Christ's baptism in the Jordan, Christ's first miracle at Cana, etc.). The tune most commonly used with the hymn, "Salzburg", predates the text. It was composed by Jacob Hintze (1622-1702) and harmonized by J.S. Bach (1685-1750).

The offertory anthem, "Saw You Never in the Twilight" is an arrangement of the French carol "Or dites-nous marie", with words by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), who is best known as the author of "All Things Bright and Beautiful". Her text was originally called "The Adoration of the Wiseman", and it explores both the poetic imagery and philosophical implications of Christ's first appearance to the Gentiles.

The communion voluntary is "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning", a classic Epiphany melody that originated in the shaped-note hymn tradition in Appalachia.

Both the communion hymn and the closing hymn narrate Christ's baptism. "The Sinless One to Jordan Came" was written by English Archdeacon George B. Timms (1910-1997) as a somewhat abstract meditation on the meaning of the event. "Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized" is addressed directly to Christ and culminates in a call to emulate His obedience and service in our own lives. It was written by priest and composer Francis Bland Tucker (1895-1984), whose birthday happened to fall on the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. Tucker served on committees for both the Hymnal of 1940 and the Hymnal of 1982. He penned "Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized" after a twenty-year hiatus from writing hymns, but it is no less eloquent than those he composed in his prime.



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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY to the Glory of God and for the wedding anniversary of Keith and Marie Salmon.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jan Louks, Hasty Miller, Kyle Louks, Sallie Razor, Dick Jarvela.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Keith & Marie Salmon.

THE 2026 DIOCESAN CONVENTION is January 23-24. If you would be interested in representing St. John's as a delegate please contact Fr. Timothy after the service.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Will take place on Sunday, January 25, 2026, following the 10:00 a.m. service. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This year we will vote for three new Vestry members. A brief autobiography for each candidate will be available next week.

POT LUCK LUNCH: we will serve a pot luck lunch during the Annual Parish Meeting. Please bring a covered dish to share.

BIBLE STUDY: "Read the Bible in a Year", every Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rector's office. Drop-ins are welcome!

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.

TODAY IS "BRING A CAN TO CHURCH DAY": Let's help our neighbors. If every person brought one can of food to church today it would greatly help our neighbors. Many thanks for your generous support.

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King, beside the Daughters' banner in the Sanctuary. Alternatively, you may contact Sarah Kendall, (702) 203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com, or any Daughter. The Daughters have taken a vow to pray for others and take this vow seriously. All prayer requests are strictly confidential, and as Daughters, honor that confidentiality. Prayers will be passed on to Fr. Timothy if requested.

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MILITARY MEMBERS: If a military member is no longer on the list in the Prayers of the People please contact Jackie Bond immediately to rectify the oversight, and let us know your relationship to the active member.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2026: Pledge cards are still available in the church, or by contacting the church office. You can also pledge online at "stjohnsmlb.org" and clicking on "stewardship."

St. JOHN'S Focus for the month of January is The Priest's Discretionary Fund. This Ministry will now use the funds for charitable giving within the St. John's congregation.



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: Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42, Psalm 40:1-12.
To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

	January 11	January 18	January 25	February 1
Greeters	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy
Ushers	A. & J. Lacy	J. Bond L. Miller	B. Chernault R. Huffman	J. Bond L. Miller
Chalice Bearer	K. Oas	Reader: Pam Davis Chalice Bearer: TBD	M. Salmon	Reader: J. McLaughlin Chalice Bearer: TBD
Acolytes	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	Kathy Oas
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 (1/11) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults, Parish Hall; Youth, Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestreamed.

Mon (1/12) AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Tues (1/13) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (1/14) Bible in a Year Study Group, 10 a.m., Rector's office.
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. Choir Loft.

Thurs (1/15) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall
Ladies AA, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Chapel, & on Zoom.

Fri (1/16) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.

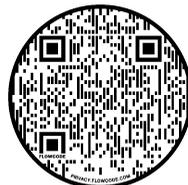
Sun (1/18) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m., Adults, Parish Hall; Youth, Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 a.m., also Livestreamed.

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.

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

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Jackie Bond, Kathy Oas, Katie Wilson

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

Serving thru 1/2027
Peter Fischel, Ben Kendall