

ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday After Epiphany  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 18, 2026  
10 a.m.

**Welcome to St. John's**



**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

## VOLUNTARY

### HYMN 7,

“Christ, Whose Glory Filled the Skies”

Tune: RATISBON

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE LESSONS

*All sit*

#### Isaiah 49:1-7

**L**isten to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.”

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.*

*He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the  
mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my  
footing sure.*

*He put a new song in my mouth, a song of  
praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put  
their trust in the Lord.*

*Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false  
gods.*

*Great things are they that you have done, O  
Lord my God! how great your wonders and  
your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.*

*Oh, that I could make them known and tell  
them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.*

*In sacrifice and offering you take no  
pleasure \**

*(you have given me ears to hear you);*

*Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not  
required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.*

*In the roll of the book it is written concerning  
me: \**

*'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is  
deep in my heart.'*

*I proclaimed righteousness in the great  
congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O  
Lord, you know.*

*Your righteousness have I not hidden in my  
heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and  
your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and  
faithfulness from the great congregation.*

*You are the Lord; do not withhold your  
compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me  
safe for ever.*

### 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**P**aul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be

blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God is faithful; by him you were called into the  
fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 mer-ciful God; Let us hear your sav - ing Word.  
Repeat Alleluia as needed

## John 1:29-42

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

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they

followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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 Church of the Advent, Dunnellon, and Holy Faith Church, Dunnellon.

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

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.*

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially *Frank, and Sallie.* 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 Peace**

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

### **Announcements**

All sit

### **Birthday and Anniversary Prayer**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*(Eucharistic Prayer A)*

*BCP, p. 361*

### **At the Offertory , Anthem**

“These Are They Which Follow the Lamb”

John Goss

### **Presentation Hymn 380,**

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 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 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**

**Hymn 312,**

"Strengthen for Service, Lord"

Tune: MALABAR

#### **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 535,**

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

Tune: PADERBORN

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

***Thanks be to God!***

#### **Voluntary**



## THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

We are pleased to welcome Jen Lester back again to substitute for Sylvia!

The text of our opening hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), brother of John Wesley and author of over 6000 hymns, including many beloved classics such as “Hark the Herald, Angels Sing.” Thanks to his Anglican upbringing, Wesley was deeply familiar with the Book of Common Prayer, and he wrote a cycle of three hymns for morning and evening. One of the most well-known of the hymns about morning is “Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies”, a joyous poem that testifies to Christ’s luminous glory with words reminiscent of today’s Collect, which reminds us that Christ is the light of the world.

This morning’s offertory anthem, “These Are They Which Follow the Lamb”, corresponds to the Gospel reading in John, in which John calls Jesus the “Lamb of God”, and two disciples begin following Jesus. The anthem was written by Sir John Goss, an English organist, composer, and music instructor who was passionate about sacred vocal music. He is perhaps best known for the hymn tune for “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”, but many of his choral anthems remain popular as well.

The remaining hymns are centered around the theme of servanthood, which is also featured prominently in this morning’s reading in Isaiah. The communion hymn, “Strengthen for Service, Lord”, was written by fourth-century deacon and theologian Ephraim the Syrian for the Eucharistic portion of the Liturgy of Malabar. It was translated into English prose by scholar John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and versified by insurance agent Charles William Humphreys (1840-1921) before making its way into our hymnal. The recessional, “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”, is another hymn by Charles Wesley. It was written in 1744, during a period when Methodists faced fierce persecution due to unfounded suspicions that they were aiding France in a plot to take the British throne. But rather than becoming bitter and withdrawing from society, the Wesleys continued to emphasize humility and practical service.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) or 321-254-3365.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Kathy Oas, Nicole Tuten.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** None known.

**THE 2026 DIOCESAN CONVENTION** is January 23-24. The delegates will report back at the annual parish meeting..

**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 four new Vestry members.

**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.

**THANK YOU ST JOHNS.** You filled the basket for our "**BRING A CAN TO CHURCH DAY.**" If you forgot you can always bring it next week, or the next.....

**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](mailto: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](http://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 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23, Psalm 27:1, 5-13. To find all the lessons visit the webpage: [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net) and click on the date.

**SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:**

	<b>January 18</b>	<b>January 25</b>	<b>February 1</b>	<b>February 8</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Bond L. Miller	B. Chernault R. Huffman	J. Bond L. Miller	A. & J. Lacy
<b>Reader Chalice Bearer</b>	Pam Davis TBD	M. Salmon	J. McLaughlin TBD	J. Bond
<b>Acolytes</b>	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf
<b>Altar Guild</b>	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	Kathy Oas	L. Bennett
<b>Counter</b>	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
<b>A/V</b>	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (1/18) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults, Parish Hall; Youth, Chapel.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestreamed.  
Young People's AA, 4 - 6 p.m., Parish Hall.

Mon (1/19) AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Tues (1/20) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (1/21) Bible in a Year Study Group, 10 a.m., Rector's office.  
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. Choir Loft.

Thurs (1/22) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.  
Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall  
Ladies AA, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Fri (1/23) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.

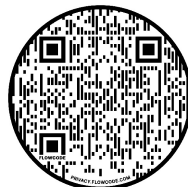
Sun (1/25) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m., Adults, Parish Hall; Youth, Chapel.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 a.m., also Livestreamed  
Annual Parish Meeting, after the service, Parish Hall, also Pot Luck Lunch.

*All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) and we will send you the link.*

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Amy Lacy, Secretary

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

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Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy, Julie Miller

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Peter Fischel, Ben Kendall