

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 25, 2026
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

HYMN 533,

“How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise”

Tune: LYONS

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have

increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

Recite in unison

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I fear? *

**the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

**One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life;**

**To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.**

**For in the day of trouble he shall keep me
safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his
dwelling and set me high upon a rock.**

**Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.**

**Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an
oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

**Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.**

**You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my
face.” ***

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

**Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

**You have been my helper; cast me not
away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were

baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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 saving Word.
Repeat Alleluia as needed

Matthew 4:12-23

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea – for they

were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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 IV, BCP, p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for All Saints' Episcopal Church, Enterprise, and St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Eustis.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Chile. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

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.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your

salvation.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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 , Hymn 550

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

Tune: RESTORATION

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 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

Fugue

George Frederic Handel

Hymn 661,

"They Cast Their Nets in Galilee"

Tune: GEORGETOWN

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 530,

"Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word"

Tune: GOTT SEI DANK

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

Verset XXIII in B-flat Major

Léon Boëllmann



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Our processional hymn, “How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise”, is a poetic paraphrase of the great canticle “Magna et maribilia”, or the Song of the Redeemed. Based on Revelation 15:3-4, the text celebrates God’s awe-inspiring acts in the history of Israel and the church and in the lives of individual believers, echoing the words of the opening collect. And its emphasis on the arrival of the light for all the nations is aligned with many of this morning’s readings, which illustrate how Incarnation’s implications transcend traditional earthly boundaries and divisions. The English version of the verses was arranged by Episcopal bishop Henry Ustick Onderonk (1759-1858) and set to a tune composed by Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806), younger brother of the renowned Joseph Haydn.

Both the offertory hymn and the communion hymn are rooted in the Gospel reading, where Jesus calls his disciples to immediately leave their fishing nets and follow him. The text of the offertory hymn, “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”, portrays this as a model for all mature Christian discipleship, both ancient and modern. It was written by Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), an Anglo-English poet who penned over four hundred hymns. The communion hymn, “They Cast Their Nets in Galilee”, stays focused on the lives of the original disciples, tracing their faith journeys from their first steps away from their old life to their courageous march toward death for the sake of the gospel. Its text was composed by lawyer and poet William Alexander Percy (1885-1942).

The recessional hymn, “Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word” , reflects the same zeal for proclaiming the good news that we find at the end of the Gospel reading. The text was written by German theologian Johann Friederich Bahnmeier (1774-1841), whose devotion to Scripture made him a champion of missions and Christian education.



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: Ashley Campbell, Wisdom Ryan, Kat Rizza.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS TODAY: following the 10:00 a.m. service. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This year we will vote for four new Vestry members. Potluck lunch will be served.

LENT AT ST. JOHN'S

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Sponsored by the Boy Scouts
February 17, TBD

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 18, Noon & 7 p.m.

Lenten Lunch Series "Dying Well"

Wednesdays, Beginning February 25
12 Noon, led by Fr. Timothy Rutherford
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE SOUP on the following dates: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25. If you are able to assist please contact Jackie Bond or sign-up in the parish hall.

BIBLE STUDY: "Read the Bible in a Year", every

Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rector's office. Drop-ins are welcome!

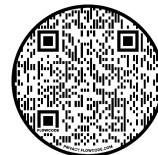
ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall, Youth in the Chapel.

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

THE FOOD PANTRY: is still in need of your help. There is a basket at the back of the church for non-perishable food.

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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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: Micah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 15.
To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

	January 25	February 1	February 8	February 15
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller
Ushers	B. Chernault R. Huffman	J. Bond L. Miller	A. & J. Lacy	B. Chernault R. Huffman
Reader Chalice Bearer	M. Salmon	J. McLaughlin TBD	J. Bond	M. Salmon
Acolytes	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	Kathy Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
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 (1/25) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults, Parish Hall; Youth, Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestreamed.
Parish Annual Meeting and Pot Lunch, after the service.
AA Intergroup Bus Mtg, Parish Hall, 3:00 p.m.

Mon (1/26) St John's Mentoring Meeting, 4:00 p.m. On Zoom.
AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Tues (1/27) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (1/28) Bible in a Year Study Group, 10 a.m., Rector's office.
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. Choir Loft.

Thurs (1/29) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
Ladies AA, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Fri (1/30) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.

Sun (2/1) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m., Adults, Parish Hall; Youth, Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 a.m., also Livestreamed
Daughters of the King, following the service.

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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The Vestry of St. John's Church
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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

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Peter Fischel, Ben Kendall