

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday after Easter
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 19, 2026
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on "Engelberg"

James L. King III

Hymn 296, "We Know That Christ is Raised, and Dies No More"

Tune: ENGLEBERG

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, S280

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Acts 2:14,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the

Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Recited by all in unison

*I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.*

*The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.*

*Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”*

*How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?*

*I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.*

*I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.*

*Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.*

*O Lord, I am your servant; **

*I am your servant and the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.*

*I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.*

*I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,*

*In the courts of the Lord'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!*

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who

raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Hymn 199, verses 1-2

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Tune: ST. KEVIN

Luke 24:13-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in

Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with

them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 199, verses 3-4

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 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;
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 Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, Presiding Bishop; Justin, our Bishop; Bishops Retired; Timothy, and Vanessa, our Priests, 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 St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Merritt Island, and St. Edward's Episcopal Church, Mount Dora

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

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, ***Caleb, Chase, Geoffrey, Jack, Johnny, Kyle, Marsha, Matthew B., Matthew M., Milton, Murray, Ricky, Sarah, and Siena.***
Silence.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially ***Frank, Sara, and Yvonne.*** *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 wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. ***Amen.***

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession and Absolution are omitted during Eastertide.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, p. 361

At the Offertory,

Hymn 417,

“This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God” Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE

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 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.

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 204,

Interlude on "Now the Green Blade Riseth"

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

Tune: NOËL NOUVELET

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.

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 180,**

“He Is Risen, He Is Risen”

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**Voluntary***Postlude in C*

John Stanley

**THIS MORNING’S MUSIC**

Like this morning’s lectionary reading in Acts 2, the entrance hymn is centered around the theological connection between baptism and Christ’s passion and resurrection, emphasizing that “we share by water in his saving death”. While Scottish Congregationalist minister Scott Brownlow Geyer (b.1932) originally wrote “We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More” as a baptismal hymn, its vigorous affirmation of victory over sin and death has made it a classic Easter hymn – though since catechumens are traditionally baptized on Easter, many congregations manage to make use of it for both occasions at the same time.

Before and after the gospel reading, we sing a much older Easter hymn. Written in Greek by St. John of Damascus (675-749) in the eighth century and translated into English by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) in the nineteenth, “Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” traces the theme of deliverance from Exodus to Easter and eternity. The text of the hymn is typically paired with the tune “St. Kevin”, written by Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan, an English composer best known during his lifetime for his opera music but remembered today for his hymns.

The offertory, “This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God” is taken from the Lutheran Book of Worship, but it is frequently used by Episcopalians as well during the Easter season. As a Eucharistic hymn, it is a fitting accompaniment to today’s Gospel reading in John, in which Jesus reveals himself to his disciples through the breaking of bread. Full of praise for the risen Lamb,

the text was paraphrased from Revelation 5 by John W. Arthur (1922-1980) and set to music by the incredibly prolific Lutheran composer Richard Hillert (1923-2010), who wrote a dazzling array of sacred and secular works.

You may recognize the tune of the communion music as the French Christmas carol “Sing We Now of Christmas”, or “Noël nouvelet”, but the text is saturated with Easter imagery, poetically presenting the parallels between Christ rising from the dead and plants rising from the earth and reminding us of the power of renewal. The text’s author, Anglican priest John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) wrote in a variety of genres, including architecture, history, theology, and, of course, hymnody.

“He Is Risen, He Is Risen” is a joyful Easter text by Anglo-Irish poet Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895), who wrote around 400 hymns in her life, including “All Things Bright and Beautiful”.



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: John Hawkins, David Kaleel.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Quentin & Debbie Campbell, Austin and Cati Stitzel, Lee & Nancy Steininger, Timothy & Amie Rutherford.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 9:00 a.m. Adults meet in the Parish Hall. Youth meet in the chapel. All are welcome!

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m. at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559. Whether you are a long-time member or new to our church, we welcome you to be a part of this enriching experience. Let's grow in faith and friendship as we seek to live out God's will in our daily lives. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

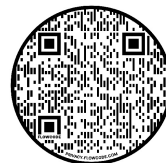
A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King, beside the Daughters' banner in the Sanctuary. Alternatively, you may contact Sarah Kendall, (702) 203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com, or any Daughter. The Daughters have taken a vow to pray for others and

take this vow seriously. Prayers will be passed on to Fr. Timothy if requested.

INDIALANTIC CHAMBER SINGERS present *Songs of Loudest Praise*, featuring a brass quartet, on Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church, Palm Bay, and on Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m., at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Indialantic.

ABASKET IS AVAILABLE at the back of the church for non-perishable food items for Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry. Please consider bringing in a can or two each Sunday.

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ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS this month is Promise in Brevard. This partner is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that was designed to provide affordable, independent housing for adults with cognitive and physical disabilities. Promise in Brevard is an affordable housing community, founded in 2014, and enhanced by Promise's Resident Community Program, which incorporates a variety of programs and services that seek to provide a fulfilling life for each of its residents. Our Resident Community Program offers vocational training and employment opportunities; transportation services; independent living courses; health, fitness and nutrition classes; and more. One of our core goals is for all residents who want to be employed to have the opportunity to do so. We are proud to say over half of our residents are employed. For more information visit their website. The speaker today is Jeff Kiel.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

	April 19	April 26
Greeters	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks
Ushers	J. Bond L. Miller	B. Chernault R. Huffman
Reader/ Chalice Bearer	J. McLaughlin/ TBD	J. Bond
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett
Acolytes	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10, Psalm 23.

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.



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun. (4/19) Adult Christian Formation, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. Youth in the Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestream.
Young People's AA, 4 p.m., Parish Hall.

Mon (4/20) AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Tues (4/21) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (4/22) Bible in a Year Study Group, 10: a.m., Rector's office.
Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. In the choir loft.

Thurs (4/23) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m., Parish Hall.
Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
AA Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

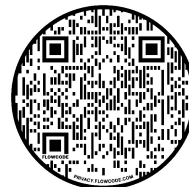
Fri (4/24) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (4/26) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. Youth in the Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

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... is a worshipping community, guided by Scripture, growing servants of Christ, and sharing Jesus' love in word and deed.

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