

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Maundy Thursday
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 2, 2026
7:00 p.m.



“Kneels at the feet of his friends”

Welcome to St. John's!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

There are no organ voluntaries (prelude and postlude) during Lent

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

Let us pray.

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.*

Kyrie Eleison, S-91

Setting by Healey Willan

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at

twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the

land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1,10-17

Recited responsively by half verse

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.

is the death of his servants.

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

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

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.

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

Precious in the sight of the Lord *

In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is

the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual and Tract

All stand as able

From the place where the sun rises to the place of its setting,*
my Name is great among the nations.

And in every place, a sacrifice is offered to my Name,*
a pure offering, for my Name is truly great

among the nations.

Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine*

I have prepared for you.

John 13:1-17, 31-35

All stand, as able

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his

robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit

Foot Washing

The congregation is invited to come forward for the foot washing. There will be two stations. Please remove your shoes and socks in the pew. Women's hosiery may remain on.

Invitation to the Foot Washing

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. Come remembering his admonition that what will be done for us is also to be done by us to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

Hymn 602, "Jesu, Jesu, Fills Us With Your Love"

Tune: CHEREPONI

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; Timothy and Vanessa, our Priests and for all bishops and other ministers; and

For all who serve God in his Church.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

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.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our

sins.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, p.361

At the Offertory, Motet

“In Monte Oliveti”

Anton Bruckner

In monte Oliveti oravit ad patrem: Pater si fieri potest transeat a me calix iste. Fiat Voluntas tua.

On the Mount of Olives, he prayed to the father "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Let your will be done."

Presentation Hymn 380,

“Doxology”

(We will sing stanza #3 only)

Tune: OLD HUNDRETH

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 & BENEDICTUS, S-114

Setting: Healey Willan

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

Chant,

"Eat this Bread"

Taizé

The Post-Communion Prayer

All kneel, as able

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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 Altar is stripped

Chant

“Stay With Me”

Taizé

The congregation departs in silence.

The Liturgy resumes tomorrow evening, Good Friday, at 7 p.m.



THIS EVENING’S MUSIC

The music of Maundy Thursday usually recounts the events of the Last Supper, the foot-washing, the discourses found in the Gospel of John, the betrayal, and Jesus’ arrest.

The service begins and ends with exhortation to attend to the imagery of Christ in the garden. The entrance hymn “Go To Dark Gethesemane”, written by Scottish newspaper editor and poet James Montgomery (1751-1854), traces the contours of the Passion narrative and encourages listeners to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. The liturgical chant “Stay with Me”, composed by Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) for the Taizé community and sung by the choir during the Stripping of the Altar, is based off Christ’s plea in Matthew 26:36-46 for his disciples to stay with him and pray.

At the offertory, Austrian composer Anton Bruckner’s (1824-1896) short motet “In Monte Oliveti” focuses with sad beauty on the solitary time when Jesus prayed alone in the garden. Bruckner’s symphonies are known as “cathedrals of sound”, and his sacred motets illustrate his reverent approach to his art.

The remainder of this evening’s music is focused on fellowship. The hymn “Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love” was adapted by missionary Tom Colvin (1925-2000) from a Ghanian folk song and has become a traditional accompaniment for footwashing on Maundy Thursday. The communion chant, “Eat this Bread”, is another Taizé composition. Echoing the institution of the Lord’s supper, it invites Christians to remember and reflect on the meaning of the sacrament.



VISITORS AND GUESTS: We're glad you are here and hope to see you on Easter Sunday. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365, or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

TGIF: Join the Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m. at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Road, Melbourne.

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EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m.

With Foot-washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 5

Sunrise in the Park, 7 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship, 10 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS this month is Promise of Brevard. Promise, 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.



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: Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24. To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

	April 2 Maundy Thurs. 7 p.m.	April 3 Good Friday 7 p.m.	April 5 Easter Sunday 7 and 10 a.m.	April 12 10 a.m.
Greeters	TBD	N/A	A. Weeks (10 a.m.) A. Lacy (10 a.m.)	A. Weeks B. Rincones
Ushers	R. Huffman J. Miller	A. & J. Lacy	B. & T. Chernault (10 a.m.)	A. & J. Lacy
Reader/ Chalice Bearer	J. Bond	TBD N/A	Richard (7:00 a.m.) J. Bond (10 a.m.)	K. Oas
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf
Altar Guild	Team	TBD	TBD	L. Bennett
Counter	N/A	N/A	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

Thurs (4/2) **Maundy Thursday** Worship, with foot washing, 7:00 p.m.

Fri (4/3) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. at La Loma on Aurora Road.
Good Friday Liturgy, 7:00 p.m.

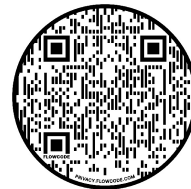
Sun (4/5) **Easter Sunrise**, In-Person only, 7:00 a.m. in the park (weather permitting)
Christian Education 9:00 a.m. Adults in the parish hall, Youth in the chapel.
Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m.

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

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