

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was established on April 18, 1896. We seek to maintain the fullness and richness of the Anglican tradition in its common life and worship; to witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the good news about God and life which is revealed in the Gospel. We seek to serve the community as a place of hope and love, and to reach out and touch those who need the healing and forgiving grace of God.

A Note to Our Visitors

We welcome you to The Episcopal of St. John the Baptist with an extended hand and a joyful spirit! We are blessed by your visit, and we believe that God has directed our paths to intersect. Our meeting is not an accident but a divine appointment, so we want to express Christ's love to you with genuine warmth. We are delighted to know you and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways in which God's hand is at work in our church. We believe you will discover that our fellowship is truly a family, rich in the relationships that matter most. Growing together, we worship, we serve, we laugh, we cry, we learn, and we reach out to our world with life-transforming truth. We reach out to you, as well. Our doors are open. Our hearts are open, too. If you're been thinking, praying, searching and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—Welcome!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the mystical presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer not to drink from the common cup you may choose Intinction. The person administering the chalice will dip the Bread into the Wine and place it on your tongue. You may come for a prayer for God's blessing in lieu of receiving Holy Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest. Ladies are encouraged to blot lipstick before receiving Communion.

In our worship we use *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) (red) and hymnals, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS II) and the *Episcopal Hymnal 1982* (blue). These books are located in the racks facing you on the back of the pew. Page numbers are identified in the service bulletin.



SOLEMN EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

LENTEN DEVOTION

“Remember the Dust”

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

PROCESSION

“*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*”

HYMNAL Page 436

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LESSON Matthew 21: 1-11

Lector: A Reading from Matthew

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 118: 1 –2; 19 - 29

Confitemini Domino [760]

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE PROCESSION

“All glory, laud, and honor”
“Ride On! Ride on in majesty”

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HYMNAL Page 156

SOLEMN EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GLORY TO YOU

HYMNAL Page S236

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Lector: A Reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16 Page 623, BCP

Hymn Tune LEVAS II Page 279

Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

In te, Domine, speravi

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed. [ANT.]

¹¹ I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹² I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot. [ANT.]

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God. [ANT.]

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

[ANT.]

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from Philippians

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN

"Were You There"

Nia Jones, Flautist

THE GOSPEL

7:30AM Service

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 27:11-54

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus- Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus- Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' ²² Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' ²³ Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ³⁰ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

³⁸ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² 'He saved others; he cannot save himself.* He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' ⁴⁴ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land* until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

10:00am Service

Adopted by Sylvia Warren

See Page 14 for Congregational Hymn sheet

Narrators

Barbara Grant
Gerri Jettison
Roger Johnson
Avery Lewis

Musicians

Renee Fox, Violin
Nia Jones, Flute
St. John the Baptist Choir

NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE PEACE

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OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Palms”

St. John the Baptist Choir

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads”

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Rite 1

Eucharistic Prayer I

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Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS BENEDICTUS **LEVAS II Page 255**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION **BCP Page 334**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **LEVAS II Page 264**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

ANGUS DEI *“Lamb of God”* **LEVAS II Page 270**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Hail Thou Once Despised” **HYMNAL Page 495**
“He Will Remember Me” **LEVAS II Page 34**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, TRAVELS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER **BCP Page 335**

THE BLESSING

THE WELCOME OF VISITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

CLOSING HYMN *“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”* **HYMNAL Page 474**

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LECTORS

Frances Hempstead Lorraine Harris
Delores Williams Bill Smith
Lois Mitchell Judy Hayes
Krisita A. Jackson Cynthia Hammonds

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dale Feagins Cynthia Hammonds
Norma Smith

LENTEN DEVOTION LEADERS

Lee & Sylvia McElroy
Dortha Valentine

Carolyn Morris, Organist
Sylvia Warren, Worship Leader

Ernest "Pete" Boyd, Musical Director
Roger Johnson, Verger

ACOLTYES

Deyone Romeo	Taylor Harris	Alexandria Musgray
Camden Acree	Walker Harris	Brian Musgray
Deshawn Romeo	Avery Lewis	Camuriel Parr
Omari Ballentine	Evan Lewis	Sean Parr
	Miles Parr	

USHERS

Joe Reed	Heldon Ward	Nelson Pinder
Russell Warren	Roopchand Chandoo	Tracey Monroe
Joe Williams	Ken Beckles	Judith Hayes
	Janet Pinder	Eric Parr
	Barbara Robinson	Patricia Jones

PRAYERS

Members of The Order of the Daughters of the King make a vow to pray, serve others and evangelize in their church and wherever they may be out in the world.

Prayer Requests Cards are located in the slot in each pew back. Your completed prayer request should be deposited in the box on the narthex table. Daughters will pray for the person and need for one month. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

**THE CONGREGATION IS REQUESTED TO PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND CONFINED, ESPECIALLY**

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DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Matthew 26:40	Thursday	John 13: 14
Monday	John 12: 3	Friday	John 19:30
Tuesday.....	John 12: 35	Saturday	Matthew 27: 61
Wednesday	John 13: 27		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth Beckles 4/29	Candice Gould 4/21	Sylvia Warren 4/9
Annette Thompson 4/26	Ena Ward 4/14	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bob & Miriam Henry April 15th

FOOD PANTRY

One Can does make a difference.

This vital ministry of our church opens our doors each Wednesday to provide food assistance for those in our community. Your weekly contribution of one can —or bag of rice, beans, sauce, cereal, etc.— will allow us to meet the needs of those who come to our door seeking assistance

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”

Proverbs 19: 17

PARISH HALL RENTAL

You must complete an "Application for use of the Pinder Parish Hall" for all special events. Please find this application in the church office or above the display table in the Parish Hall. Applications need to be submitted at least one month before the event. Thank you for your cooperation.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist is now on Facebook. Post your photos, share our news and events. Join us as we prepare the Way of the Lord to those on Facebook.
www.Facebook.com/OrlandoForerunner

ATTENTION SJB YOUTH

Youth (&Parents/Grandparents)! Our youth group has gone virtual! Have questions you need answered? Need a place to share your thoughts and experiences? Find our CLOSED group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OrlandoForerunners/>. Parents/Grandparents: this group is CLOSED and members have to be approved by Youth Group Leaders. Therefore, it is a safe environment for your children. Encourage them to join the group, and watch their faith grow!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to insure your organization's announcement is printed in the church bulletin or included in the weekly Telephone Tree message they should be submitted to the church office by Wednesday at 3PM.



HOLY WEDNESDAY

Tenebrae Service 6:30PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Communion & Foot Washing
6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY

"Seven Last Words"
Noon - 3PM

HOLY SATURDAY

No service

EASTER VIGIL

6:00AM

EASTER SERVICE

10:00AM

THE PASSION

HYMNSHEET

Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

2. I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

Refrain

4. He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way.

Refrain

Refrain

*Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow;
I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.*

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

Refrain:

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS ...



The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was established on April 18, 1896 in a four room house on the corner of Terry St. and Pine St. in Orlando, FL.

During our 117 year existence, we have become known for a rich history of a blend of Anglican but contemporary family friendly liturgical worship. Our modern sanctuary is graced with a series of twelve African American inspired stained glass windows including representations of St. John the Baptist and window etched renditions of the beasts of the four Gospels.

Whether you are a resident of Central Florida or a visitor to the area, we invite you to visit and participate in our worship and various opportunities for fellowship. Our ministries include weekly Bible Study, a Young Adults Spiritual Focus Group, Men's Fellowship, the Episcopal Church Women and The Order of The Daughters of the King. Our outreach ministries provide a weekly distribution of groceries through our Food Pantry, a neighborhood youth Bible study group and we serve as a satellite office of the Episcopal Counseling Center. We are a host site for weekly meetings of Narcotics Anonymous.

