

# The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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**Easter Sunday**  
**Year A RCL**

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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

INTROIT	<i>“Christ Is Risen”</i>	St. John the Baptist Choir
GREETING	<i>“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”</i>	HYMNAL Page 460
PROCESSIONAL	<i>“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices”</i>	HYMNAL Page 191
COLLECT FOR PURITY		BCP Page 355
GLORY TO YOU		HYMNAL Page S-236

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

#### Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
the LORD appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.  
Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
"Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God

## THE PSALM

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Page 760, BCP**

*Hymn Tune LEVAS II Page 273*

**Antiphon: "His love, His love, His love is everlasting."**

### *Confitemini Domino*

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- <sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- <sup>16</sup> "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- <sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD'S doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## THE EPISTLE

*Lector:* A Reading from Colossians

### Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God

### SEQUENCE HYMN

### “Christ Arose”

1. Low in grave he lay  
Jesus my Savior!  
Waiting the coming day  
Jesus my Lord!  
*Refrain*
2. Vainly they watch His bed  
Jesus, My Savior!  
Vainly they seal the dead  
Jesus my Lord!  
*Refrain*
3. Death cannot keep his prey  
Jesus, My Savior!  
He tore the bars away  
Jesus my Lord!  
*Refrain*

*Refrain*

Up from the grave he arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ Arose!

## THE GOSPEL

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to

tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **SERMON**

**The Rev. Jabriel S. Ballentine**

## **NICENE CREED**

**BCP Page 358**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

O Christ,  
After your resurrection you appeared to your disciples  
You breathed on them,  
That they might receive the Holy Spirit,  
You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation,  
Through your victory, we pray to you.  
*Hear us, Lord of glory.*

O Christ,  
After your resurrection you sent out your disciples  
To teach all nations and to baptize them  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;  
You promised to be with them  
And us until the end of the world.  
Through your victory, we pray to you;  
*Hear us, Lord of glory.*

O Christ,  
Through your resurrection you lifted us up,  
And filled us with rejoicing,  
Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts,  
Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy,  
Through your victory, we pray to you;  
*Hear us, Lord of glory.*

*O Christ,*  
You are glorified by angels in heaven, and worshiped on earth,  
On the glorious feast of your resurrection,  
We pray to you:  
*Hear us, Lord of glory.*

Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness,  
Extend your mercy to your people who await the resurrection,  
And have mercy on us;  
*Hear us, Lord of glory.*

O Merciful God, you raised your beloved Son,  
And in your love you established him as head of your church,  
And ruler of the universe,

By your goodness we pray;  
*Hear us, Lord of glory.*

*After a brief silence, the leader concludes the litany:*

O God, you gave your only Son  
To suffer death on the cross for our redemption,  
And by his glorious resurrection  
You delivered us from the power of death.  
Grant us so to die daily to sin,  
That we may evermore live with him in joy of his resurrection;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**BCP Page 360**

**THE PEACE**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**OFFERTORY**

*(Please bring the offering from your Lenten gleaners when you come to Communion)*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**St. John the Baptist Choir**

**PRESENTATION HYMN**

*“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

**HYMNAL Page 207**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**DOXOLOGY**

**Rite II**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP Page 361**

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and he has taken away the sin of the world. By his death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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** **LEVAS II Page 252**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION** **BCP Page 362**

**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 269**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*“He Lives”* **LEVAS II Page 42**  
*“Because He Lives”* **LEVAS II Page 43**  
*“Alleluia, Give Thanks”* **HYMNAL Page 178**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, TRAVELS**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** **BCP Page 365**

**THE BLESSING**

**THE WELCOME OF VISITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CLOSING HYMN** *“Alleluia, The Strife Is O’er”* **HYMNAL Page 208**



## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

### *LECTORS*

Lorraine Harris  
Bill Smith  
Judy Hayes

### *LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS*

Cynthia Hammonds  
Dale Feagins

Norma Smith

Carolyn Morris, Organist  
Sylvia Warren, Worship Leader

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

### *ACOLTYES*

Deyone Romeo  
Camden Acree  
Deshawn Romeo  
Omari Ballentine

Taylor Harris  
Walker Harris  
Avery Lewis  
Evan Lewis  
Miles Parr

Alexandria Musgray  
Brian Musgray  
Camuriel Parr  
Sean Parr

### *USHERS*

Joe Reed  
Russell Warren  
Joe Williams

Heldon Ward  
Roopchand Chandoo  
Ken Beckles  
Janet Pinder  
Barbara Robinson

Nelson Pinder  
Tracey Monroe  
Judith Hayes  
Eric Parr  
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.

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

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Carrie Lawrence 3401 Rogers Drive, 32805 407-293-1733  
Pat Brooks and Dorothy Wilder, 6106 Bruhley Ct., 32805 407-345-0039  
Conrad Gill, 5033 Wise Bird Drive, Windermere, FL 34786 407-654-4548  
Bill Jennings c/o 1103 Martin Luther King Drive, 32805 407-295-3518

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**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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Sunday .....	John 20: 18	Thursday .....	Psalm 118:22
Monday .....	Psalm 16: 11	Friday .....	John 21: 7
Tuesday.....	John 20: 16	Saturday .....	Acts 4: 13
Wednesday .....	Luke 24:27		

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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

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Kenneth Beckles 4/29	Candice Gould 4/21	Charles Harleston 4/28
Annette Thompson 4/26	Ena Ward 4/14	Sylvia Warren 4/9

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Bob & Miriam Henry April 15th

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**FOOD PANTRY**

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**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

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**PARISH HALL RENTAL**

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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.



## MEMORIALS



### *IN MEMORY OF*

*Yvonne Johnson*

*Members of the McDonald, Hopkins &  
Everette Families  
Doris M. Lyle, always in our thoughts*

*Wayne Brady*

*Tom Mitchell & Josh Floyd*

*Gail Pinder*

*Captain Joseph O. Reed, III*

*William Prime  
Charles T. & Idell Smith*

*Muriel & Claude Burgess  
Patrick Stnaford*

*John & Katie Wright*

*James B. Walker, Jr.  
Melrose Taylor Reeves*

### *GIVEN BY*

*Sonja Johnson*

*Sylvia E. McElroy  
Lee & Sylvia McElroy*

*Valerie Peterson*

*Beverly Mitchell*

*The Pinder Family*

*Mary Reed*

*Bill & Norma Smith*

*Annette Thompson*

*Anne Tolbert*

*Joyce Taylor Walker*

## MEMORIALS



### *IN MEMORY OF*

*Carlton Bradley Moore*

*Clarence Braham*

*Ulysses Briggs*

*Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow McKenzie*

*Sylvester S., Sr. & Wilma P. Harris  
Hayward & Lessie B. Bullard*

*Nichelle Elise Henderson  
Mr. & Mrs. Lowman Oliver II*

*The Nixon, Johnson, Humphries  
Families*

*Mother Emma Henry  
Husband Henry Jettison*

*Yvonne L. Johnson*

*Jacqueline C. Mortimer, Daisy J. Paris  
Edna E. Johnson*

### *GIVEN BY*

*Ernest & Shirley Bradley*

*Hazel Braham*

*Katherine Briggs*

*Barbara McKenzie Grant*

*Sylvester & Beatrice Harris*

*Faye Oliver Henderson*

*Juanita Humphries*

*Gerri Jettison*

*Dennis Johnson*

*Roger Johnson*

# THANKSGIVING



## *Blessings*

*Thanks for everything*

*Ken & Cassell Beckles*

*God's many blessings, especially children,  
grandchildren and great grandchildren*

*To my beautiful wife, Edwina*

*God's Blessings*

*The blessings our granddaughters  
Lauren & Camryn Perkins*

*The life of Willie & Sandy Green  
& Tina Grant*

*The blessings given to my family*

*In thanksgiving for the love and  
lives of my parents  
Clifford & (the late) Ruby Jackson*

*God's blessings for family, friends and  
my church*

*God's continued blessings*

*Life & Living*

*All God's Blessings*

## *Given By*

*Mabel Butler*

*Ken Beckles*

*Hugh & Wilhelmina Burgess  
Roopchand Chandoo*

*Matthew & Shani Cunningham*

*Conrad & Florel Gill*

*Usilta & Allison Green*

*Judith Hays*

*Krisita A. Jackson*

*Sylvia McElroy*

*Lois Mitchell*

*Shirley Lewis*

*The Russell Warren Family*



*Easter gives us yet another reason to be thankful to God. May the joy of the coming of Christ be filled in your heart and bring peace into your life.*

*Have a blessed Easter.*

## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN 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.

