

# **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

### THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

*Celebrant*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying*

                    The light of Christ.  
*People*      Thanks be to God.

*Deacon*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,  
pray with me to God the Almighty  
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

                    The Lord be with you.  
*Answer*      And also with you.  
*Deacon*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*Answer*      It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### *Deacon*

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the morning, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the morning, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the morning, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this morning, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this morning, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our morningsacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### *Celebrant*

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

*Lector:* A Reading from Exodus

### **Exodus 14: 10 - 15:1**

<sup>10</sup> As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.'

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. <sup>16</sup>But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.

<sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup>It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup>He clogged\* their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

<sup>26</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup> Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:  
'I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

*Please stand*

**8 The Song of Moses**    *Cantemus Domino*                      *Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

*All*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please stand*

**Isaiah 55: 1-11**

*Lector:* A Reading from Isaiah

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
6 Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
7 let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon  
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

*Please stand*

**9 The First Song of Isaiah** *Ecce, Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6*

*All*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant: Let us pray. (Silence)*

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please be seated*

*Lector: A Reading from Ezekiel*

**Ezekiel 36: 24-28**

<sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and



from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. <sup>28</sup>Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

*Please stand*

**Psalm 42: 1-7** *Quemadmodum*

- <sup>1</sup> As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- <sup>2</sup> My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- <sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
"Where now is your God?"
- <sup>4</sup> I pour out my soul when I think on these things; \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the  
house of God,
- <sup>5</sup> With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.
- <sup>6</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- <sup>7</sup> Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

On this most Holy Morning, let us pray for all those who will receive the Sacramento fnew birth and for ourselves as we prepare to renew our own Baptismal vows, saying, 'Lord, hear our prayer.'

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Open our hearts to your grace and truth.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
Lord, hear our prayer.



Send us into the world in witness to your love.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant that we may find one inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs and all saints; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we may also be partakers of the eternal life of saints in light, through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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.

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

## **RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS**

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

## **THE ASPERGES**

*Celebrant* I beheld water flowing out of the temple

*People* Alleluia

*Celebrant* And all to whom that water came were saved and they shall say,

*People* Alleluia

*All* Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious and his mercy endureth forever.

*All* Glory be to the Father, and the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning and ever more shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

**Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE EPISTLE

*Lector:* A Reading from Romans

### **Romans 6:3-11**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with

Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

### Psalm 114

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
<sup>2</sup> Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.
- <sup>3</sup> The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.  
<sup>4</sup> The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- <sup>5</sup> What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- <sup>6</sup> You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?
- <sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- <sup>8</sup> Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## 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 discipules, '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.

**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**

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**THE PEACE**

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## 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”*

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**DOXOLOGY**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Rite II Eucharistic Prayer A**

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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**

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**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**BCP Page 362**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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**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”*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP Page 365**

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

**BLESSING**

**PROCESSIONAL**

*“Because He Lived”*

**LEVAS II Page 43**

*Please join us in the Pinder Parish Hall following the service for refreshments.*



## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

### *LECTORS*

**Roger Johnson**      **Frances Hempstead**  
**Sylvia McElroy**      **Deloris Williams**  
**Russell Warren**

### *LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS*

**Cynthia Hammonds**

**Carolyn Morris, Organist**  
**Sylvia Warren, Worship Leader**

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

### *ACOLTYES*

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

### *USHERS*

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

## 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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Grace Burgess 220 Domino Dr., 32805 407-578-0322  
Ileane Jones, 14155 Town Center Blvd., 32837 407-851-1323  
Nathaniel Williams, 2124 West Gore Street, 32805 407-292-2743  
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 .....	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		

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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.

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## **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**

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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](http://www.Facebook.com/OrlandoForerunner)

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## **ATTENTION SJB YOUTH**

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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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**[www.OrlandoForerunner.org](http://www.OrlandoForerunner.org)**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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.**

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## **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Join us for Bible Study to learn more....**

**Every Thursday Noon & 6:30PM**

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## MEMORIALS



*IN MEMORY OF*

*GIVEN BY*

*Yvonne Johnson*

*Sonja Johnson*

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

*Sylvia E. McElroy  
Lee & Sylvia McElroy*

*Wayne Brady*

*Valerie Peterson*

*Tom Mitchell & Josh Floyd*

*Beverly Mitchell*

*Gail Pinder*

*The Pinder Family*

*Captain Joseph O. Reed, III*

*Mary Reed*

*William Prime  
Charles T. & Idell Smith*

*Bill & Norma Smith*

*Muriel & Claude Burgess  
Patrick Stnaford*

*Annette Thompson*

*John & Katie Wright*

*Anne Tolbert*

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

*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

## Given By

Thanks for everything

Mabel Butler

Ken & Cassell Beckles

Ken Beckles

God's many blessings respectfully given,  
to my grandchild and great grandchild-  
dren

Hugh & Wilhelmina Burgess

Roopchand Chandoo

Roopchand Chandoo

To my beautiful wife, Edwina

To my beautiful wife, Edwina

God's Blessings  
God's Blessings

Matthew & Shani Cunningham

Matthew & Shani Cunningham

The blessings our granddaughters

Conrad & Florel Gill

The blessings our granddaughters

Conrad & Florel Gill

Lauren & Camryn Perkins

The life of Willie & Sandy Green

The life of Willie & Sandy Green

& Tina Grant

Usilta & Allison Green

Usilta & Allison Green

The blessings given to my family

Judith Hays

The blessings given to my family  
In thanksgiving for the love and

Judith Hays

In thanksgiving for the love and

Krisita A. Jackson

Clifford & (the late) Ruby Jackson

Krisita A. Jackson

Clifford & (the late) Ruby Jackson

God's blessings for family, friends and

Sylvia McElroy

God's blessings for family, friends and

Sylvia McElroy

my church

God's continued blessings

Lois Mitchell

God's continued blessings

Lois Mitchell

Life & Living

Shirley Lewis

Life & Living

Shirley Lewis

All God's Blessings

The Russell Warren Family

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*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 118 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.

