

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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The Rev. Jabriel S. Ballentine, Rector
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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

PROCESSIONAL

"Come ye faithful raise the strain..."

HYMNAL Page 199

ACCLAMATION

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP Page 355

SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL Page S-236

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector: A reading from Acts

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

*"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'*

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying ,

*'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'*

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 16 Page 599, BCP

Hymn Tune LEVAS II Page 274

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

Conserva me, Domine

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, YOU are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from 1 Peter

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the

power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith -- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN

“We walk by faith”

LEVAS II Page 206

THE GOSPEL

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on the day of Resurrection, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP Page 360

THE PEACE

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

St. John the Baptist Choir

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

HYMNAL Page 207

DOXOLOGY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rite Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP Page 361

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

“Here O My Lord”

HYMNAL Page 318

“Jesus is Lord Of All The Earth”

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

“Christ Is Alive!”

HYMNAL Page 182

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LECTORS

Frances Hempstead Alexandra Musgray
Deloris Williams Jordan Carlies
Lois Mitchell Omari Ballentine

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Cynthia Hammonds Norma Smith
Dale Feagins

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**

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

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	1 Peter 1:8	Thursday	Isaiah 30: 18-19
Monday	Ephesians 4:16	Friday	Psalm 17: 12
Tuesday.....	Exodus 15:4	Saturday	Exodus 17:1
Wednesday	John 15:5		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

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

And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Luke 3:11

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.

The St. Anne's Altar Guild extends sincere apologies to the members whose Memorials and thanksgiving were omitted in error from last Sunday's contribution list.

THANKSGIVING



BLESSINGS

St. John's Family

God' Blessings

GIVEN BY

The Rev. Patricia Kant Roberts

Richard Earl & Cynthia Hammonds

IN MEMORIAM



IN MEMORY OF

Royce Walden

Muriel & Claude Burgess

Patrick Stanford

Daisy Brewer (Mother)

Mrs. Odessa Kimbrough

Mrs. Pearlina Pinder

Mr. Willie H. Kimbrough

Mr. John P. Pinder

Mrs. Lonnie Harris

Mrs. Sue Maultsby

Casper Roberts, Sandra Kant Fletcher

Little "C"

GIVEN BY

*Eddy Kay Walden, Donna Walden,
Phillip & David Baety*

Annette Thompson

Sherry Carroll

*Mr. Willie B. & Dr. Lorraine
Harris*

The Rev. Patricia Kant Roberts

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 & Pearl Prime
Charles T. & Idell Smith
John & Pearl Harrison*

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

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 I. Paris
Edna M. 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





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.

