

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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SOLEMN EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

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ACCLAMATION

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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HYMN OF PRAISE *“This Is The Day”*

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THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector: A Reading from Habakkuk

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

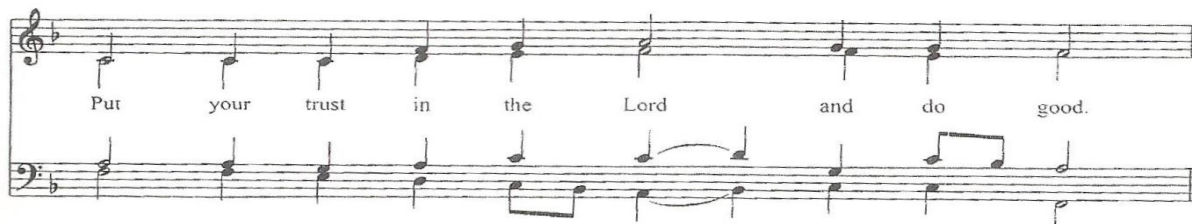
I will stand at my watchpost,
 and station myself on the rampart;
 I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
 and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
 Then the LORD answered me and said:
 Write the vision;
 make it plain on tablets,
 so that a runner may read it.
 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
 it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
 If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
 it will surely come, it will not delay.
 Look at the proud!
 Their spirit is not right in them,
 but the righteous live by their faith.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 37: 3 — 10



- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good.*
 dwell in the land and feed on its riches. [ANT.]
4. Take delight to the Lord.*
 and he shall give you your heart's desire.
5. Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him.*
 and he will bring it to pass.
6. He will make your righteousness as clear as light.*
 and your just dealing as the noonday. [ANT.]
7. Be still before the LORD. *
 and wait patiently for him.
8. Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers. *
 the one who succeeds in evil schemes. [ANT.]
9. Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
 do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
10. For evildoers shall be cut off.*
 but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land. [ANT.]

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from Timothy

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN “Yes, God Is Real”

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THE GOSPEL

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

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather

say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN “This little light of mine”

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SERMON

The Rev. Jabriel S. Ballentine

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, bless all those who seek after you as we gather in holy spaces around the world to worship and be fed by you, that we might hear your call to give to the world as you have given to us – generously, joyfully, and with unending grace. God of Grace,
Hear our prayer.

God of abundance, be present to us as we enjoy the bounty that comes with living in the United States of America [insert name of country]. Keep us and our leaders grateful for all the comforts of this world that we enjoy, comforts that others around the world do not have. Mold us and our leaders as stewards of our abundance, that you may be honored with every gift you have entrusted to our care. God of Abundance,
Hear our prayer.

Generous God, give us hearts to hear the cries of those in need around the world. Open our eyes to famine, disease, tragedy and violence that are everyday occurrences in the lives of so many. Lead us to action within the capabilities of each one of us. God of generosity,
Hear our prayer

God of faithfulness, our community faces many challenges but especially [*Insert a local concern or issue*]. Guide us by your light to use the offerings of the people, the resources you have entrusted to us, to speak your peace in the midst of this challenge. God of Faithfulness,
Hear our prayer.

Great healer, pour out your spirit upon all who suffer, that each may know the power and mystery of your presence in our lives.
O G Great Healer, pour out your healing spirit upon all.

God of new life, welcome those who have died, that each may live eternally in your peace.
O God, of New Life, may we spend eternity with you and all of the saints.

All: Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, in this extraordinary time, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully—that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your un-failing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One, *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE PEACE

THE WELCOME OF VISITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

St. John the Baptist Choir

PRESENTATION HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Rite II

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SANCTUS BENEDICTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God”

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

*“Breathe on me, Breath of God”
“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”*

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN “We’re Marching to Zion”

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LECTORS & INTERCESSORS

7:30AM	10:00AM
Esther Stevenson	Mildred Missick
Deloris Williams	Crystal Priester
Russell Warren	Katherine Briggs

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7:30AM	10:00AM
Dale Feagins	Cynthia Hammonds
Bob Henry	Norma Smith

Carolyn Morris, Organist
Sylvia Warren, Worship Leader

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

ACOLTYES

Jadon Blaco	Taylor Harris	Alexandra Musgray
Anthony Cooper	Walker Harris	Bryan Musgray
Quinton Cooper	Avery Lewis	Camuriel Parr
Camden Acree	Evan Lewis	Sean Parr
Desean Romeo	De'Yon Romeo	Miles Parr
Omari Ballentine		

USHERS

6:30AM		10:00AM
Russell Warren	Heldon Ward	Nelson Pinder
Joe Williams	Roopchand Chandoo	Tracey Monroe
Joe Reed	Ken Beckles	Judith Hayes
	Janet Pinder	Eric Parr

USHERS NEEDED

Members are needed to serve as Ushers for the 10:00AM service. If you are interested in joining this ministry of Greeting people in a warm way makes them feel good about their presence in church, please see Roop Chandoo or Fr. Pinder.

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 enabling and empowering, 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 real and living 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Luke 17: 5 – 10	Thursday	Matthew 9: 18—26
Monday	1 Corinthians 10: 14 - 11: 1	Friday	1 Corinthians 12: 12—26
Tuesday.....	Matthew 9: 1—8	Saturday	Luke 17: 11 –19
Wednesday	Matthew 9: 9 - 17		

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Katherine Briggs 10/ 14	James Drayton 10/20	Florel Gill 10/24
Eve Hall 10/8	Edna Harleston 10/13	Sylvester Harris 10/13
Judith Hays 10/29	An Hill 10/25	Thomas Mitchell 10/8
Alvin Peterson 10/27	Ameche Williams 10/23	Imani Jones 10/10
Cameron Jones 10/5		Patsy Campbell 8/15

Conrad & Florel Gill 10/10 - 43 years

Lee & Sylvia McElroy 10/4 - 50 years

Heldon & Ena Ward 10/31 - 54 years

Flourish in Faith *Stewardship Narrative Series*

Proper 22 - Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 6, 2013

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"



God is a real world God, which means God is in the common things of this world. These common things show us God's genius and provide opportunities for our transformation.

Money is one of these things. Money is neither positive nor negative. Money is simply a tool. If the Bible says anything about money, it says that this tool, used wrongly, will wound our souls and our communities. Jesus talked a lot about money.

One indication of Christian maturity is how we handle money and how we talk about money, if at all. Sadly, too many Christian leaders and congregations have the tacit agreement, "You don't talk about money, and we won't give any."

Sadly, too many of us too frequently miss great opportunities to GROW. Jesus' friends asked him to "...increase their faith." I'll bet you Jesus just grinned with delight at that request. What a willingness to learn that request showcases!

Generosity is the learning and teaching in which the Church needs to lead the world. And we can. But Jesus can't do it for us. There are no magic words or sermons or stewardship programs. Each of us will have to be persuaded that the value we place on money is not worthy to be compared with the surpassing value of knowing Christ.

We share what we have, because everything we have is gift. We give graciously so as to bear witness to a generous God in the real world. It's always about God's abundance pouring through us! That's the evidence of us becoming new. I like the way St. Paul put it: "poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything." (2 Corinthians 6-10)

How do we get there? One step at a time! Begin where you are. Start with the disciples' request: Pray, "Lord, increase my faith."

Then, look at your checkbook. What does it say about your reliance on God? What does it say about your gratitude for all the blessings of this life? What does it say about your participation in building up God's kingdom in the here and now? Answer those questions honestly, and then you're ready to GROW. That's the point, after all.

Growing with God means growing to be more like God. Jesus never told us to worship him; Jesus said follow me. And in walking towards God, we find that love increases, healing increases, joy increases, generosity increases.

Practically, to grow in generosity means facing the chaos of our personal finances. It means weaning ourselves from the excesses we call necessary, while systematically working toward giving ten percent of our net income away every year.

If you're willing to partner with Jesus in this spiritual growth experiment called stewardship, you'll find out, with St. Paul and thousands of us, that to give is to GROW, and growing is from God. And that "God loves a cheerful giver"

(2 Corinthians 9:7)



The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright
Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

Reflection Questions

- How are your faith and your finances connected?
- What risks are you willing to take to grow in generosity?
- How is intentional giving a way to grow towards God?



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday

5:00PM Episcopal Counseling Center

Wednesday

11:00AM Pantry Opens

5:30 PM DOK Prayer

7:00PM NA Meeting

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

12:00PM Bible Study

5:00PM Episcopal Counseling Center

6:30PM Bible Study

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

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN(ECW)

The ECW thanks everyone who joined us for the Italian Night Dinner. It was a great time of dining, fun and fellowship!

All women are asked to continue to solicit for ads for the Women's Day Souvenir Journal. Ad sheets are available on the Narthex table. The Ad deadline is October 14th.

Women's Day is Sunday, October 27th. There will be one service at 10AM.

ST. MARK'S HAINES CITY

The People, Vestry and Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, respectfully invite you to witness the Right Reverend Gregory O. Brewer dedicate and consecrate the newly constructed sanctuary at 102 N. 9th Street, Haines City, FL. Sunday, October 13th at 4PM. A reception immediately follows the service.

The St. John the Baptist Choir will be sing as part of a joint choir at this service. All are invited!!

SERMON NOTES



*The Episcopal Church of Saint John the Baptist
Cordially Invites You To
“An Evening with the Ballentines
A Tropical Soiree”*

*Welcoming The Rev. Jabriel S. Ballentine
Priest-in-Charge*

*Saturday, November 2, 2013
7:00 PM until 9:00 PM*

*The Pinder Parish Hall
1000 Bethune Drive
Orlando, Florida 32805*

*Florida Casual Attire
Please R.S.V.P. By Friday, October 18, 2013
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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS ...



The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was established on April 19, 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 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.

