

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 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 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* (red). 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

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

“O, Come All Ye Faithful”

HYMNAL Page 83

ACCLAMATION

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP Page 323

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

HYMNAL Page 96

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Lector: A Reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

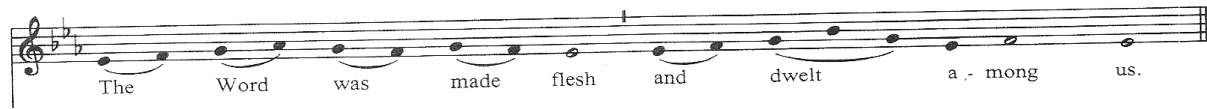
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 147: 13—21 *Based on "Divinum Mysterium" (H82-82)*



- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you. [ANT.]
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly. [ANT.]
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow. [ANT.]
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah! [ANT.]

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from Galatians

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL

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

People Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

LEVAS II Page 221

SERMON

The Rev. Jabriel S. Ballentine

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

St. John the Baptist Choir

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

LEVAS II Page 99

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Rite I

BCP Page 333-339

SANCTUS BENEDICTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LEVAS II Page 252

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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.*

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God”

LEVAS II Page 269

THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”

HYMNAL Page 324

“Silent Night”

LEVAS II Page 26

“Away In A Manger”

LEVAS II Page 27

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, TRAVELS

THE BLESSING

THE WELCOME OF VISITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

CLOSING HYMN

“Joy To The World”

HYMNAL II Page 100

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LECTORS & INTERCESSOR

Frances Hempstead Bill Smith
John Robertson Florel Gill
Juanita Humphries Lorraine Harris

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dale Feagins Cynthia Hammonds
Bob Henry Norma Smith

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	Bryan Musgray
Deshawn Romeo	Avery Lewis	Camuriel Parr
Omari Ballentine	Evan Lewis	Sean Parr
	Miles Parr	

USHERS

Heldon Ward	Nelson Pinder
Roopchand Chandoo	Tracey Monroe
Ken Beckles	Judith Hayes
Janet Pinder	Eric Parr
Barbara Robinson	Patricia Jones

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2014. All members in good standing are entitled to participation and encouraged to attend.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

You may have wondered why the little baskets are at the end of the front pews. Offerings for the discretionary fund may be dropped in the basket as you approach the altar for communion. Any donations large or small will be used to assist those in need of rent, utility payment or other assistance.

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

Grace Burgess 220 Domino Dr., 32805 407-578-0322
Muriel Burgess, Health Center of Windermere 4875 Cason Cove Dr. 32811, 407-420-2090
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BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	John 1: 16	Thursday	1 Kings 19: 7
Monday	John 4: 48	Friday	1 Kings 19:9-18
Tuesday.....	1 Kings 3: 9	Saturday	Joshua 3: 14—4:7
Wednesday	Psalms 8: 4		

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Felecia Boyd 12/9	Mary Frances Boyd 12/8	Lewis Gould 12/8
Nicole Musgray 12/8	Joe Reed 12/30	Mary Reed 12/3
Eugenie Romero 12/23	Ruby Stewart 12/1	Lorraine Harris 12/26
Russell Warren 12/8		
Ernest & Mary Frances Boyd 12/8		



ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS ...



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

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

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

