



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example,
the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community
forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER



Episcopal Visit and Confirmations

Holy Eucharist Rite II - 9:30 a.m.
April 21, 2024

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;
After the service speak to one another.*

The Rector's Welcome

Dear Members and Friends of Saint John's,

Alleluia, He is Risen! Happy Easter! Did you know that Easter is not just a day but an entire season in the Church's life? The great fifty days last from Easter Day until the day of Pentecost. We mark the season of Easter with the opening acclamation at every Eucharist, "Alleluia Christ is risen." The people respond, "The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

I hope all of us at Saint John's take the opportunity to contemplate the risen Christ and the empty tomb this Easter season. I pray that we all focus on the hope the resurrection of Our Lord gives us and have confidence that "Jesus Christ came into the world not to condemn the world but that the world may be saved through him." (John 3:17)

If you are visiting Saint John's, I encourage you to join this growing and flourishing Parish Church in the heart of Tampa! Please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy after the mass today, so we can greet you and tell you more about this amazing parish.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

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VOLUNTARY *Menuetto – Impromptu*

John Ireland

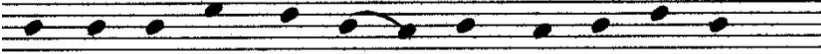
The people stand


Processional Hymn 518


Westminster Abbey

PROPER ACCLAMATION

Bishop: 
Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ri - sen

People: 
The Lord is ri - sen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Bishop: 
There is one bo - dy and one spi - rit

People: 
There is one hope in God 's call to us.

Bishop: 
One Lord, one faith, one bap - tism

People: 
one God and Fa - ther of all.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S278

William Mathias

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: PSALM 23 (COVERDALE VERSION)

Sir George Martin

Sung by the choir

*THE Lord is my shepherd; * therefore can I lack nothing.*

*2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.*

*3 He shall convert my soul, **

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.*

*5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.*

*6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 3:16-24

Lector A reading from the first Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 646

Dominus regit me

There is no Children's Chapel today

THE GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf, VI Bishop of Southwest Florida

The people sit

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Rector I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with *those who are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

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

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

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

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

Bishop 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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for *these persons* who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

A Cantor leads the following petitions

Cantor Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Cantor Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

The Bishop lays hands upon each Confirmand and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Form III*)

The people kneel.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We pray for _____, those in the hospital _____; those in hospice _____; for the recent faithful departed, especially _____ [and _____ in whose memory of the altar flowers are given today].

The Celebrant adds this concluding collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us
and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people sit

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

*All loose plate offerings will be given to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund
Please be generous*

Offertory Anthem *My beloved spake*

Patrick Hadley

Sung by the choir

*My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

All stand

Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface of Easter

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 and Benedictus S128

William Mathias

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung

Fraction Anthem: Pascha Nostrum S155

Gerald Near

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

*If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing
(indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).*

If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of being baptized, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

Please fill in the kneelers at the altar during Communion from the center aisle out, towards the side aisles.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *[Amen.]*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *[Amen.]*

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *[Amen.]*

Communion Motets

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

*Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there.
Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body, let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.
And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God, so let us in sincerity love all people.
As we are all of one body, when we gather let no discord or enmity break our oneness.
May all our petty jealousies and hatred cease that Christ the Lord may be with us all our days.
Now we pray that with the blessed you grant us grace to see your exalted glory.
O Christ our God, our boundless source of joy and truth, of peace and love,
for ever and for ever more, world without end.*

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another comforter,
that He may abide with you for ever;
Ev'n the Spirit of truth, the Spirit of truth.*

Communion Hymn 304

Land of rest

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Kneeling)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISCOPAL BLESSING



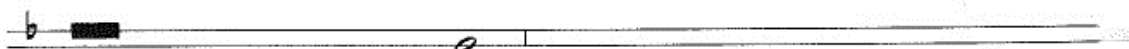
Our help is in the Name of the Lord;



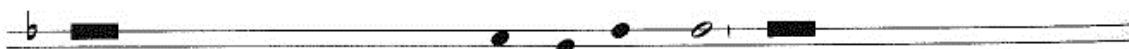
The maker of heaven and earth.



Blessed be the Name of the Lord;



From this time forth for ever - more.



✠ The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Al - migh - ty, the Father, the Son, and the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, be upon you and remain with you for ev - er. A - men.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The people stand

Processional Hymn 334

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

VOLUNTARY *Carillon de Longpont*

Louis Vierne

THOSE BEING CONFIRMED

Adults

Sixteen years or older

Porsche Amaya
Cory Dickerson
Thomas Dickerson
Samantha Van Wormer

Youth

Under sixteen years

Whitaker Barrow
Thomas Bricklemyer
Carleton Compton, Jr.
Camille Corcell
Allison Decelles
Talbot Garrity
Eleanor Graff
Skyler Norton
Mark O'Brien
Brooks Rankin
Henry Taylor
Madeline Valdes
Wade Wankelman



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