



# 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 FIFTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

**Holy Eucharist Rite II - 9:30 a.m.**  
**April 28, 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** *Adagio e dolce* (from Sonata No. 3 BWV 527)

*J.S. Bach*

*The people stand*

**Processional Hymn 296**

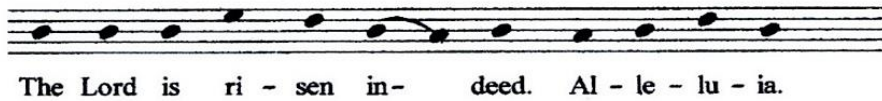
*Engelberg*

**PROPER ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*



*People*



**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 280**

*Robert Powell*

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**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**GRADUAL: PSALM 22:25-32 (COVERDALE VERSION)**

Jonathan Battishill

*Sung by the choir*

25 *My praise is of thee in the great congregation; \**

*my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.*

26 *The poor shall eat, and be satisfied; they that seek after the Lord shall praise him: \**

*your heart shall live for ever.*

27 *All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord; \**

*and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.*

28 *For the kingdom is the Lord's, \* and he is the Governor among the nations.*

29 *All such as be fat upon earth \* have eaten, and worshipped.*

30 *All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him; \**

*and no man hath quickened his own soul.*

31 *My seed shall serve him: \* they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.*

32 *They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness \**

*unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.*

*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 4:7-21

*Lector* A reading from the first Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand*

*All elementary-age students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the parish hall.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 704

*Hereford*

## THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those

who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

*The people sit*

**THE SERMON**

Father Wood

**THE NICENE CREED** (*standing*)

*Celebrant and people*

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **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**

**Offertory Anthem** *Give almes of thy goods*

Christopher Tye

*Sung by the choir*

*Give almes of thy goods,  
and turn never thy face from any poor man,  
and then the face of the Lord  
shall not be turned away from thee.*

*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 S129**

Robert Powell

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 S154**

David Hurd

*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 Motet** *Jesu, grant me this I pray*

Percy Whitlock

*Jesu, grant me this, I pray,  
Ever in thy heart to stay;  
Let me evermore abide  
Hidden in thy wounded side.  
If the world or Satan lay  
Tempting snares about my way,  
I am safe when I abide  
In thy heart and wounded side.*

*If the flesh, more dangerous still, Tempt  
my soul to deeds of ill,  
Naught I fear when I abide  
In thy heart and wounded side.  
Death will come one day to me;  
Jesu, cast me not from thee:  
Dying let me still abide  
In thy heart and wounded side.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel*

*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.**

**THE BLESSING**

*The Celebrant gives the blessing*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal*

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

*The people stand*

**Processional Hymn 379**

*Abbot's Leigh*

**VOLUNTARY**   *On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22)*

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

**PLEASE LEAVE THE CHURCH QUIETLY**

*In respect for those who choose to stay for the Voluntary.*



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