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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 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM 23 DOMINUS REGIT ME (COVERDALE TRANSLATION)

- 1 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, against
 - them that trouble me:
 - thou hast anointed my head with oil,
 - and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But 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.

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THE EPISTLE: 1 PETER 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."



The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Gwyn and Mark Schabacker in memory of Nancy Hahn Fogarty and Jerry Eugene Fogarty.

The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God by Dr. James R. Edgar in loving memory of his mother, Eloise Cole Edgar.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by MC Jenkins in thanksgiving for her husband, John, on his birthday.



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Worship Today in St. John's

9:15 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) streamed on Facebook Live

From Our Rector

The date when St. John's will reopen for public worship and other activities remains uncertain, but we want to be prepared. I have asked Dr. Robert Yelverton to chair a Vestry committee that will examine the complexities of reopening and develop plans to ensure the safety of all involved when that day comes. I want to thank Brett Divers, Jan Kelley, and Paul Brokaw for serving on the committee, and Dr. Yelverton for his leadership. The committee has already begun its work, and we will keep you informed as we move forward. Until that day when we can be physically together again, we will remain together virtually. Say your prayers, take care of yourselves, and take care of each other. God bless you.

Virtual Ministries and Worship

Please visit <u>www.stjohnstampa.org/virtual-meetings-and-worship</u> for a full listing and links to resources.

Group Prayer and Pastoral Care

Daily School Chapel

Fr. Reho posts daily morning chapel videos for the School, available each day at 4:15 a.m. Find the link in this week's *Scroll* or email parish@stjohnstampa.org for assistance.

Devotionals

New devotionals come out Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on our Facebook page or visit our website to get the link to our YouTube channel.

Evening Prayer

Fr. Connelly is streaming evening prayer daily Monday through Saturday at 3:00 p.m. live on our Facebook page.

Compline (Night Prayer)

Fr. Reho and his wife Lori offer Compline Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Facebook Live through the Friday before Pentecost, May 29.

Small Group Ministries and Classes

Men's Thursday Bible Study and Lunch

If you would like to join virtual meetings, contact John Edgar at jedgar@stjohnstampa.org.

Sunday School for Children

Teachers send out the Sunday School lesson via video, along with activities.

EYC

Zoom EYC is today, 4:30 to 5:30 pm! Contact Ayana if you need an invite.

Enquirers Classes

Fr. Michael has sent out Enquirers Class login credentials by email.

Contemporary Women's/Women's Mid Morning Bible Study

The groups will finish their study of 1 Corinthians on Tuesday, May 12. Chris McAdams will be the facilitator/discussion leader. For login information, contact Sharon Stoll at harpwings@aol.com.

Compass Points

Flowers Available

Flower and candle tributes are still available during this time of virtual services. The Chapel Altar flowers are available on May 31. If you would like to take this opportunity to support your church and honor a loved one, please call 259.1570 or email parish@stjohnstampa.org.

Forward Day by Day Paper Copies Available

Parishioners who read *Forward Day by Day* and prefer a hard copy can find the latest edition on the Church porch. If you are unable to come to the church to pick up your copy, email the parish offices at jedgar@stjohnstampa.org or call 259.1570 and we will mail you one.

CWBS Goes Online!

On Tuesday, May 12, the Contemporary Women's Bible Study (CWBS) group will begin a weekly virtual study time on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The group will continue its interrupted study of the Acts of the Apostles. This is a Zoom meeting, so if you are interested in participating, you will need to register. Contact Deacon Kathleen at 785.9400 or kmoore@stjohnstampa.org or Sally Thompson at tampasal@gmail.com or 254.3009.

Senior Sunday is May 10!

This year for Senior Sunday on May 10, the Church is compiling a Senior Slideshow video which will include three to four pictures from each Senior, as well as a short speech from each Senior who would like to speak. Please send your pictures and video to Youth Minister Ayana Grady at agrady@stjohnstampa.org by today, May 3! The video will debut at the Senior Sunday service on May 10, and will be available on our YouTube channel after that for friends and family to enjoy.

Pastoral Care

Although in-person pastoral visits will be restricted, your clergy are available to you for pastoral conversations. If you are unable to reach them at the parish offices, please call directly. They can be reached at these numbers:, Pastoral Emergency Line: 813.906.5199; Father Connelly: 813.250.6293; Father Cannon: 864.320.7116; Father Goodheart: 321.446.4934; Deacon Moore: 813.785.9400; Father Reho: 917.526.0746.

Supporting your Parish and Fellow Parishioners

During this time, although we are not able to meet in worship as usual, the work of the Parish goes on. We hope that if you are able, you will continue to make your weekly contribution by mail or via our website at www.stjohnstampa.org.

If you are someone who is able to help your fellow parishioners with errands and other means of support, please contact Fr. Michael at mcannon@stjohnstampa.org. Conversely, if you are a parishioner who needs help, please also contact Fr. Michael. He will be matching needs with resources so we are able to help one another in Christ's name.

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Diocesan Bishop; the clergy and staff of our parish; Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor;

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been specially requested

Harry Hedges; Baker; Mark Power; Robin Guinee; Jackie Faircloth and family; Bill Craig; Patty; Ansley and family; Nancy Watkins; Ray Olsson; Collin; Lyn Haddad; Rick; Paige; Emily and Meaghan; Tory Stone and family; Astrid Peacock; Jeff LeVines; Sid Stubbs; Suzanne; Clark Wichman; Suzanne; John; Nancy Adams; Maureen Johnston; Michelle Davidson; Pat Dilworth; David Wheaton; Jonathan; Martha Bartlett; Pat; Janie Cline; Jerry Denney; Pam; Cynthia Peters; Stephen, Lisa & Grayson Leal; Colleen Coffield-Sachs; Sharon Stoll; Irene Frick; Louella Morgan; Susan Blakeslee; Lisania; Yvonne Santiago; Rebie Allen; Alan; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity;

The departed

Eloise Cole Edgar Jerry Eugene Fogarty Nancy Hahn Fogarty

Ra'shaud Graham Rene Leal Dorothy Tawney

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

And we pray also for

Those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week,

May 3, Ruth Hemmingway, Hartley Mellish, John Jenkins, Pickens Price, Michael Maguire

May 4, Cody Crosby, Kristina Angiulli, Kristen Decelles, Joe Swanson

May 5, Matthew Crane, Guy King, Robert Lewis, Scott Taylor, John Thompson

May 6, Stephen Bowles, Lynda Tappan, Leslie Bryant, Joseph Strickland, Addison Kriz

May 7, Wyatt Wankelman, Dawn Javino

May 8, Rogers Padgett, Lee Lowry, Susan Boyd, Britta Neugaard, Kelsey Killgoar, Shawn O'Brien, Alan Gay

May 9, Sharon Romanski, India Witte, Jeremiah Roper

Our Parish Day School

Our Companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic

Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) and The Most Rev. Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido, in the Anglican cycle of prayer;

Pray for St. Alban's, St. Pete Beach; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; St. Andrew's, Boca Grande; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill; St. Andrew's, Tampa; St. Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Anselm's, Lehigh Acres in the Diocesan cycle of prayer;

The members of our armed forces deployed abroad, especially Rich, Taylor and Mike.

We pray for healthcare workers, first responders, and all others whose work puts them in danger because of the pandemic. We give thanks for their many sacrifices for the common good. Protect them from injury and illness; renew their wisdom, compassion, and strength.