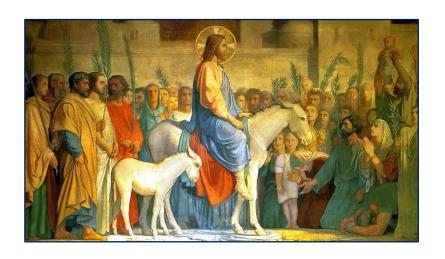


SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY



The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:00am March 28, 2021

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 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.

VOLUNTARY Fanfare Francis Jackson

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE READING Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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

People Hosanna in the highest.

All Glory, laud, and honor (sung by the choir)

Valet will ich dir geben

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King! to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blesséd One. The company of angels is praising thee on high; and we with all creation in chorus make reply. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

The people sit

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:10-18 (COVERDALE TRANSLATION) (sung by the choir)

Joseph Barnby

- 10 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble *
 - and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.
- 11 For my life is waxen old with heaviness *
 - and my years with mourning.
- 12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity * and my bones are consumed.
- 13 I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours * and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without conveyed themselves from me.
- 14 I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind *

I am become like a broken vessel.

- 15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude *
 - and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.
- 16 But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord *

I have said, Thou art my God.

- 17 My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies * and from them that persecute me.
- 18 Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance * and save me for thy mercy's sake.
- 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 Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN (sung by the choir)

Tomas Luis de Victoria

The people are seated until the verse mentioning Jesus' arrival at Golgotha, at which time they stand.

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. At that time: Pilate therefore

took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on

his head: and they put on him a purple robe, and said: Hail, King of the Jews.

Narrator: And they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith

unto them:

Pilate: Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

Narrator: Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate

saith unto them:

Pilate: Behold the man.

Narrator: When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out saying:

Crucify him, crucify him.

Narrator: Pilate saith unto them:

Pilate: Take ve him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

Narrator: The Jews answered him: We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he

made himself the Son of God.

Narrator: When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid. And went again into

the judgement hall: and saith unto Jesus:

Pilate: Whence art thou?

Narrator: But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him:

Pilate: Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and

have power to release thee?

Narrator: Jesus answered:

Jesus: Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above.

Therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Narrator: And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him. But the Jews cried out saying:

If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend. Whosoever maketh himself a king

speaketh against Caesar.

Narrator: When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the

judgement seat, in a place that is called the pavement, but in the Hebrew Gabbatha. And it was the Preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour, and he saith unto

the lews:

Pilate: Behold your King.

Narrator: But they cried out: Away with him, away with him, crucify him.

Narrator: Pilate saith unto them: Pilate: Shall I crucify your king?

Narrator: The chief priests answered: We have no king but Caesar.

Narrator: Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led

him away. And he, bearing his cross, went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha: (Congregation stands) where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title: and put it on the cross. And the writing was: Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews. This title then read many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city, and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate: Write not, the King of the Jews, but that he said: I am the King of

the Jews.

Narrator: Pilate answered:

Pilate: What I have written, I have written.

Narrator: Then, the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four

parts: to every soldier a part, and also his coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves: Let us not rend it but

cast lots for it whose it shall be.

Narrator: That the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith: They parted my raiment among them:

and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there

stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of

Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple

standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother.

Jesus: Woman, behold thy son.

Narrator: Then saith he to the disciple:

Jesus: Behold thy mother.

Narrator: And from that hour that disciple took her away unto his own home. After this, Jesus,

knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled,

saith:

Jesus: I thirst.

Narrator: Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar. And they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put

it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar,

he said:

Jesus: It is finished.

Narrator: And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

(Then all kneel and pause a while.)

Narrator: The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain

upon the cross or the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they break not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true. And he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled: A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another Scripture saith: They shall look on him whom they pierced.

THE HOMILY Deacon Moore

The people sit

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form II)

The people kneel

Deacon:

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

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Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially whom we remember today].

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.

THE PEACE

All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Pass the peace with a reverent bow to one another and without moving from your seat.

The people sit

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Anthem A Litany

Sir William Walton

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet, which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace. Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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 (sung by the choir)

Mason Martens

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

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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,

People and Celebrant

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.

WE BREAK BREAD AND SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Mason Martens

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please remain in your pew until the ushers invite you to move forward toward the altar. <u>Face covering is required.</u> Family units must maintain safe distancing in the aisle. Receive the host standing in front of the priest or deacon with your arms outstretched. Return to your pew by the side aisles and consume the host after you are seated.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

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

or with these words

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

Communion Motet The royal banners forward go

Plainsong, Mode 1

The royal banners forward go, the cross shines forth in mystic glow where he through whom our flesh was made, in that same flesh our ransom paid. Fulfilled is all that David told in true prophetic song of old; how God the nations' King should be, for God is reigning from the tree. O tree of beauty, tree most fair, ordained those holy limbs to bear gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough proclaims the King of glory now. Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore the wealth that did the world restore, the price which none but he could pay to spoil the spoiler of his prey. O cross, our one reliance, hail! Still may thy power with us avail to save us sinners from our sin, God's righteousness for all to win. To thee, eternal Three in One, let homage meet by all be done; as by the cross thou dost restore so rule and guide us evermore.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

A SOLEMN PRAYER AND BLESSING

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Priest Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord

Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to

suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The people stand after the Blessing.

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

The ushers will direct you to the appropriate exits.

CHOIR:

Simon Morley - Organist and Director of Music Kristen Walker - Soprano Tori Swilley - Alto Marty Angiulli - Tenor Steve Galloway - Bass

LECTORS:

Lisa Leal, Suzy Lopez

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by Amanda Samson in loving memory of Bruce A. Samson.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by Carol Balkcom to the memory of her beloved mother, Barbara Hannaway.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AND EVENTS

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – March 28

8:00 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms and The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 10:00 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms and The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) *

The Quartet of St. John's will sing this service.

Maundy Thursday – April 1

7:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with Footwashing and the Stripping of the Altar *

The Quartet of St. John's will sing this service.

8:00 p.m. The Vigil at the Altar of Repose

Parishioners will keep the Vigil in the chapel throughout the night.

Good Friday – April 2

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified in the church 12:00 noon The Liturgy for Good Friday with the Quartet of St. John's *

The Quartet of St. John's will sing this service.

3:00 p.m. Prayers and the Tolling of the Bell in the church

Holy Saturday and Easter Eve – April 3

7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil and the First Eucharist of Easter *

The Quartet of St. John's will sing this service and incense is used.

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day – April 4

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) * with the Quartet of St. John's

Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week – April 5 and 6 The Parish Offices are closed.

^{*} These services are streamed live on our website and on our Facebook page.

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

Worship in St. John's

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Church

10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Church and streamed on

Facebook Live and our website

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

Healing Service

This service takes place on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the church. There is appropriate safe distancing, masks, and no Eucharist.

Evening Prayer

Our clergy and staff stream evening prayer daily Monday through Saturday at 4:00 p.m. live on our Facebook page.

Compline (Night Prayer)

Nightly compline is offered by the brothers of the Society of St John the Evangelist on their web site at www.ssje.org.

Ongoing Small Group Ministries and Classes

Wednesday Afternoon Adult Formation

The group meets by Zoom from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Contact Deacon Kathleen for info.

Men's Thursday Bible Study and Lunch

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

Contemporary Women's Bible Study

CWBS holds a weekly virtual study time on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Contact Deacon Kathleen at kmoore@stjohnstampa.org or Sally Thompson at tampasal@gmail.com or 254.3009.

Women's Mid Morning Bible Study

The group meets every other Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Pat Wilson at patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com or 245.9562 or Joan McKay at mckayjhm@aol.com.

Pastoral Care

Your clergy are available to you for individual pastoral conversations. If you can't reach them at the church office at 259.1570, please call directly: Pastoral Emergency Line: 813.906.5199; Fr. Cannon: 864.320.7116; Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934; Deacon Moore: 813.785.9400; Fr. Reho: 917.526.0746.

Service Schedule Notes

Our regular Sunday services are the Holy Eucharist (Rite I) at 8:00 a.m. and the Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Rite I on the first Sunday of the month) at 10:00 a.m. The 10:00 a.m. service is streamed live on Facebook and on our website.

Safe distancing procedures remain in place for entering, seating, exiting, and distribution of the Holy Eucharist, and we have a maximum capacity of 100 people at each service. Face coverings are highly recommended, not only for your safety, but for the safety of others. While we encourage parishioners to continue adhering to CDC guidelines, we welcome those who are vaccinated to rejoin us in the church. We also encourage all those eligible to get the vaccine to do so as a way of loving your neighbor.

Giving to St. John's

There are many ways to make a one time or recurring gift to your parish! Visit https://stjohnstampa.org/stewardship to see the options or give online.

One of our options is giving by text. In the 'To' field of the text type 73256, then in the message, type SJE. You will receive a text back immediately with a link to complete the payment.

<u>Sunday Sermon Audio</u> Available

Audio versions of weekly sermons are <u>on our website</u>. They are uploaded on Mondays. Click on the **Worship** button in the top right of our homepage.

Compass Points

Maundy Thursday Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to participate in our annual Maundy Thursday Vigil, which begins at approximately 8:00 p.m. on April 1, immediately following the Maundy Thursday service. The Vigil will take place in the chapel and will continue throughout the night until 7:00 a.m. Each volunteer will be responsible for an assigned reading(s) during one hour of the Vigil. If you are interested in participating, please contact Nicholas Nitch at nicholasnitch@gmail.com and let him know which hour you would like to sign up for. All are encouraged to attend one or more hours of the Maundy Thursday Vigil even if you do not wish to participate formally.

To Understand the Present, Study the Past

To understand what is happening in the United States today, we need to understand an important document from the 15th century called "The Doctrine of Discovery." This series of edicts from Pope Nicolas V sent the kings of Europe into the world to conquer, convert, and enslave all nations. On April 19 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, author, speaker, and activist Brian McLaren will read the document, explain its impacts, and invite conversation about how elements of this doctrine are still having an impact on church life and political life in America. Our own Ayana Grady and Fr. Reho are members of the Diocese's Racial Reconciliation Committee which is sponsoring this event. Contact John Edgar or Ayana to get the Zoom link.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

The 2021 Holy Week and Easter schedule has been posted on our website. We are thrilled that we will be able to gather in person. That said, a limit of 100 attendees remains in place at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services, so please arrive early to ensure seating. There will be overflow seating in the Parish Hall, with a view of the livestream. There will not be a reception following the services. We would love to be able to accommodate our usual packed church, but we appreciate your understanding of our continued need for safe distancing. Please adhere to our guidelines including wearing a mask and respecting modified procedures for communion and spaced seating.

Q&A with our School Leaders

Parishioners are invited to a Zoom Q&A with the Head of St. John's School and the School's three Division Heads on Wednesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. The link was mailed out from Realm, but you can also contact John Edgar to receive it. The leaders of our School want to update you on their progress, please join them!

Lamentation, Grace, and Hope

St. John's invites parishioners and the entire diocese to join us for a three-part speaker program on Sundays, April 11, April 18, and April 25, at 4:30 p.m. The hour long events will be held virtually on Zoom. The link will be sent to St. John's parishioners via Realm or contact us at parish@stjohnstampa.org to get the link.

The speaker will be Christian M. M. Brady, author of *Beautiful & Terrible Things: A Christian Struggle with Suffering, Grief, and Hope.* We all endure suffering in this life. No matter how blessed and privileged we may be, we will experience hardship and grief. Suffering is part of living in a world that God created but humanity unmade.

Gifts of thanksgiving for Christian's generous gift of time with us can be made to the <u>Mack Brady Memorial Men's Soccer Fund at Penn State</u>, in memory of Christian and Elizabeth Brady's son. The first twenty St. John's parishioners to sign up will receive a complimentary copy of Christian's book.

Easter Flowers Available

Easter flower envelopes are in the Church this Sunday. If you are interested in contributing, please return your envelope today, Palm Sunday, March 28. You can also contribute toward Easter Flowers online by clicking on this link and selecting 'Easter Flowers' from the dropdown menu. If you participate online, please email John in the office to let him know who the flowers are in memory of or in thanksgiving for.

Easter Egg Hunt!

St John's Sunday School will host an Easter Egg Hunt next Saturday, April 3 (Holy Saturday) at 10:00 a.m.! The Hunt will start in the St John's Church courtyard. All activities will be outdoors, and masks are required. If you would like to participate, please contact Ayana Grady at agrady@stjohnstampa.org.

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; Joseph, 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; Tory Stone and family; Astrid Peacock; Jeff LeVines; Sid Stubbs; Clark Wichman; Suzanne; John Crosby; Nancy Adams; Ken and Maureen Johnston; Michelle Davidson; Jonathan; Pat; Jerry and Jean Denney; Pam; Karin Otero; Sara Stone; Jayce Hicks; Donna and Alex Gem; Jim Ferman; Dorothy Edwards; Dean Hamric and Burt Mulford; Nancy Burchill; Bonnie Hough; Winkie Game; Clara Cannon; Rick LeVarge; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity;

The departed

Barbara Hannaway Bruce Samson

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

March 28, Baldwin Barnes, Tess Lowke, Lara Butler, Gaines Hayes, Shahla Madani

March 29, none

March 30, Tyler Blume, Wyatt Leonard

March 31, Bryn Leonard, Cole Bryant, Greg Merritt, Heather Kendall

April 1, Ron Walker, Pete Arcuri, Luke Sevelius, Eliot Miller

April 2, Jim Arthur, David Martin, Kelly Horan, Janis Chapman

April 3, Alan Heller

Our Companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic

Our Parish Day School

Pray for St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Thomas', St. Petersburg; St. Vincent's, St. Petersburg; St. Wilfred 's, Sarasota; Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples in the Diocesan cycle of prayer;

Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui in the Anglican cycle of prayer;

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

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

Pray for our Rector Search Committee. Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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