

St. John the Divine Episcopal Church

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Mission Statement: To provide a Christian environment where all can experience the presence and love of the risen Christ and be a caring Christian community for all.

Commissioning of Dominican Republic Missionaries

Diocese of Southwest Florida - Tampa Deanery

Tuesday, May 28th, 2013 7:00pm

The Word of God

Proclamation Hymn Alleluia, He is Coming Projection Screen
Salutation P. 355

The Collect for Mission

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy – for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Psalm As the Deer Projection Screen

Second Reading

Sequence Hymn Holy Spirit Rain Down Projection Screen

The Holy Gospel

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. J. Michael Garrison

The Nicene Creed P. 358 or Projection Screen

Prayers of the People – Form V P. 389 or Projection Screen

Commissioning of Mission Team Members The Rt. Rev. J. Michael Garrison

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation, deanery, and diocese to a special ministry to the Dominican Republic to which they are called.

The gifts of the Lord were that some should be apostles, some prophet, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ.

V: Declare His glory among the nations and his wonders among the people.

R: Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King."

Let us pray. Gracious Father, your son before he descended to glory declared that your people would receive power from the Holy Spirit to bear witness to him to the ends of the earth: Be present with all who go forth in his name. Let your love shine through their witness, so that the blind may see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the dead be raised up and the poor have the Good News preached to them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution P. 360 or Projection Screen

The Peace

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Welcome Table - Choir

The Doxology at the Presentation

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A P. 361

Scantus and Benedictus S-160

The Lord’s Prayer

P. 364 or Projection Screen

Communion Hymn

Prayer of St. Theresa

Rick Barfield

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Projection Screen

Post Communion Prayer

P. 366 or Projection Screen

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

541 – Come, Labor On

Thank you to those who serve us this evening:

The Rt. Rev. J. Michael Garrison

The Rev. Lee Miller

Thom Brown, Sheila Greason, Trisha Saalbach - chalice, prayers, torch

Pheme Torres, Pheme Webb – Altar Guild

Chuck Wirick – Music Director

Ed Brown – AV Technician

About the Tampa Deanery Project:

In 1999, St. John's, Tampa, sent its first mission team to the DR leading to the initiation of the Tampa Deanery Project, a collaborative effort between Tampa Deanery churches, our diocese, and the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. Since then, members (both adult and youth) of the Tampa Deanery churches and friends have traveled to the DR on mission teams. In 2011, a three-year project in La Barquita, Santo Domingo, a poor barrio near the Ozama River, was completed. The goal was to finish the first floor of the new San Pedro y San Pablo Church (including sanctuary, entrance area, office and four classrooms). The church building was consecrated in July, and is starting to meet community needs (worship, pastoral care, education, job training, nutrition, etc.), and serve as a shelter from the inevitable flooding. This was put to the test this past year, when Hurricane Sandy swept through the Dominican Republic, and over 100 people utilized the church as a shelter.

The new project started in 2012 is to build a new for Santa Cruz Episcopal Church in the sugar mill town of Santa Fe on the edge of the city of San Pedro de Macoris. The Companion Diocese relationship with the DR is facilitated by the Dominican Development Group (DDG) office. Members of the 2013 teams will work to close in the second floor of this building, and plan to complete the project in 2014.

Contact: Dominican Development Group, www.dominicandevlopmentgroup.org