



St. John's Episcopal Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
FOR ALL THE SAINTS
BUILDING CAMPAIGN BLESSING AND DEDICATION
JUNE 13, 2021
2:00 PM

A Brief History

Services at St. John's Episcopal Church began in Tallahassee in 1827 in the Territorial Capitol building. The incorporation of St. John's Episcopal Church followed in 1829. By 1835, the small church was raising funds for a building which was erected on the corner of Call and Monroe Streets where the current building stands today.

For All the Saints was the capital campaign, established in 2017, for the rehabilitation, reconstruction, and repurposing of the historic church and adjacent buildings and grounds, all made possible by the tremendous generosity of parishioners of St. John's.

Under the leadership and oversight of Co-Chairs Charley Redding and Michael Spellman, the Building Committee, the managing contractor and its subcontractors have now completed their work. This campaign includes the reframing and weather proofing of our beautiful stained-glass windows, completion of a new drainage system around the historic church, the re-attaching and securing of the Bell Tower, and a new historically-approved re-roofing of the main church. The historic church work includes newly refinished and painted exterior doors. All of this is highlighted by a beautiful landscaped yard, a new Cobb Nursery, the Rutledge Room (a meeting space formerly known as the parlor), Killeen Hall (a new large educational and meeting room), refurbished ADA compliant restrooms, a newly-refinished Graham Lounge, a sparkling Alfriend Hall featuring original artwork, and our new Welcome Plaza in which we receive visitors as if they were Christ himself.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, St. John's welcomes you. Belong, Grow, Serve, and Center are our parish's four compass points to provide guidance as you follow Jesus on the way that leads to abundant life. We are thankful that you joined us today. The service will be held in the church. Afterward, we invite you to visit the renovated areas on campus and join us for a celebratory reception in Alfriend Hall.

Tower Bells

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune

William Boyce

Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Rev. David C. Killeen

Opening Hymn

God is here!

God is here! As we his people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts

Wait the coming of his Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit,
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
Here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel,
Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!

BLESSING OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The First Reading Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remarks

Charley Redding and Michael Spellman

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, you are the brightness of the Father's Glory and the express image of his person, the one foundation and the chief cornerstone. Be the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of this work undertaken to the glory of your Name; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
 O Lord of hosts, to me!
 My thirsty soul desires and longs
 within thy courts to be;
 my very heart and flesh cry out,
 O living God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
 the swallows find a nest;
 how happy they who dwell with thee
 and praise thee without rest,
 and happy they whose hearts are set
 upon the pilgrim's quest.

They who go through the desert vale
 will find it filled with springs,
 and they shall climb from height to height
 till Zion's temple rings
 with praise to thee, in glory throned,
 Lord God, great King of kings.

One day within thy courts excels
 a thousand spent away;
 how happy they who keep thy laws
 nor from thy precepts stray,
 for thou shalt surely bless all those
 who live the words they pray.

BLESSING OF NEW SPACES

Nursery, Rutledge Room, Alfriend Hall, & Killeen Hall

The Second Reading Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remarks

Doug Sessions

Prayer

O God, you have taught us through your blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give you thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this congregation in spaces for Educational offerings and Parish Life. Confirm our joy by a lively sense of your presence with us, and give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we seek to meet people where they are in their spiritual journey, following the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Hymn 405

All things bright and beautiful

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. *Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well *Refrain*

BLESSING OF WELCOME PLAZA

The Third Reading Romans 15:5-7

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remarks

The Rt. Reverend Samuel J. Howard

Prayer

Jesus, our good Companion, on many occasions you withdrew with your friends for quiet and refreshment: Be present with your servants in this place, to which they come for fellowship and recreation; and make of it, we pray a place of serenity and peace; in your name we ask it. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn 287, vv. 1-2, 4

For all the saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Voluntary

Trumpet Finale

John Stanley

Tower Bells

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard
The Venerable Mark Richardson
The Rev. David C. Killeen
The Rev. Abigail W. Moon
The Rev. C. Wallace Marsh

Readers

Cheryl Bakker
Collins Barton
Mary Call Proctor

Speakers

Charley Redding, *Building Committee Co-Chair*
Michael Spellman, *Building Committee Co-Chair*
Doug Sessions, *Senior Warden*

Director of Music

Betsy Calhoun

Organist

Elizabeth LaJeunesse

Trumpeter

Kenneth Kronholz

Tower Bells

Cathy Bishop, Zannah Lyle

OPEN HOUSE AND RECEPTION

*The congregation is invited to visit each space that has been blessed today and meet one of the building committee members who will share insights about each room.
Refreshments will be served in Alfriend Hall.*

Rutledge Room

This space is named for the Rt. Rev. Francis Huger Rutledge, the first Bishop of the Diocese of Florida, who was also simultaneously the rector of St. John's. This room is a multipurpose room for small group meetings and a pre-service gathering spot for wedding parties.

Cobb Nursery

The Cobb Nursery provides an space for the needs of our youngest members. Named for former parishioner and long-time educator Elizabeth Cobb, this location allows for easy access to the church and features beautiful murals by artist Honey Hilliard depicting Florida wildlife.

Graham Lounge

This newly renovated space invites individuals to pause. Artist Ron Yrabedra's painting of "I am the Vine" reminds us of our connection with Jesus and one another.

Alfriend Hall

Our refreshed and enhanced parish hall, named for long-time St. John's rector Parson Alfriend, engages congregants and community members alike with the Lively Café and hosting programs. This space features a painting of "From Eden to Gethsemane" by artist Ron Yrabedra, a visual reminder that the Bible begins and ends in a garden.

Killeen Hall

With new and enhanced technology, this renovated space named in honor of the Rev. David C. Killeen, rector, allows for meetings and gatherings to use the latest technology to keep all of our members connected.

Welcome Plaza

This space includes a beautiful garden, a new accessible ramp, and covered walkway encouraging all to come and pause on their spiritual journey as we gather for worship, education, service, and fellowship.