



# St. John's Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
RITE II  
MAY 8, 2022  
10:00 AM

Tower Bells

Voluntary

## The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn 522 (*Standing*)

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

### The Opening Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### The Collect for Purity

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.**

Hymn of Praise 417, v. 1

*This is the feast of victory for our God*

*The cantor and congregation sing the Antiphon; the choir sings the verse.*

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

*Antiphon*

## The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

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 First Reading Acts 9:36-43 (*Seated*)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn 664 (*Standing*)

*My Shepherd will supply my need*

## The Holy Gospel John 10:22-30 (*Standing*)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Children's Chapel

Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children may gather on the church steps for a children's homily and then process out to Children's Chapel. They will return during the Peace.

## The Sermon (*Seated*)

The Reverend Brant S. Copeland

## The Nicene Creed (*Said by all, standing*)

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** (*Kneeling or standing*)

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Silence*)

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; and John, our mayor. For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Abi and Bill, our priests; Joe, our deacon; John and Caroline, our missionaries to Ecuador; Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest; the diocesan bishop candidates; and the St. John's rector search;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering Julia Livingston, John Stanley, Marci Russell, Nancy Middleton, David Lloyd, Vonnie Davis, Marta, Charles Anderson, Thomas Klobuchar, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for all who face the peril of war and civil unrest. Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

Remembering all mothers and those who have nurtured us, we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(*Silence*)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Priest concludes with a Collect.*

**The Peace** (*Standing*)

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory

*If ye love me*

Thomas Tallis

*If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your contributions in the offertory plates as they are passed in the pews. To make a digital offering through St. John's online portal, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code on the back panel of this bulletin or click the "Give Now" button on the St. John's home page. You can also make a gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56, or by mailing your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301. If you bank online, consider setting St. John's up as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

## Presentation Hymn (*Sung by all, standing*)

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A (*Standing*)

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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 S 125

*Holy, holy, holy*

Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*(The congregation may kneel or remain standing.)*

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:

*Priest and People:*  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

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 forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

## **The Lord's Prayer** (*Said by all, kneeling*)

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

**Fraction Anthem** (*Sung by all*)      *Christ our Passover*      Jeffrey Rickard  
*The choir and congregation sing the refrain; the choir sings the verse*

Congregation  
Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been sac - ri-ficed for  
us; There-fore let us keep the feast, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

**Invitation to Communion:** *All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the railing and receive the bread in your hand. The Christian tradition teaches that Christ is fully received in one kind. You may wish to receive the wine from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to intinct your wafer in the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest, and the server will know that you would prefer to be blessed rather than to receive.*

## Communion Hymns 366, 466, 691

## **Postcommunion Prayer** (*Said by all, kneeling*)

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*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.

*When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following rite is offered:*

*Priest:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth to... bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### The Blessing

**Closing Hymn 492 (Standing)**

*Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness*

### The Dismissal

*Priest:* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Voluntary

### Tower Bells

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### Flower Dedications

*In memory of Stanley Haines and Jack Haines, by Helen Haines*

*In celebration and memory of our friend Stan Haines, by Mary Bruce Edmonds*

*In loving thanksgiving for my two moms, Peggy J. Moffitt & Daisy Simpkins,  
by Kimberly Simpkins and Monica Gruber.*

*To make a digital offering, use your phone's camera to scan here:*

