



St. John's Episcopal Church

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
St. John's welcomes you.

First Sunday of Advent
10 a.m. 27 November 2022

*Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
"BCP" refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary Savior, of the nations come, BWV 659
Johann Sebastian Bach

Lo! he comes with clouds descending (Stand) Hymn 57

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

Kyrie..... Hymn S 96

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of
this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit
us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come
again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the
dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who

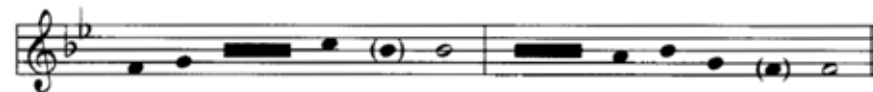
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah:

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning
Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the
Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the
mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the
nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and
say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the
house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go
forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from
Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall
arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords
into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall
they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us
walk in the light of the Lord! *[Isaiah 2:1-5]*

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

Psalm 122 (*Choir sings the first verse; congregation will join for the
remaining verses*)



- 1 I was glad when they / said to me, *
"Let us go to the / house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are / standing *
within your gates, / O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a / city *
that is at un/ity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the / Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of / judgment, *
the thrones of the / house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jer/usalem: *
"May they pro/sper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your / walls *
and quietness with/in your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com/panions' sake, *
I pray for / your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the / Lord our God, *
I will / seek to do you good."

A Reading from the letter to the Romans:

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you
to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than
when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is
near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put
on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day,
not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and
licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put
on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the
flesh, to gratify its desires. *[Romans 13:11-14]*

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

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (Stand) Hymn 59

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour
no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will
be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days
before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying
and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark,
and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept
them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.
Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will
be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will
be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you
do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But
understand this: if the owner of the house had known in
what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have
stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken
into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man
is coming at an unexpected hour." *[Matthew 24:36-44]*

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel

*Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel
for a blessing before processing to Children's Chapel.*

The Sermon The Rev. Lonnie Lacy

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (Stand) BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (Kneel) BCP 392

The Confession & Absolution.....BCP 360

The Peace.....BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....*Zion hears the watchmen's singing*
Johann Sebastian Bach

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (Stand)..... Hymn 76, v.5

Eucharistic Prayer B..... BCP 367

The SanctusHymn S 130

The Lord's Prayer..... BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem.....Hymn S 164

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John's. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to dip the bread in the cup and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter, and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

Communion Hymns..... 601, 53, 64

The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 366

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this Congregation, to N. 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

“Sleepers, wake!” (Stand) Hymn 61

The Dismissal..... BCP 366

Voluntary Savior, of the nations come, BuxWV 211
Dietrich Buxtehude

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for Mary Bruce Edmonds
by Linda D. Carter in memory of Frank H. Carter on our anniversary*

Welcome!

Since 1829, St. John's Episcopal Church has sought to love Christ and our neighbors in Tallahassee and the world. Whether you are a lifelong Christian or it is your first time entering a church, welcome. We are glad you are here.

Your Gift Makes a Difference



GIVING

St. John's runs solely on the generosity of its members. Give today via the offering plate; or text STJOHNS to 73256; or scan this code with your phone to give online. You can also mail your gift to St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32301. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church you love.

Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John's website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

8 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite I)..... Sanctuary

10 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Sanctuary
service is livestreamed

5:30 p.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Chapel

7:30 p.m.....Sung Compline Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Chapel
with Healing Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Julia Livingston, Marty Larson, Vonnie Davis, Robin, Joe Kraus

The Departed: Amy Ray, Charles Ivan Munroe, Jr., Mertie Dollar, Dean Knox

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; the Rev. Bill Trexler, Priest Associate; the Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, the Rev. Dcn. Mike Hall, the Rev. Dcn. Linda Liebert-Hall, Deacons

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