



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Second Sunday of Advent  
10 a.m. 4 December 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 ..... Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above**  
Improvisation

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Stand)..... Hymn 616**

*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*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to  
preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:  
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our  
Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

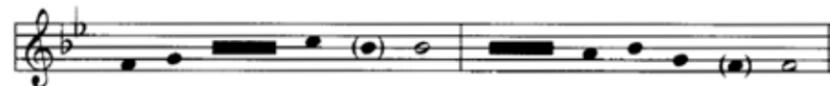
### A Reading from the prophet Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a  
branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord  
shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and  
the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the  
Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by  
what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge  
the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with  
the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness  
shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt  
around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the  
leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion  
and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie  
down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for  
the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the  
waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall  
stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of  
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. [Isaiah 11:1-10]

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

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** (*Choir sings the first verse; congregation will  
join for the remaining verses*)



- 1 Give the King your justice, O / God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people / righteously \*  
and the / poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, \*  
and the little / hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the / people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush / the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure, \*  
from one generation / to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the / mown field, \*  
like showers that / water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the / moon shall be no  
more.

- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of / Israel, \*  
who a/lone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for / ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his  
glory. / Amen. Amen.

### A Reading from the letter to the Romans:

Whatever was written in former days was written for  
our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the  
encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 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. For I tell you that  
Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of  
the truth of God in order that he might confirm the  
promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the  
Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,  
"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing  
praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O  
Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all  
you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again  
Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who  
rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in  
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of  
the Holy Spirit. [Romans 15:4-13]

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

**Prepare the way, O Zion (Stand) ..... Hymn 65**

### The Gospel

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the  
wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the  
kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of  
whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of  
one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the  
Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of  
camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his  
food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of  
Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the  
region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in  
the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” [Matthew 3:1-12]

*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** .....**Keep your lamps**  
 André Thomas

*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 Sanctus** .....**Hymn 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**.....**75, 73, 597**

**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**

**Comfort, comfort ye my people** (*Stand*)..... **Hymn 67**

**The Dismissal** ..... **BCP 366**

**Voluntary** ..... **Savior of the nations, come**  
 Improvisation

**Tower Bells**

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 by the Garretson family, with love, in memory of Lucinda Paradise Spivey*

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**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, Kathy Vanderee, Abraham Yousef

**The Departed:** Dean Knox, Robert Flanagan

**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