



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Third Sunday of Advent
10 a.m. 11 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 **Savior of the nations, come**
Helmut Walcha

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers (Stand) **Hymn 68**

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

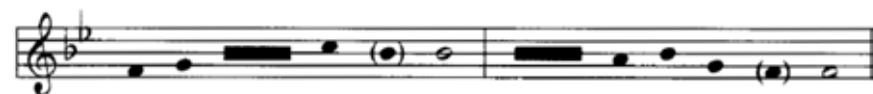
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come
among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and
the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah:

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the
desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall
blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The
glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel
and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the
majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make
firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful
heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will
come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will
come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame
shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing
for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and
streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a
pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of
jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds
and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called
the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall
be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go
astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast
come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the
redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord
shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy
shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and
gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. [Isaiah
35:1-10]

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

Psalm 146:4-9 (Choir sings the first verse; congregation will join for
the remaining verses)



- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help! *
whose hope is in / the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is / in them; *
who keeps his pro/mise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who / are oppressed, *
and food to / those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the / blind; *
the Lord lifts up those / who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the / stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way / of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for / ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. / Hallelujah!

A Reading from the letter of James:

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the
Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the
earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and
the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your
hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not
grumble against one another, so that you may not be
judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an
example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the
prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. [James 5:7-10]

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

Tell out, my soul (Stand) **Hymn 438**

The Gospel

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was
doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are
you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"
Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and
see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers
are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the
poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is
anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds
about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to
look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go
out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those
who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you
go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a
prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I
am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare
your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one
has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in
the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." [Matthew 11:2-11]

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 **Magnificat (from Collegium Regale)**
Herbert Howells

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 **272, 640**

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

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry (*Stand*)..... **Hymn 76**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary **Veni, redemptor gentium**
Samuel Scheidt

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God

by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for Bill Bazzel, Sr. and Jeff Haines on their December birthdays

by Karen Leavesley in thanksgiving for children and grandchildren

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 ComplineSanctuary

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, Kathy Vanderee, Abraham Yousef, Stan Shephard, Candy Williams, Rachel

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

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