



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
10 a.m. 18 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 **Creator of the Stars of Night**
Improvisation

O come, O come, Emmanuel (Stand)..... **Hymn 56**
vv. 1-4

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

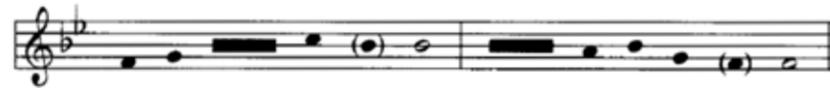
Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily
visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may
find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the
Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.
But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to
the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is
it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my
God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and
honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and
choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse
the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two
kings you are in dread will be deserted." [Isaiah 7:10-16]

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (Choir sings the first verse; congregation will
join for the remaining verses)



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh, *
stir up your strength and / come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O / God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord / God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers / of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the / bread of tears; *
you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors, *
and our enemies / laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O / God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand, *
the son of man you have made so / strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn a/way from you; *
give us life, that we may / call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord / God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

A Reading from the letter to the Romans:

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set
apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand
through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel
concerning his Son, who was descended from David
according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God
with power according to the spirit of holiness by
resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through
whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring
about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the
sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to
belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who
are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [Romans 1:1-7]

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

The angel Gabriel (Stand) **Hymn 265**

The Gospel

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this
way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph,
but before they lived together, she was found to be with
child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a
righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public
disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he
had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to
him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be
afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in
her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are
to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their
sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by
the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they
shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with
us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of
the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had
no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and
he named him Jesus. [Matthew 1:18-25]

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. Bill Trexler**

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 **There is no rose**
Jessica Nelson

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**54, 268**

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

Hark! the glad sound! (Stand) **Hymn 72**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

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

Tower Bells

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, Marty Larson, Kathy Vanderee, Abraham Yousef, Stan Shephard, Candy Williams, Rachel, Alan Demascus, Jim Joanos, Catie Shippen

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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