



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
10 a.m. 29 January 2023

*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** ..... **Prelude in D Major**  
J. K. F. Fischer

**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.*

**Song of Praise** ..... **Hymn S 278**

### The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in  
heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of  
your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### A Reading from the prophet Micah:

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before  
the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you  
mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring  
foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy  
with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my  
people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied  
you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of  
Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I  
sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people,  
remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what  
Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened  
from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts  
of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and  
bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him  
with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord  
be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands  
of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my  
transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the  
Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? [Micah 6:1-8]

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

### Psalm 15 (Sung by the choir to an Anglican Chant by Coleman)

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

### A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians:

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are  
perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of  
God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the  
wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where  
is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the  
wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the  
world did not know God through wisdom, God decided,  
through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those  
who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire  
wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling  
block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who  
are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of  
God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser  
than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than  
human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and  
sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards,  
not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But  
God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;  
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;  
God chose what is low and despised in the world, things  
that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no  
one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of  
your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from  
God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,  
in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast  
in the Lord." [1 Corinthians 1:18-31]

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

**What does the Lord require** (Stand) ..... **Hymn 605**

### The Gospel

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;  
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he  
began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of  
heaven.  
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.  
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called  
children of God.  
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'  
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my  
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in

heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." [Matthew 1:5-12]

*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 387**

**The Confession & Absolution..... BCP 360**

**The Peace..... BCP 360**

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory ..... *Blessed are the pure in heart***

H. Walford Davies

*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 124, v.5**

**Eucharistic Prayer B .....BCP 367**

**The Sanctus .....Hymn S 128**

**The Lord’s Prayer ..... BCP 364**

**The Fraction Anthem ..... Hymn S 155**

**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.....656, 593, 628**

**The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 365**

**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**

**All praise to thee, for thou, O King (Stand)..... Hymn 477**

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

**Voluntary .....*Marche en rondeau from Te Deum***

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

**Tower Bells**

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

*by Helen Haines in memory of Grey Edmonds*

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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*

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, Marcia Cook, Kaila, Ann Elaine, John, Tony Posilico, Burke Jolly, and Louis Rabalais.

**The Departed:** Wings Benton

**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