



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

First Sunday in Lent
10 a.m. 26 February 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 **O humankind, bemoan thy sin**
J. S. Bach

Eternal Lord of love (Stand) **Hymn 149**

The Decalogue (Please kneel) **BCP 350**

At the end of each commandment:

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

After the Decalogue, the Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." [Mark 12:29-31]

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive

us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

The 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, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Genesis:

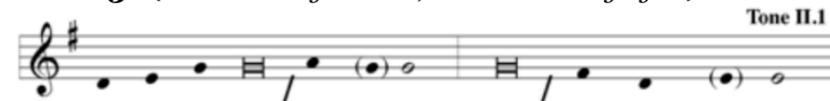
The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. [Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7]

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 (The choir sings verse 1, verses 2-12 sung by all)



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for/given, * and whose sin / is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im/putes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there / is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a/way, * because of my groaning / all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my / sin to you, * and did not / conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the / Lord." * Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of / trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall / not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble; * you surround me with shouts of / deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you should go; * I will guide / you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under / standing; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not / stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the / wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust / in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / Lord; * shout for joy, all / who are true of heart.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made

sinner, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. *[Romans 5:12-19]*

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

Forty days and forty nights *(Stand)* **Hymn 150**

The Gospel

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. *[Matthew 4:1-11]*

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 **Caroline Allen**

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *(Stand)*.....**BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People *(Kneel)***BCP 387**

Commissioning of the Cuba Mission Team

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory **Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake**
Richard Farrant

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 143, v.5**

Eucharistic Prayer C..... **BCP 369**
The Sanctus **Hymn S 127**
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 Music.....**Santo, santo, santo**
Together
When a poor one

The Prayer of Thanksgiving *(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

Now let us all with one accord *(Stand)*..... **Hymn 147**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary..... **The glory of these forty days**
Dietrich Buxtehude

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



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 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 Hall, Bobby Ventry, the Teagle family, Rosalie, Taylor, Kaila, and Frank

The Departed: Richard Strother, Ed Babcock

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