



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Maundy Thursday  
6:30 p.m. 6 April 2023

**Please silence your cell phone prior to the service.**

*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** ..... **Le Banquet Celeste**  
Olivier Messiaen

**When Jesus left his Father's throne** (Stand) .... **Hymn 480**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*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.*

**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 Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he  
suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood:  
Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in  
remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy  
mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever  
and ever. *Amen.*

### A Reading from the book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. *[Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14]*

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

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17** (*v. 1 sung by the choir, vv. 10-17 sung by all*)



- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard  
the voice of my suppli/cation, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called / upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the / Lord \*  
for all the good things he / has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of sal/vation \*  
and call upon the Name / of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the / Lord \*  
in the presence of all / his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the / Lord \*  
is the death of / his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your / servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed / me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks/giving \*  
and call upon the Name / of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the / Lord \*  
in the presence of all / his people,
- 17 In the courts of the / Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O / Jerusalem.

### A Reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the Corinthians

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*[1 Corinthians 11:23-26]*

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

**God is love, and where true love is** (Stand) ..... **Hymn 577**

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*[John 13:1-17, 31b-35]*

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** ..... **The Rev. Lonnie Lacy**

*A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

## THE CEREMONY OF FOOT-WASHING

*The clergy wash one another's feet, then make themselves available at stations near the lectern and pulpit to wash the feet of the congregation.*

*Those who wish to participate form two lines down the center aisle. Shoes and socks may be removed in the pews before coming forward or when seated in the open chair at the station.*

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

**The Confession & Absolution** (*Remain kneeling*) ..... **BCP 360**

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

## Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory** ..... **Ave verum corpus**  
W. A. Mozart

*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 bring Communion to your pew.*

**Anthem**..... **O taste and see**  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Communion Hymns**..... **315, 329, 171**

**The Postcommunion Prayer** (*Kneel*)..... **BCP 366**

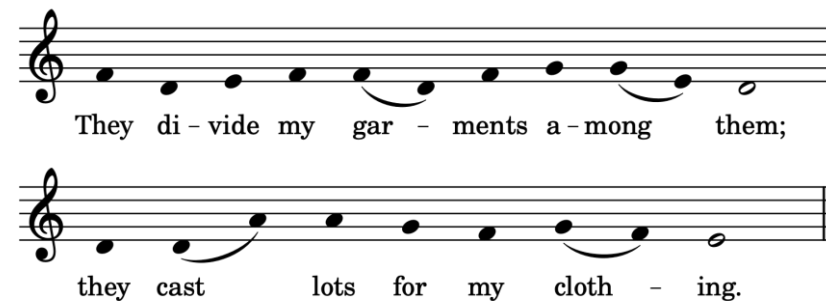
## PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The Blessed Sacrament is carried in solemn procession by the ministers to Carter Chapel where an Altar of Repose has been prepared.*

*The Celebrant returns to strip the Altar and chancel of all ornamentation, recalling the stripping of our Lord's body at the crucifixion. Once the sanctuary is bare, the Celebrant washes the Altar with water, oil, and spices reminiscent of those used to anoint Jesus' body after his death.*

**Stripping of the Altar** (*Kneel*)..... **Psalm 22**

*A cantor chants the verses; the congregation and choir chant the refrain.*



## Departure

*Following the stripping of the Altar, the Celebrant and people depart in silence. No blessing or dismissal is given until Easter morning.*

## GETHSEMANE WATCH BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**8 p.m. – 12 noon**

*Scripture teaches that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper until his arrest. Finding the disciples asleep during his time of agony, he asked, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?"*

*Tonight, we recall our Lord's anguish in the garden and commit to keep prayerful watch before his Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. This time of prayer is held in Carter Chapel until the noonday service on Good Friday.*

*All are invited to participate in the watch. A deputy from the sheriff's department will be on the grounds throughout the night so participants may come and go freely without concern for safety.*

## 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.

## Holy Week Services

### GOOD FRIDAY

12:10 p.m.....The Good Friday Liturgy .....Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.....The Good Friday Liturgy .....Sanctuary  
*service is livestreamed*

### HOLY SATURDAY

6:30 p.m.....The Great Vigil of Easter .....Sanctuary  
*service is livestreamed*

### EASTER SUNDAY

8 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary

10 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite II).....Sanctuary  
*service is livestreamed*

12 noon.....Holy Eucharist (Rite II).....Sanctuary

7:30 p.m.....Sung Compline .....Sanctuary

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