



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

2nd Sunday of Easter
10 a.m. 16 April 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 **Toccata in G Major**
William Hieronymous Pachelbel

That Easter day with joy was bright (Stand)..... **Hymn 193**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 417**, vv.4-5

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, who in the Paschal mystery
established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all
who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may
show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith;
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 Acts of the Apostles

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and
addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I
have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God
with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through
him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed
over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge
of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside
the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death,
because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For
David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

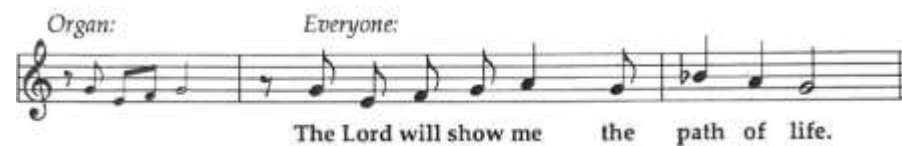
"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our
ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his
tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew
that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put
one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David
spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are
witnesses." [Acts 2:14a, 22-32]

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

Psalm 16:5-11



- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. *Antiphon*
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. *Antiphon*
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit. *Antiphon*
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your
right hand are pleasures for evermore. *Antiphon*

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By
his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and
into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and
unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by
the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be
revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a
little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the
genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold
that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to
result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is
revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and
even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and
rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are
receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your
souls. [1 Peter 1:3-9]

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

We walk by faith and not by sight

 (Stand) **Hymn 209**

The Gospel

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,
and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were
locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among
them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he
showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples
rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they
are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are
retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples
told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them,
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my
finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will
not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *[John 20:19-31]*

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

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..... *I believe this is Jesus*
arr. Undine Smith Moore

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)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleuia.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The Sanctus Hymn S 125

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem.....Christ our Passover
Jeffrey H. Rickard

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..... 318, 189, 178

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

Alleluia! The strife is o'er (Stand)..... Hymn 208

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....The Strife is O'er
Michael Helman

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Martha Fields.

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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



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, Lisa Council, Betty Albritton, Judy Watson, Madge Ponder, Nancy, Paul, Charles, Frank, Dave, Crystal, Quinn

The Departed: Taylor Littleton

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