



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
10 a.m. 23 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** ..... **Praeludium II in G Major, op. 37**  
Felix Mendelssohn

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing** (Stand).....**Hymn 174**

*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*

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his  
disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives  
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

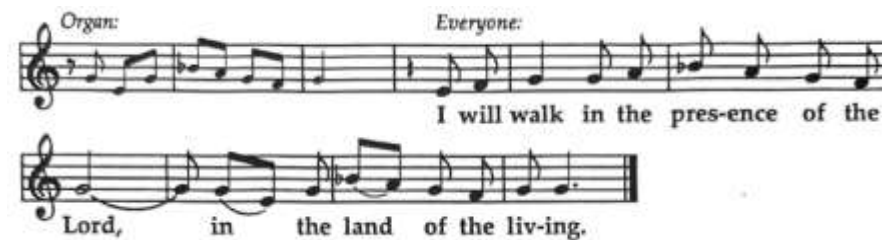
### A Reading from the Book of Acts

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and  
addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with  
certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this  
Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and  
said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should  
we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one  
of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be  
forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the  
promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far  
away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he  
testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying,  
"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who  
welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three  
thousand persons were added. [Acts 2:14a, 36-41]

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

### Psalm 116: 10-17



- 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 salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord. *Antiphon*
- 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. *Antiphon*
- 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 thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord. *Antiphon*
- 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. Hallelujah! *Antiphon*

### A Reading from the first letter of Peter

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people  
impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during  
the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from  
the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with  
perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood  
of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was  
destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at  
the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to  
trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to  
the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another  
deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of  
perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and  
enduring word of God. [1 Peter 1:17-23]

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

**Come, risen Lord** (Stand).....**Hymn 306**

### The Gospel

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a  
village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and  
talking with each other about all these things that had happened.  
While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near  
and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing  
him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each  
other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then  
one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you  
the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things  
that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them,  
"What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of  
Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before  
God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders  
handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.  
But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and  
besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took  
place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They  
were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find  
his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed  
seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those  
who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the  
women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to  
them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe  
all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the  
Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his  
glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he  
interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. *[Luke 24:13-35]*

*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 prayer 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.....On Emmaus’ journey**  
 arr. John Ferguson

*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, Alleluia.

**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.....294, 343, 177**

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

**Sending of Eucharistic Visitors**

*If 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**

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (Stand)... Hymn 205**

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

**Voluntary..... Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich**  
 Benjamin Robert Papperitz

**Tower Bells**

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Carolyn Adams Gilbert, and in loving memory of Ron Davis by Jean, Mary-Margaret, John, Kate, Nick, Charlie, George, and Courtenay.*

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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 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, Kathy Hall, Judy Watson, Madge Ponder, Nancy Newton Ferguson, Camden Petit, Shannon Baverman, Tanier Lujan, Nancy Middleton, Byron Camp, Paul, Charles, Frank, Dave, Crystal, Quinn, Nadine

**The Departed:** Taylor Littleton, Jackie Thibodeaux, Betty Albritton

**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