



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

4th Sunday of Easter
10 a.m. 30 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 Christ lay in death's fetters BWV 625
Johann Sebastian Bach

All people that on earth do dwell (Stand)..... Hymn 377

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:
Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who
calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with
you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever
and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the
apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread
and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs
were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together
and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions
and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.
Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple,
they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and
generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the
people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those
who were being saved. [Acts 2:42-47]

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

Psalm 23 (Anglican chant sung by the choir) C. Hylton Stewart

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, *
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul, *
And bring me forth in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, *
For thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them
that trouble me: *
Thou hast anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: *
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure
pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are
beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you
endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's
approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ
also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you
should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he
suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to
the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his
body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for
righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For
you were going astray like sheep, but now you have
returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

[1 Peter 2:19-25]

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

Shepherd of souls (Stand)..... Hymn 343

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not
enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another
way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate
is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate
for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own
sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought
out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep
follow him because they know his voice. They will not
follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they
do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure
of speech with them, but they did not understand what he
was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am
the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves
and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the
gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in
and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and
have it abundantly.” [John 10:1-10]

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.....*The Lord is my shepherd*
John Rutter

Alec McDaniel, oboe

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 **664, 334, 317**

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

Before the Lord’s eternal throne (*Stand*) **Hymn 391**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary **Christ is arisen**
Improvisation

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of our 52nd anniversary and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings by Tom and Cathy Bishop

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, Dave, Crystal, Quinn, Nadine, Nancy Newton Ferguson, Camden Petit, Shannon Baverman, Tanier Lujan, Nancy Middleton, Byron Camp, Armeris, Bill Irvine

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

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