



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

5th Sunday of Easter
10 a.m. 7 May 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 **Dearest Jesus, we are here, BWV 731**
J. S. Bach

Sing, ye faithful (Stand) **Hymn 492**

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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant
us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way,
the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps
in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven
and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right
hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened
and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But
they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed
together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city
and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats
at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were
stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my
spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice,
"Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had
said this, he died. [Acts 7:55-60]

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 16

Peter R. Hallock



- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me. *Antiphon*
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength. *Antiphon*
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me." *Antiphon*

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk,
so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you
have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals
yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living
stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a
holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to
God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those
who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner", and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they
were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy
nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim
the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into
his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy. [1 Peter 2:2-10]

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

Jesus lives! (Stand) **Hymn 195**

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe
in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are
many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told
you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and
prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you
to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And
you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas
said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the
way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father
except through me. If you know me, you will know my
Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen
him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we
will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you
all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you
say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in
the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to
you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells

in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” [John 14:1-14]

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

OffertoryAt the Name of Jesus
Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.....430, 366, 487

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

O praise ye the Lord! (Stand)..... Hymn 432

The Dismissal BCP 366

VoluntaryThe Holy Christ has arisen, BWV 628
J. S. Bach

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
In memory of Stan Haines and Jack Haines by Helen Haines;
In memory of Kimberly Strickland Roddenberry;
In memory of Raymond Hart given by his wife, Frances, and his daughters, Mary Jane and Kathryn; and
In loving memory of Marjorie Newell Gale & Shirley Gale Cross-artists, botanists, gardeners and mothers by Susan & Timothy Cross.*

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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

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, Nadine, Nancy Newton Ferguson, Camden Petit, Shannon Baverman, Tanier Lujan, Nancy Middleton, Byron Camp, Armeris, Bill Irvine, Kathy Vanderee, Tom Moore, Nancy, Daniel, Robert Alexander Redmond, Diana, Zigfrids, Ralfs, and Arturs Daktere and family

The Departed: David Shirk

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