



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

6th Sunday of Easter
10 a.m. 14 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 Variations on a Theme of John Dowland
Samuel Scheidt

All creatures of our God and King (Stand) Hymn 400
vv.1-5, 7

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good
things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts
such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and
above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all
that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. *Amen.*

First Grade Festal Eucharist Prayer (said by all)

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you so much for having us and
sending Jesus who died on the cross for our sins. We are
blessed with your love and the energy your love gives us. We are
also thankful for our health and the food we eat. Thank you for
our dogs, cats, bunnies, and all other animals. We are especially
grateful for the love that Father Lonnie and everyone at St.
John's shares with us.

We pray for our whole family. Our moms, dads, sisters,
brothers, cousins, and grandparents and also pray for those
family members who have died. We pray for sick people who
are in the hospital or at home and the families with children
who don't have food. Help us learn to be kind to everyone and
not be mean to others. We ask all of this in your name Heavenly
Father. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I
see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went
through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your
worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To
an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this
I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything
in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines
made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as
though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals
life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all
nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of
their existence and the boundaries of the places where they
would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope
for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one
of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even
some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the
deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art
and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times
of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to
repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the
world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed,
and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the
dead." [Acts 17:22-31]

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

Psalm 66:7-18 (Anglican chant by C. V. Stanford, sung by the choir)

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?
But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.
Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in
your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make
your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting
for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and
reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are
maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ
may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if
suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For
Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the
unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death
in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went
and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former
times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of
Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is,
eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which
this prefigured, now saves you- not as a removal of dirt from the
body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at
the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made
subject to him. [1 Peter 3:13-22]

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

O Jesus crowned with all renown (Stand) Hymn 292

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” [John 14:15-21]

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.....A song to the Lamb
Donald Pearson

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 host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Eucharistic Prayer A.....BCP 361

The SanctusHymn 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.

Anthem.....If ye love me
Thomas Tallis

Hymns 325, 304, 490

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 Love of God (Stand)Hymn 455

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....Canzona alla France
Andrea Cima

Tower Bells

Festal Eucharist Participants

Carolyn Estelle Dixon, Penelope Lynn Goodson,
Cora Louise Lemons, Virginia Price Newell

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Wendell Sprunger by Sandra and Dennis Howard; and in celebration of Jane Aurell.

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 a 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, Bill Irvine, Kathy Vanderee, Tom Moore, Daniel, Robert Alexander Redmond, Nancy, Ann Fewox, Hector Rodriguez & Jacqueline Tejada, Joan, Fanny Barnes, Catherine Connor, Diana Daktere, Ingrida Daktere Barrow, Zigfrids Dakters, Ralfs Dakters, Arturs Dakters, Grady Lacy

The Departed: David Shirk, Jay Burgin, Wendell Sprunger, Duggie Holton, John McEachern, Sr.

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector; The Rev. Bill Trexler, Priest Associate; The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, The Rev. Dcn. Mike Hall, The Rev. Dcn. Linda Liebert-Hall, Deacons