



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

4th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 25 June 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 **Arioso**
Benedetto Marcello

We know that Christ (*Stand*) **Hymn 296**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 421**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your
holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those
whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-
kindness; 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 Book of Jeremiah

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have
overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks
me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout,
"Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and
derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name," then within me there is
something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am
weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many
whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us
denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me
to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can
prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my
persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their
eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and
the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to
you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life
of the needy from the hands of evildoers. [*Jeremiah 20:7-13*]

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20 (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.

18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

19 "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?
By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do
you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ
Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been

buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ
was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too
might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we
will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We
know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body
of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved
to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have
died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We
know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die
again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he
died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to
God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive
to God in Christ Jesus. [*Romans 6:1b-11*]

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Spread, O spread thou mighty word.....Hymn 530

The Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above
the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the
disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If
they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much
more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will
not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become
known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what
you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear
those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him
who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two
sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the
ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head
are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than
many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I
also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever
denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in
heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the
earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy
of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not

worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

[Matthew 10:24-39]

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 388

The Confession & Absolution..... BCP 360

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory..... Day by day
Martin How

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) Hymn 380, v. 3

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The Sanctus Hymn S 129

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction AnthemBe known to us

The refrain is sung by the choir, then repeated by all.

Refrain: Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.

Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

All repeat the refrain.

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.....679, 661, 524

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

Christ for the world we sing! (Stand) Hymn 537

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary..... Fanfare
Tony Hewitt-Jones

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Lanue B. Ryan.*

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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



GIVING

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, the Garretson Family, Edward Carraway, Jen, Jean Davis, Tess Lieuzzi, Melissa, Kristy Kelley

The Departed: Grady Lacy, Josh, Thomas Haines, Jr.

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