



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

7th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 16 July 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 **Scherzetto**
William Walton

O day of radiant gladness (*Stand*) **Hymn 48**

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, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who
call upon you, and grant that they may know and
understand what things they ought to do, and also may have
grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do
not return there until they have watered the earth, making it
bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to
the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it
shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which
I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you
shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and
the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the
field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up
the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it
shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that
shall not be cut off. *[Isaiah 55:10-13]*

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

Psalm 65: 9-14 (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free
from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the
law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own
Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he
condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the
law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh
but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the
flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who
live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the
Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind
on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is
set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's
law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot
please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the
Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the
Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you,
though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because
of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the
dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give
life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in
you. *[Romans 8:1-11]*

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

Lord, make us servants Hymn 593

The Gospel

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such
great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and
sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he
told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower
went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path,
and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky
ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up
quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose,
they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered
away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up
and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought
forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let
anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears
the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil
one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is
what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky
ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately
receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures
only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on
account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for
what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the
word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke
the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on
good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands
it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a
hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

[Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23]

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.....**A simple song**
Leonard Bernstein

Emilie O'Connor, soprano

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 Anthem **Be known to us**

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

Refrain: The disciples knew the 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 Anthem.....**Gather us in**
Marty Haugen

Communion Hymns.....**588, 632**

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

Come, we that love the Lord *(Stand)*.....**Hymn 392**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary..... **March**
William Walton

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the marriage of
Trevin Blount and Rosie Chou;
and in thanksgiving for Sarah Lou Harkey’s 98th birthday,
by her daughter, Linda Harkey.*

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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, Gordon Dean, Danny Gouge, Sam, Jess, J.D., John Hawkins, Edward, Karen Leavesley, Jabby and family, Faye Barrow, Diana Daktere, Frank, the Blount Family, Mary Lee, Mary Bode, Jacqueline Heckel, Richard Norton

The Departed: Jay Willoughby, Robert Doan

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