



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 23 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 **Andante Religioso**
Sonata no. 4, II, Felix Mendelssohn

Come, labor on (*Stand*) **Hymn 541**

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our
necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have
compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those
things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our
blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your
Son 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

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer,
the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me
there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them
declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of
old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do
not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and
declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one. [Isaiah 44:6-8]

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

Psalm 86:11-17 (Prayed responsively by half verse)

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live
according to the flesh- for if you live according to the flesh, you
will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the
body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are
children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall
back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When
we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness
with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then
heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ- if, in fact, we
suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not
worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For
the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the
children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of
its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay

and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor
pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we
wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we
were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes
for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait
for it with patience. [Romans 8:12-25]

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

Almighty God, your word is cast.....Hymn 588

The Gospel

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom
of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed
in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came
and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So
when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds
appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and
said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?
Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An
enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you
want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in
gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with
them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at
harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and
bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into
my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his
disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of
the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the
good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the
good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the
children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the
devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are
angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire,
so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his
angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin
and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of
fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then
the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their
Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" [Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43]

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.....*Teach me, O Lord*
Thomas Attwood

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 Anthems **Taste and See**

James E. Moore
Caitlin Ecuyer, soprano

Gather us in
Marty Haugen

Communion Hymns..... **336, 592**

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

All my hope on God is founded *(Stand)***Hymn 665**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary..... **Whoever lets our dear God rule**
BWV 642. J. S. Bach

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Majesty Becton Strickland.*

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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, Gordon Dean, Jabby and family, Faye Barrow, Diana Daktere, Frank, the Blount family, Mary Lee, Mary Bode, Jacqueline Heckel, Richard Norton, Stephen Parker Mason, Karen Leavesley, Marjorie Greene, Mary Ann E. Carter, Chris O'Brian

The Departed: Jay Willoughby, Robert Doan, Deborah Richbourg

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