



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

6th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 9 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***My faithful heart rejoices***
Op. 122, No. 4, Johannes Brahms

God, my King (*Stand*) **Hymn 414**

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 God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments
by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your
Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole
heart, and united to one another with pure affection;
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 Zechariah

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter
Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and
victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the
foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and
the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut
off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion
shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the
earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with
you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return
to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I
will restore to you double. [*Zechariah 9:9-12*]

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

Psalm 145: 8-15 (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I
want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not
want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I
that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that
nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will
what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want,
but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not
want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good,
evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my
inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with
the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that
dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will

rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through
Jesus Christ our Lord! [*Romans 7:15-25a*]

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

Lord of all hopefulnessHymn 482

The Gospel

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this
generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and
calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you
did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say,
‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking,
and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax
collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from
the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have
been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the
Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the
Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy
burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and
learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you
will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*]

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

Commissioning of the Ecuador Mission Team

The Celebrant says

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. These persons have been called to the ministry of mission with our companions in Quito, Ecuador.

People Praise be to God, who has called you to this service!

The Celebrant continues

Let us pray. (Silence)

Eternal God, you have promised your salvation to all peoples, and have given us a vision of a great multitude around your throne, from all nations, tribes, and languages: Help us as we bring this vision into our time and place; go with those who now undertake your work in Quito, Ecuador; and enable them to hear and to speak new words of hope and praise; through Jesus Christ, the living Word. Amen.

N., in the Name of God, we recognize you as missionaries of this parish.

Collins Barton	Emmie Klekamp	Tyler Schnittker
Anna Blalock	Dan Manausa	Bo Shippen
Sadie Bowersox	Jack Manausa	Eric Smith
Bella Cayer	Nic Mandolini	Corinna Strayer
Emily Garretson	William Proctor	Eli Strayer
Evan Kile	Kate Rayboun	Ainsley Yarbrough
	Mandy Schnittker	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory My song shall be always Gerald Near

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 Hymns 516, 302

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

Jesus shall reign where e’er the sun (Stand) Hymn 544

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary Jesus, priceless treasure BWV 1105, J. S. Bach

Tower Bells


Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for her niece, Katherine Bazzel Archer, on her birthday.

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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, Kristy Kelley, Danny Gouge, Sam, Jess, J.D., John Hawkins, Edward, Karen Leavesley, Jabby and family, Faye Barrow, Diana Daktere, Frank

The Departed: Jay Willoughby

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