



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 13 August 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

Gathering Music.....My shepherd will supply my need

American folk melody

Abide with me

Henry William Monk

It is well with my soul

Philip Paul Bliss

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Stand).....Hymn 390

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.*

Joyful, joyful we adore thee Hymn 376

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always
those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist
without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your

will; 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 First Kings

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent
the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,
“What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very
zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have
forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your
prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my
life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord,
for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so
strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces
before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the
wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and
after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and
after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he
wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the
entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said,
“What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very
zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have
forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your
prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my
life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on
your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you
shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu
son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son
of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever
escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever
escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave
seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to
Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” [1 Kings 19:9-18]

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13 (Prayed responsively by half verse)

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from
the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.”
But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in
your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ
down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring
Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you
confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one
believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with
the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who
believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction
between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is
generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not
believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have
never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to
proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are
sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who
bring good news!” [Romans 10:5-15]

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Eternal Father, strong to save Hymn 608

The Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to
the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had
dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to
pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time
the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the
wind was against them. And early in the morning he came
walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him
walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And
they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and
said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come
to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the
boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But
when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and
beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus
immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him,

“You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” [Matthew 14:22-33]

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.....His eye is on the sparrow
Charles H. Gabriel

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 SanctusHoly, holy, holy Lord
Land of rest

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem Hymn 325, v.1

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 MusicLord Jesus think on me
William Damon

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
Virginia Haromny

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

How firm a foundation (Stand) Hymn 636

The Dismissal BCP 366

Dismissal Music.....What wondrous love is this
American folk hymn

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Margie Watkins in memory and thanksgiving for the marriage of Clint
and Margie Watkins 47 years ago;
by Linda D. Carter in memory of Frank H. Carter on his birthday;
and in thanksgiving for Bill and Karla Trexler’s 50th wedding anniversary
on August 19.*

The Rachel Hillman Jazz Ensemble
Dakari Brantley, drums | Donald Issitt, bass
Philip Temple, guitar | Wayne Percy, trumpet
Rachel Hillman, vocals

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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, Mary Bode, Frank, Edward, the Blount family, Louis, Mary Lee, Steve, Bob, Kathy Shields, Jackie Wilkinson

The Departed: Danna Rutledge, John Ingle, Max Simmons, Gregory Van Dercreek, Warren Blount, Carroll Walker

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