



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 27 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

Voluntary **Allegro Moderato**
Sonata in F major, RV 68, Antonio Vivaldi

Kristina Nilsson and Valerie Arsenault, violins

The Church's one foundation (*Stand*) **Hymn 525**

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered
together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your
power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name;
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 Isaiah

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the
Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the
quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called
him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will
comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will
make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the
Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and
the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a
teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the
peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation
has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands
wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the
heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will
vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and
those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be
for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended. *[Isaiah 51:1-6]*

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

Psalm 138 (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the
mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy
and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not
be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the
renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the
will of God- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you
not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think,
but to think with sober judgment, each according to the
measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we
have many members, and not all the members have the same
function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and
individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that
differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in
proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in
teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity;
the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

[Romans 12:1-8]

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

O Christ, the Word Incarnate **Hymn 632**

The Gospel

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he
asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man
is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others
Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He
said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter
answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of
Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my
Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this
rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not
prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in
heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell
anyone that he was the Messiah. *[Matthew 16:13-20]*

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 (*Standing, sung by all*) **Hymn 536**

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 **The disciples knew**

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 Voluntary..... **Andante, Allegro**
Sonata in F major, RV 68, Antonio Vivaldi

Communion Hymns **633, 631**

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

God is Love (*Stand*).....**Hymn 379**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary.....**Plein Jeu**
Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Tower Bells

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.

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Carol Newman in loving memory of her brother, Edwin Austen.*

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The Book of Revelation, Chapter 22

New Revised Standard Version

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

“See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters the prophets and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!”

And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.