



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 3 September 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 **Trio**
Samuel B. Whitney

All praise to thee (*Stand*) **Hymn 477**

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good
things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase
in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring
forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Jeremiah

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring
down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your
forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I
suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your
words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am
called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the
company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of
your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be
healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters
that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take
you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is
precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my
mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to
them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of
bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail
over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the
Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and
redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. *[Jeremiah 15:15-21]*

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

Psalm 26:1-8 (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is
good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one
another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in

spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints;
extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live
in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate
with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not
repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in
the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live
peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave
room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine,
I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry,
feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for
by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do
not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

[Romans 12:9-21]

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

Take up your cross, the Savior said Hymn 675

The Gospel

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to
Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the
elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the
third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to
rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never
happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind
me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting
your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my
followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross
and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what
will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their
life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory
of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has
been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who
will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in
his kingdom." *[Matthew 16:21-28]*

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.....Give me Jesus
arr. Moses Hogan

Shayna Singer, 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 AnthemThe 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 Hymns 513, 439, 593

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 hail the power of Jesus' Name! (Stand) Hymn 450

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....Now praise the Lord, my soul
Johann Gottfried Walther

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and celebration of the marriage of Caroline Factor and Daniel Nunez, who were married yesterday at St. John’s; in loving memory of William Eppes Proctor, from Rob, Lesley & Grace; and in thanksgiving for Fr. Bud Williams 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



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 Lee, Frank, Elizabeth Woodsmall, Jim and Carol, Judy, Paul Anderson, Carlton Dean, Benjamin Bridges Lewis, Sue Harms

The Departed:

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