



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10 a.m. 10 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 .....If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee**  
BWV 647, J. S. Bach

**All creatures of our God and King (Stand) ..... Hymn 400**  
vv. 1, 4-5, 7

*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 S 236**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as  
you always resist the proud who confide in their own  
strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of  
your mercy; through 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 Genesis

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when  
they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth  
and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth  
and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God  
had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one  
to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and  
water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed  
man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils  
the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the  
Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he  
put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord  
God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and  
good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden,  
and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of  
Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the  
man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the  
tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in  
the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the Lord God said,  
"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a  
helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God  
formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and  
brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and  
whatever the man called every living creature, that was its  
name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the  
air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was  
not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a  
deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one  
of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that  
the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman  
and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is  
bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called  
Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man  
leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they  
become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked,  
and were not ashamed. *[Genesis 2:4-25]*

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

### Psalm 8 (Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Thomas Atwood)

- 1 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

### A Reading from the Book of Genesis

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am  
establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after  
you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds,  
the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you,  
as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with  
you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a  
flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the  
earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make  
between me and you and every living creature that is with you,  
for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and  
it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.  
When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the  
clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and  
you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall  
never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow  
is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting  
covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that  
is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the  
covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that  
is on the earth." *[Genesis 9:8-17]*

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

### God is love and where true love is..... Hymn 577

### The Gospel

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against  
you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.  
If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if  
you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you,  
so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or  
three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it

to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” [Matthew 18:15-20]

*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 Blessing of the Bibles**

**The Peace..... BCP 360**

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory..... For the beauty of the earth**  
 John Rutter

*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 (Standing, sung by all)**

For each perfect gift of thine  
 to the world so freely given,  
 faith and hope and love divine,  
 peace on earth and joy in heaven,  
 Christ our God, to thee we raise  
 this our hymn of grateful praise.

**Eucharistic Prayer A ..... BCP 361**

**The Sanctus ..... Hymn S 125**

**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 Hymns .....3, 593, 336**

**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**

**Christ is made the sure foundation (Stand)..... Hymn 518**

**The Dismissal ..... BCP 366**

**Voluntary.....Trumpet Voluntary**  
 Jeremiah Clarke

**Tower Bells**

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 by Jackie Sharkey in celebration of her great grandchildren,  
 Jolene & Lane Wilson, and Wiley & Sawyer Long.*

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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.

**About Today’s Readings**

Today’s first two readings are selected with the Bishop’s permission to support St. John’s yearlong, parishwide journey through the Bible. The gospel is the regularly assigned gospel of the day. To view the usual lectionary readings, visit [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net).

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**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.

**Weekly Services**

**SUNDAY**

8 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary  
 10 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .....Sanctuary  
*service is livestreamed*  
 7:30 p.m.....Sung Compline .....Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY**

5:30 p.m..... Evensong..... Chapel  
*Sung by the Choristers*  
 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, Paul Anderson, Carlton Dean, Benjamin Bridges Lewis, Sue Harms, Diana Daktere, Danny & Anita Gouge, Dick Rubado, Peggy Moffitt, Deanna, Bruce, David

**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