



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 17 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 **Jacob wrestles with the angel**
Daniel Pinkham

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (Stand)..... **Hymn 410**

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you,
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things
direct and rule our hearts; 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

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he
sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked
up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them,
he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to
the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not
pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash
your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a
little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you
may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they
said, "Do as you have said."

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said,
"There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you
in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah
was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham
and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with
Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself,
saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I
have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah
laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'
Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will
return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But
Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He
said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." The Lord dealt with Sarah as he
had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised.

[Genesis 18:1-5, 9-15; 21:1]

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

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by William Crotch

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard
the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two
maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the
Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and
likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a
man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that
he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip
socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with
him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But
Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he
said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then
the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,
for you have striven with God and with humans, and have
prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."
But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he
blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I
have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The
sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his
hip. [Genesis 32:22-31]

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

Forgive our sins as we forgive **Hymn 674**

The Gospel

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

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another
member of the church sins against me, how often should I
forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not
seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared
to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When
he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand
talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord
ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and
all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell
on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I
will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of
that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that
same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves
who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the
throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell

down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.” [Matthew 18:21-35]

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.....All people that on earth do dwell
 Thomas Tallis

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)

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 325, vv.2-3, 1, 336, 516

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

Joyful, joyful we adore thee (Stand)Hymn 376

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary..... Salvation now is come to earth
 J. S. Bach

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in thanksgiving and celebration of the marriage of
 Murphy Kennedy and Cole Giering,
 who were married yesterday at St. John’s.*

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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.

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.

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 ComplineSanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Chapel
 with Healing Prayer
 5:30 p.m..... Evensong..... Chapel
Sung by the Choristers

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, Diana Daktere, Danny & Anita Gouge, Dick Rubado, Peggy Moffitt, Deanna, Bruce, David, Michael John, Hollis, Karen Leavesley

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