



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 24 September 2023

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
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 We now implore the Holy Ghost
Dieterich Buxtehude

Come, labor on (Stand) Hymn 541

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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but
to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed
among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those
that shall endure; 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 Genesis

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children,
because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long
robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father
loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could
not speak peaceably to him.

They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to
them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here
comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into
one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured
him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when
Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let
us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw
him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—
that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his
father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of
his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took
him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no
water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan
of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying
gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then
Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother
and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites,
and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own
flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders
passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold
him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took
Joseph to Egypt. *[Genesis 37:3-4, 18-28]*

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

Psalm 105:1, 6, 16-22, 45b

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Stephen Elvey

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

- 21 He set him as a master over his household,*
as a ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will *
and to teach his elders wisdom.

45b Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still
alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were
they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And
they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you
sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with
yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you
to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two
years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither
plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a
remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it
was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father
to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of
Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says
your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down
to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you
shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s
children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I
will provide for you there—since there are five more years of
famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you
have, will not come to poverty.’”

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after
that his brothers talked with him. *[Genesis 45:3-11, 15]*

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

As those of old their first fruits brought Hymn 705

The Gospel

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

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out
early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After
agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them
into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw
others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You
also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So
they went. When he went out again about noon and about three
o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and
found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you
standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has
hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When
evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,

‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” [Matthew 20:1-16]

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.....The eyes of all wait upon thee
Jean Berger

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 (Sung by all, standing)

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 SanctusHymn 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, 343, 309, 617

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

Singing songs of expectation (Stand)Hymn 527

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....Allegro con brio (Sonata IV)
Felix Mendelssohn

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Michele and Richard
Tritschler, and in thanksgiving of our Lord!

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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



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, Deanna, Bruce, David, Michael John, Hollis, Karen Leavesley, Kristi Myers, Jacqueline Heckel, Bob, Betty Ann Skelton

The Departed: Pat Rowe, Peggy Moffitt

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