



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

19th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 8 October 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 **I will not abandon God**
Dieterich Buxtehude

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st (*Stand*)**Hymn 598**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to
hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire
or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy
to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus
Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not
make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that
is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in
the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord
your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his
name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days
you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may
be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You
shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not
steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet
your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning,
the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were
afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses,
“You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to
us, or we will die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid;
for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him
upon you so that you do not sin.” *[Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20]*

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

Psalm 19:7-10

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Samuel S. Wesley

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people,
whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted
perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way
that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an

image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and
said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of
the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this
people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my
wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them;
and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord,
why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you
brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a
mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil
intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains,
and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from
your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster
on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your
servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to
them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven,
and all this land that I have promised I will give to your
descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord
changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring
on his people. *[Exodus 32:7-14]*

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

The head that once was crowned (*Stand*)**Hymn 483**

The Gospel

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

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who
planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in
it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and
went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he
sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the
tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and
stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first;
and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son
to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the
tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir;
come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’” So they seized
him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when
the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those
tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a
miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who
will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:
‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our
eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken
away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of

the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. [Matthew 21:33-46]

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..... Adagio (Sonata III) BWV 1016
J. S. Bach

Evan Hubener, violin

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 Sanctus Hymn S 125

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction AnthemHymn 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 Hymns325, v. 2-3, 458, 698, 341

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

Hail, thou once despised Jesus (Stand)Hymn 495

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary..... In Thee is joy
Marcel Dupré

Tower Bells

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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.

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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 ComplineSanctuary

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, Kristi Myers, Jacqueline Heckel, Bob, Carlton Dean, Bill Burleson, Cheryl, Chris Carter, Carolyn Petrosch

The Departed: Pat Rowe, Peggy Moffitt, Nancy Stafford, Jerry Huft, Betty Ann Skelton

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