



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10 a.m. 22 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** .....**Preamble**, Op.31  
Louis Vierne

**All my hope on God is founded** (*Stand*) .....**Hymn 665**

*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, in Christ you have revealed  
your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your  
mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere  
with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 Joshua

Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim  
as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they  
went, and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was  
Rahab, and spent the night there. The king of Jericho was told,  
“Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land.”  
Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, “Bring out the  
men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they  
have come only to search out the whole land.” But the woman  
took the two men and hid them.

Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof  
and said to the men: “I know that the Lord has given you the  
land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the  
inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you. For we have  
heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before  
you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two  
kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon  
and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. As soon as we heard it,  
our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of us  
because of you. The Lord your God is indeed God in heaven  
above and on earth below. Now then, since I have dealt kindly  
with you, swear to me by the Lord that you in turn will deal  
kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith that you will  
spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all  
who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.” The men  
said to her, “Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of  
ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the  
Lord gives us the land.”

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for  
her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided  
within the wall itself. [*Joshua 2:1-4a, 8-15*]

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

### Psalm 47:6-10

*Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by T. Tertius Noble*

- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.

### A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and  
summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of  
Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua  
said to all the people, “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve  
him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your  
ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the  
Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this  
day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors  
served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the  
Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my  
household, we will serve the Lord.” [*Joshua 24:1, 14-15*]

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

**All people that on earth do dwell** (*Stand*) ..... **Hymn 377**

### The Gospel

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he  
said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the  
Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere,  
and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show  
deference to no one; for you do not regard people with  
partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes  
to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,  
“Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me  
the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius.  
Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?”  
They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give  
therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and  
to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they  
were amazed; and they left him and went away.

[*Matthew 22:15-22*]

*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..... Let everything**  
André J. Thomas

*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.

**The Blessing of the Pledges**

**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, v. 2-3, 684, 334, 333**

**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**

**Jesus shall reign where’er the sun** *(Stand)* .....**Hymn 544**

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

**Voluntary.....Magnificat Primi Toni I.1**  
Johann Pachelbel

**Tower Bells**

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Phoebe Genece in thanksgiving for her family  
and all the clergy of the world.*

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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, Hollis, Chris Carter, Carollyn Petrosh, Diana Daktere, Nell and Matt Dillard, Ben, Asher, Elior, and Natan, Dena and family, Ginny Smoller

**The Departed:** Denny Calhoun

**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