



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 29 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

VoluntaryA Mighty Fortress Is Our God, BuxWV 184
Dieterich Buxtehude

All hail the power of Jesus’ Name *(Stand)***Hymn 450**

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, increase in us the gifts of faith,
hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise,
make us love what you command; 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 Judges

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was
judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah
between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and
the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and
summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali,
and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you,
‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from
the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out
Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi
Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into
your hand.’”

Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go; but if you
will not go with me, I will not go.” And she said, “I will surely go
with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not
lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a
woman.” Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Then Deborah said to Barak, “Up! For this is the day on
which the Lord has given Sisera into your hand. The Lord is
indeed going out before you.” So Barak went down from Mount
Tabor with ten thousand warriors following him. And the Lord
threw Sisera and all his chariots and all his army into a panic
before Barak; Sisera got down from his chariot and fled away on
foot, while Barak pursued the chariots and the army to
Harosheth-ha-goiim. All the army of Sisera fell by the sword; no
one was left. *[Judges 4:4-9, 14-16]*

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

Psalm 123

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by H. Walford Davies

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

A Reading from the Book of Judges

Samson fell in love with a woman in the valley of Sorek,
whose name was Delilah. The lords of the Philistines came to
her and said to her, “Coax him, and find out what makes his
strength so great, and how we may overpower him, so that we
may bind him in order to subdue him; and we will each give

you eleven hundred pieces of silver.” So Delilah said to Samson,
“Please tell me what makes your strength so great, and how you
could be bound, so that one could subdue you.”

So he told her his whole secret, and said to her, “A razor has
never come upon my head; for I have been a nazirite to God
from my mother’s womb. If my head were shaved, then my
strength would leave me; I would become weak, and be like
anyone else.”

When Delilah realized that he had told her his whole secret,
she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, “This
time come up, for he has told his whole secret to me.” Then the
lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought the money
in their hands. She let him fall asleep on her lap; and she called
a man, and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. He
began to weaken, and his strength left him. Then she said, “The
Philistines are upon you, Samson!” When he awoke from his
sleep, he thought, “I will go out as at other times, and shake
myself free.” But he did not know that the Lord had left him.

[Judges 16:4-6, 17-20]

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

What does the Lord require *(Stand)***Hymn 605**

The Gospel

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the
Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer,
asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which
commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him,
“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and
with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest
and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love
your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang
all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus
asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah?
Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He
said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him
Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No
one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did
anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

[Matthew 22:34-46]

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

Welcoming Our New Members

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....If ye love me
Philip Wilby

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, 505, 517, 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

Immortal, invisible God only wise (Stand) Hymn 423

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Helmut Walcha

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, Hollis, Nell and Matt Dillard, Ben, Asher, Elior, and Natan, Dena and family, Ginny Smoller, Kathy Shields, Eva and Bud, Diana Daktere, Tom, Bob and Lucille

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