



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Last Sunday after Pentecost  
Christ the King  
10 a.m. 26 November 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** ..... **Pagina d’album**  
Michele Mangani  
Patricia Crispino, clarinetist

**Alleluia! sing to Jesus** (*Stand*) .....**Hymn 460**

*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, whose will it is to restore all  
things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord  
of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth,  
divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought  
together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

### A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I  
have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil  
and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have  
provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I  
go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a  
heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite  
Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you  
shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the  
Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel,  
“Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature,  
because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see;  
they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the  
heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before  
Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse  
made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen  
this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and  
Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel  
said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains  
yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to  
Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes  
here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had  
beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint  
him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and  
anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the  
Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then  
set out and went to Ramah. [1 Samuel 16:1-3, 6-13]

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

### Psalm 20:5-9

*Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Julius Harrison*

- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the Lord grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O Lord, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

### A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

The Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And there came  
out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of  
Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

David said to Saul, “Let no one’s heart fail because of him; your  
servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “You

are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are  
just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” But David said  
to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and  
whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I  
went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth;  
and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down,  
and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this  
uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied  
the armies of the living God.” David said, “The Lord, who saved me  
from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me  
from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may  
the Lord be with you!” Then David took his staff in his hand, and  
chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his  
shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew  
near to the Philistine.

The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me  
with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The  
Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the  
birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” But David said to  
the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but  
I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies  
of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver  
you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head;  
and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to  
the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the  
earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this  
assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear;  
for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.”

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly  
toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his  
bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his  
forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on  
the ground. [1 Samuel 17:1a, 4, 32-37, 40, 44-49]

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

**Before the Lord’s eternal throne** (*Stand*) ..... **Hymn 391**

### The Gospel

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

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with  
him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be  
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another  
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the  
sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will  
say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my  
Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of  
the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and  
you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed  
me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took  
care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous  
will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and

gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” [Matthew 25:31-46]

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 ..... Lift up your heads  
William Mathias

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 Anthem.....Hymn 325

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 Voluntary ..... Romanza  
Michele Mangani

Communion Hymns .....309, 334, 338

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

Crown him with many crowns (Stand)..... Hymn 494

The Dismissal ..... BCP 366

Voluntary..... Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata IV)  
Felix Mendelssohn

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for Mary Bruce Edmonds on her birthday; and by Carol and Gary Winchester in thanksgiving for their precious children David, Michael and Sarah.

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 <i>service is livestreamed</i>
7:30 p.m.....	Sung Compline .....Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	
5:30 p.m.....	Evensong..... Chapel <i>Sung by the Choristers</i>
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, Hollis, Mike Hall, Lana Johnson, Ellen Sloyer, Kathy Shields, Petrina Herring, John Larson, Jody Jones, Tom Ogorek, Lucille and Bob  
**The Departed:** Susan Howes, Gordon Dean  
**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