



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
10 a.m. 14 January 2024

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** ..... **Prelude**  
Nadia Boulanger

**Holy, Holy, Holy!** (Stand) ..... **Hymn 362**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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** ..... **S 278**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light  
of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your  
Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of  
Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and  
obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one  
God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### A Reading from the Second Book of Kings

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a  
great man and in high favor with his master, because by him  
the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty  
warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of  
their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of  
Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress,  
"If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He  
would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes  
and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends  
word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how  
he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of  
Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why  
have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may  
learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with  
his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's  
house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the  
Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you  
shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away,  
saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and  
stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would  
wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not  
Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the  
waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He  
turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached  
and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to  
do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much  
more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he  
went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan,  
according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored  
like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his  
company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know  
that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

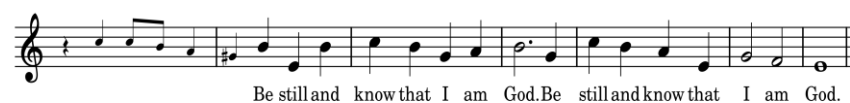
[2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c]

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

### Psalm 46:5-12

*The Antiphon is sung by the choir, then repeated by all.*

Richard Webster



5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado,  
and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. *Antiphon*
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. *Antiphon*

### A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on  
a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the  
temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six  
wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they  
covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to  
another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the  
whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds  
shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled  
with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a  
man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean  
lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then  
one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had  
been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph  
touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has  
touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is  
blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said,  
"Here am I; send me!"

[Isaiah 6:1-8]

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

**What wondrous love is this** (Stand) ..... **Hymn 439**

### The Gospel

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.  
*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” *[John 1:43-51]*

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**Children’s Chapel**

*Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel for a blessing 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 387**

**The Confession & Absolution..... BCP 360**

**The Peace..... BCP 360**

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory.....I believe this is Jesus**  
 Undine Smith Moore

*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 (Stand)**

To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
 to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
 to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
 our equal and unceasing praise.

**Eucharistic Prayer B.....BCP 367**

**The Sanctus .....Hymn S 128**

**The Lord’s Prayer ..... BCP 364**

**The Fraction Anthem..... Hymn S 155**

**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.....324, 706, 125**

**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**

**Ye servants of God (Stand) .....Hymn 535**

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

**Voluntary.....Salvation has come to us**  
 Robert Papperitz

**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](http://lectionarypage.net).

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**GIVING**

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 Compline .....Sanctuary

**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, Hollis, Deacon Mike Hall, Ellen Sloyer, John Larson, Diana Daktere, Anne Anderson, Mary Smith, Bob, Lynn & Jean, Scott & Margaret, Louise Johns, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Ben, Vonnie Davis, Dan, Wyatt Patrick, David Wilkerson

**The Departed:**

**Our Clergy:** The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector; The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, The Rev. Dcn. Mike Hall, The Rev. Dcn. Linda Liebert-Hall, Deacons; Melanie Salsgiver, our postulant for holy orders