



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
10 a.m. 21 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**
Louis Vierne

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult (Stand) **Hymn 550**

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our
Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good
News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may
perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I
formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born
I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am
only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you
shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord
put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to
me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I
appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and
to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to
plant." [Jeremiah 1:4-10]

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

Psalm 71:1-6

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



- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me. *Antiphon*
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer
and the oppressor. *Antiphon*
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you. *Antiphon*

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me
out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle
of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them;
there were very many lying in the valley, and they were
very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I
answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me,
"Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones,
hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these
bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I

will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon
you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and
you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I
prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the
bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there
were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and
skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.
Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy,
mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God:
Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon
these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he
commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they
lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole
house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our
hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy,
and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to
open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my
people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And
you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your
graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I
will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will
place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the
Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

[Ezekiel 37:1-14]

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

Breathe on me, breath of God (Stand) **Hymn 508**

The Gospel

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,
proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is
fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent,
and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon
and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they
were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I
will make you fish for people." And immediately they left
their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he
saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were
in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called
them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with
the hired men, and followed him. [Mark 1:14-20]

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 *(Stand)* **BCP 360**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....**How lovely are the messengers**

Felix Mendelssohn

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 **661, 321, 315**

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

Go forth for God *(Stand)***Hymn 347**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary..... **Magnificat Primi Toni I. 2**
Johann Pahcelbel

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for her sister, Emily Bazzel, on her birthday.

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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.

Your Gift Makes a Difference



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 ComplineSanctuary

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, Bob, Lynn & Jean, Scott & Margaret, Louise Johns, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Ben, Vonnie Davis, Dan, Wyatt Patrick, David Wilkerson, Cathy Shields, Dayle, Mike Martin, Rosita Andia Williams

The Departed: Billy Roraback

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, Postulant for holy orders