



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

4th Sunday after the Epiphany
10 a.m. 28 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 **Meditation**
Louis Vierne

Thou, whose almighty word (Stand) **Hymn 371**

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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in
heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of
your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 Daniel

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was
sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the
plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. The herald proclaimed
aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,
that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp,
drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and
worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.
Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be
thrown into a furnace of blazing fire."

Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and
denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king,
live forever! There are certain Jews whom you have appointed
over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not
serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that
you have set up."

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O
Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in
this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from
the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him
deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not
serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you
have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He
ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was
customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army
to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into
the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up
quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we
threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O
king." He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the
middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the
appearance of a god." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door
of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"
So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire.
Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants
who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and
yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god
except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people,
nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb,
and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able
to deliver in this way." [Daniel 3:1, 4-6, 8-12, 16-20, 24-29]

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

Psalm 130

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



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared. *Antiphon*
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. *Antiphon*

A Reading from the Book of Daniel

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One
took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair
of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its
wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed
out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and
ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The
court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I
watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the
Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given
dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations,
and languages should serve him. His dominion is an
everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his
kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

[Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14]

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing (Stand) **Hymn 493**

The Gospel

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. [Mark 1:21-28]

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 383

The Confession & Absolution..... BCP 360

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....*Let all mortal flesh*
Edward Bairstow

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 BBCP 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..... 339, 318, 328

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.....All glory be to God on high
Andreas Nicolaus Vetter

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Helen Haines in memory of Grey Edmonds.

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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

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, Vonnie Davis, Dan, Wyatt Patrick, David Wilkerson, Cathy Shields, Dayle, Mike Martin, Rosita Andia Williams, Ben, Whit Aldrich

The Departed: Billy Roraback, Louise Teagle, Jimmy Joanos, Cindy Whitmire

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