



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
10 a.m. 3 March 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** ..... **O darkest woe, O heart's pain**  
Johannes Brahms

**Christ is made the sure foundation** (Stand).....**Hymn 518**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

**The Decalogue** (Kneel).....**BCP 350**

At the end of each commandment:

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

After the Decalogue, the Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." [Mark 12:29-31]

**The Confession & Absolution** (Remain kneeling)

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the

sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**The Kyrie** (Remain kneeling).....**Hymn S 91**

**The Collect of the Day** (Remain kneeling)

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

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Gospel according to Mark**

They 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]

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

**Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14**

the choir sings verse 1, remaining verses are sung by all



1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the / Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, / O Most High;

- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the / morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the / night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the / lyre, \*  
and to the melody / of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O / Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works / of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a / palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar / of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the / Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts / of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old / age; \*  
they shall be green / and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the / Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom / there is no fault.

**A reading from the Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus departed with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon. He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, "You are the Son of God!" But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. [Mark 3:7-19]

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

**We the Lord's people** (Stand)..... **Hymn 51**

**The Gospel**

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep,

and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

[John 2:13-22]

*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 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 388**

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

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory**.....***Hymn to God***  
 Eleanor Daley

*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*)..... **Hymn 143, v.5**

**Eucharistic Prayer C** ..... **BCP 369**

**The Sanctus** ..... **Hymn S 114**

**The Lord’s Prayer** ..... **BCP 364**

**The Fraction Anthem** ..... **Hymn S 158**

**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**..... **341, 318, 148**

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*Kneel*)..... **BCP 366**

**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**

**O love, how deep** (*Stand*) ..... **Hymn 448**

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

**Voluntary**.....**Improvisation *Deus tuorum militum***  
 Frank Kuhny

**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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**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, Ellen Sloyer, Diana Daktere, Ross Sepielli, John Henry Mitchell, Tom & Marsha, Mert Dollar, James, Gary, Leslie, Ben

**The Departed:** Hollis Powers

**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