



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

5th Sunday after the Epiphany
10 a.m. 4 February 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 Apparition of the Eternal Church
Olivier Messiaen

O God of every nation (Stand) Hymn 607

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 Hymn 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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us
the liberty of that abundant life which you have made
known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Habakkuk

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?
Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you
make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and
violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law
becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround
the righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted. I
will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will
answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there
is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and
does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it
will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in
them, but the righteous live by their faith. [Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4]

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

Psalm 119:137-144

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



- 137 You are righteous, O Lord, *
and upright are your judgments.
- 138 You have issued your decrees *
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.
- 139 My indignation has consumed me, *
because my enemies forget your words.
- 140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, *
and your servant holds it dear. *Antiphon*
- 141 I am small and of little account, *
yet I do not forget your commandments.
- 142 Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.
- 143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, *
yet your commandments are my delight.
- 144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; *
grant me understanding, that I may live. *Antiphon*

A Reading from the Book of Zechariah

The word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying: Thus says
the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and
I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the Lord: I will
return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem;
Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of
the Lord of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. Thus says

the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the
streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their
great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and
girls playing in its streets. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Even
though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in
these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the Lord
of hosts? Thus says the Lord of hosts: I will save my people
from the east country and from the west country; and I will
bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I
will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

[Zechariah 8:1-8]

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

Be thou my vision (Stand) Hymn 488

The Gospel

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

Jesus left the synagogue at Capernaum, and entered the
house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now
Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they
told him about her at once. He came and took her by the
hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she
began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who
were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city
was gathered around the door. And he cured many who
were sick with various diseases, and cast out many
demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak,
because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up
and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And
Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they
found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for
you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns,
so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is
what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee,
proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting
out demons. [Mark 1:29-39]

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 383**

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

The Peace (*Stand*) **BCP 360**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory ***He delivered the poor***
Charles H. H. Parry

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 Solo***Gratitude***
Brandon Lake

Anna Blalock, soprano

Communion Hymns**304, 490, 678, 567**

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 Parish Meeting

The Blessing

How wondrous and great (*Stand*).....**Hymn 533**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary.....**Fugue in E Major**
Dieterich Buxtehude

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Helen Haines in memory of Barry Neill;
and by Marie Genece in honor of Phoebe Genece on her birthday,
and in honor of the Altar Guild.*

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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, Diana Daktere, Dayle, Mike Martin, Rosita Andia Williams, Ben, Aaliyah Montgomery, Glen, Ida & Otis, Whit Aldrich

The Departed: Louise Teagle, Jimmy Joanos, Cindy Whitmire, John Larson, Rebecca, Donna Virnelson, Rebecca Lynn Olson, Margaret Sanders

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