



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

3rd Sunday of Easter
10 a.m. 14 April 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 **Pari intervallo**
Arvo Pärt

We know that Christ is raised (Stand) **Hymn 296**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 **Alleluia! Christ our Passover**
Jeffrey H. Rickard

Congregational Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been sac - ri - ficed for
us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with
the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

All repeat the Refrain

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his
disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our
faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the
south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a
wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian
eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in
charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship
and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the
prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot
and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet
Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He
replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited
Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture
that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the
slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not
open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can
describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the
prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip
began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him
the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they
came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What
is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to
stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the
water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water,
the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no
more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at
Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the
good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. [Acts 8:26-40]

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

Psalm 119:105-112

Sung by the choir to a chant by R. P. Goodenough

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

- 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who
heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with
Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been
poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in
tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone
withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received
the Holy Spirit just as we have" So he ordered them to be
baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to
stay for several days. [Acts 10:44-48]

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

In Christ there is no East or West (Stand)..... **Hymn 529**

The Gospel

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them,
"Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and
thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are
you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at
my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see;
for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."
And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his
feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still
wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"
They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in
their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to
you while I was still with you—that everything written about me
in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be
fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the
scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the
Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed
in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are
witnesses of these things." [Luke 24:36b-48]

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 387**

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*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia.
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

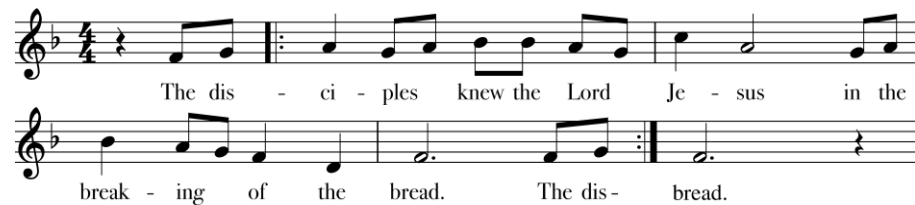
Eucharistic Prayer D**BCP 372**

The Sanctus **Hymn S 125**

The Lord’s Prayer **BCP 364**

The Fraction Anthem ... The disciples knew the Lord
Gary James

Antiphon (sung by the choir, then repeated by all)



Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*

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 Anthem**Let us break bread together**
arr. Moses Hogan

Shayna Singer, soprano

Communion Hymns..... **321, 203, 323**

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

That Easter day with joy was bright (*Stand*) **Hymn 193**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary **The noble day has appeared**
Frank Kuhny

Tower Bells

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, Ellen Sloyer, Diana Daktere, Betsy Herman, Marilyn Pearson, Molly, Carrollyn Petrosch, Elizabeth Woodsmall

The Departed: Maria Trupiano, Lina Smith Knox, Jerome Singer

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

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