



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

5th Sunday of Easter
10 a.m. 28 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 **Trivium**
Arvo Pärt

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! (Stand)..... **Hymn 495**

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant
us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way,
the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his
steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction
of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received
approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared
by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things
that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a
place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out,
not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in
the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in
tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the
same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has
foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he
received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and
Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful
who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as
good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of
heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”
[Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12]

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

Psalm 33:12-22

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by John Randall

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that
clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race
that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and
perfector of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was
set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of
God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself
from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.
[Hebrews 12:1-3]

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

The head that once was crowned (Stand) **Hymn 483**

The Gospel

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my
Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me
that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes
to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed
by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I
abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself
unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you
abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those
who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because
apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide
in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such
branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If
you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for
whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is

glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” [John 15:1-8]

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.....Give me Jesus
arr. Moses Hogan

Shayna Singer, soprano

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.

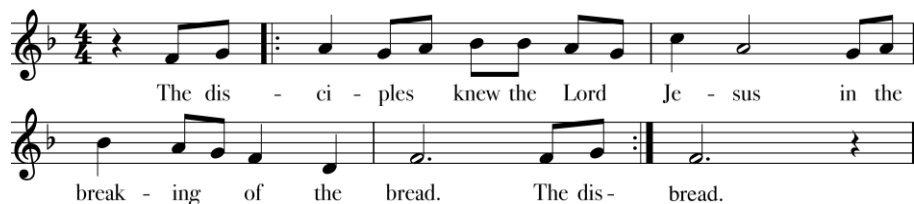
Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

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 Hymns.....513, 323, 198

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

How firm a foundation (Stand)Hymn 637

The Dismissal BCP 366

VoluntaryThe Holy Christ is arsien, BWV 628
J. S. Bach

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.

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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, Ellen Sloyer, Diana Daktere, Elizabeth Woodsmall, Lindsey Hoover Booker, Russell Sepielli, Dianne Sepielli, Jane, Shirley Hunt, Petrina Herring, The O’Brian Family, Theresa & Jerry Linscott, Susan McCauley, Mary Lewis, Joy Lamb, Deanna, Mother Leslie Roraback, Palmer Proctor

The Departed: A. G. Johnson, Jr., Helen West, Bob Graham, Cynthia Perkins

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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