



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

6th Sunday of Easter
10 a.m. 5 May 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

VoluntaryPsalm 23 Prelude
Herbert Howells

Glorious things of thee are spoken (Stand) Hymn 523

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 PraiseAlleluia! 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, you have prepared for those who love you such good
things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such
love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all
things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can
desire; 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 Revelation to John

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one
could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and
languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in
white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud
voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the
throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders
and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the
throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our
God for ever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these,
robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir,
you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are
before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his
temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike
them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water
of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

[Revelation 7:9-17]

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

Psalm 23

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by C. Hylton Stewart

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the Revelation to John

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I
am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to
everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the
last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash
their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and
may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel
to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and
the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who
hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let
anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who
testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the
saints. Amen. *[Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21]*

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

The King shall come (Stand).....Hymn 73

The Gospel

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

Looking up to heaven, Jesus prayed, "I have made your name
known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours,
and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they
know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words
that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received
them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed
that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on
behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me,
because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I
have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world,
but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father,
protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may
be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in
your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of
them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture
might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these
things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in
themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated
them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong
to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I
ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the

world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.” [John 17:6-19]

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..... *The Promised Land*
 arr. Durham / Keene

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.
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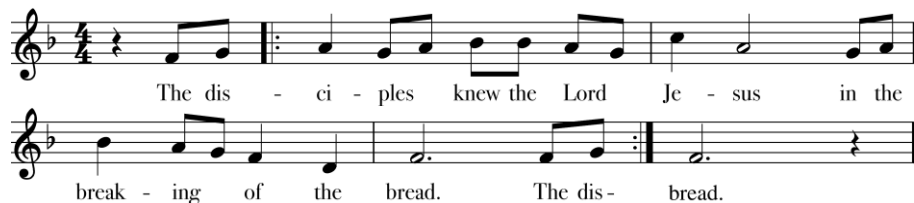
Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

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.....341, 315, 314

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

Ye servants of God (Stand)Hymn 535

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary Dialogue sur les grands jeux
 Nicolas-Louis Clerambault

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 by Helen Haines in memory of Stan Haines and Jack Haines;
 and by Becton Roddenberry in memory of
 Kimberly Strickland Roddenberry.*

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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



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

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, 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: 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