



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10 a.m. 25 August 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** ..... **Pass'e mezzo antico for organ**  
Andrea Gabrieli

**Sing praise to God** (Stand) ..... **Hymn 408**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *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** ..... **Praise, praise, praise the Lord**  
Cameroon Traditional

*(Sung by all, two times)*

Praise, praise, praise the Lord.  
Praise God's Holy name. Alleluia. (Repeat)  
Praise God's Holy Name, Alleluia,  
Praise God's Holy Name. Alleluia. (Repeat)

### The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered  
together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your  
power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name;  
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 Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and  
summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of  
Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua  
said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and  
in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served  
beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are  
unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve,  
whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the  
River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but  
as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should  
forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God  
who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out  
of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight.  
He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the  
peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before  
us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore  
we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

*[Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18]*

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

### Psalm 34:15-22 (Prayed responsively by half verse)

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on  
the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against  
the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of  
blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities,  
against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the  
spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up  
the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on  
that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand  
therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put  
on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on  
whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.  
With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be  
able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the  
helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word  
of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.  
To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all  
the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may  
be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the  
gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may  
declare it boldly, as I must speak. *[Ephesians 6:10-20]*

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

### Singing songs of expectation ..... Hymn 527

### The Gospel

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide  
in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live  
because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.  
This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that  
which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this  
bread will live forever." He said these things while he was  
teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching  
is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his  
disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this  
offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man  
ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life;  
the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit  
and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For  
Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe,  
and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For  
this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is  
granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no  
longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you  
also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to

whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”  
[John 6:56-69]

*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 Confession & Absolution** (*Remain kneeling*) ..... **BCP 360**

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

### Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory** ..... ***O sacred feast***  
Healy Willan

*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 380, v.3**

**Eucharistic Prayer A** ..... **BCP 361**

**The Sanctus** ..... **Hymn S 129**

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

**Fraction** (*Sung by all*) ..... **Let us talents and tongues**  
Jamaican folk melody

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy.  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain:* Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around; loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one.  
At the table he sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

### 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**.....**304, 517, 524**

**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

**All my hope on God is founded** (*Stand*) .....**Hymn 665**

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

**Voluntary**..... **Pass’e mezzo moderno for organ**  
Andrea Gabrieli

### Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Helen Haines in memory her great aunt, Mildred Garner Chapman;  
and by the Davis-Peyton Family in thanksgiving for special family days.*

# St. John’s Episcopal Church

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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.

## 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.

## Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

## Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

## 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

## Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

**Prayers:** Kathy Hall, Diana Daktere, Margaret Pendleton, Pamela Page, Grace, Steven and Sarita Olson, Walt, Molly, Doug, Mary, Jim Apthorp, Theresa W, Ruby Patterson, Millie Smith

**The Departed:** Bill Shasteen

**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, Seminarian