



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10 a.m. 1 September 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** ..... **Petite Lied et Fantasia**  
Charles Tournemire

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart!** (Stand) ..... **Hymn 556**

*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*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Deuteronomy

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. [Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9]

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

### Psalm 15 (Prayed responsively by half verse)

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

### A Reading from the Letter of James

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. [James 1:17-27]

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

### Help us, O Lord, to learn .....Hymn 628

### The Gospel

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

[Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23]

*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**.....**Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake**  
Richard Farrant

*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**.....**574, 659, 641**

**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

**Praise to the living God!** (*Stand*).....**Hymn 372**

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

**Voluntary**.....**Postlude in D minor**  
Charles Tournemire

### Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in celebration of William Eppes Proctor with love from his family;  
and in celebration of the first anniversary of the wedding of  
Caroline and Daniel Nunez.*

# 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

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:** Kathy Hall, Diana Daktere, Margaret Pendleton, Walt, Molly, Doug, Mary, Theresa W., Ruby Patterson, Millie Smith, Mtr. Leslie Roraback, Dcn. Mike Hall, Randy, Joanne, Cliff

**The Departed:** Bill Shasteen, Greg Ward, Rev. Emory Hingst

**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