



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 8 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 **O man, lament your great sin**, BWV 622
J. S. Bach

I'll praise my maker (*Stand*) **Hymn 429**

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 **Hymn S 236**

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as
you always resist the proud who confide in their own
strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of
your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not
fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with
terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of
the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the
tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break
forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning
sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of
water. *[Isaiah 35:4-7a]*

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

Psalm 146

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Edward Bairstow

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas
and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of James

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism
really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person
with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly,
and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you
take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a
seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand

there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions
among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?
Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen
the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the
kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you
have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is
it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who
blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the
scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you
show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as
transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one
point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have
faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or
sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to
them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you
do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So
faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. *[James 2:1-10, 14-17]*

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing **Hymn 493**

The Gospel

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He
entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was
there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little
daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him,
and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman
was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to
cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the
children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food
and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the
dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said
to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your
daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed,
and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way
of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the
Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an
impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand
on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd,
and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his
tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,
"Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears
were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he

ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.” [Mark 7:24-37]

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

Praise God from whom our A C flows!
Praise God for pews where cool air blows!
Alleluia, alleluia.
Worship with us in comfort sweet,
In summer’s most oppressive heat,
No more sticking to your seating.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Nicene Creed *(Stand)*.....**BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People *(Kneel)***BCP 392**

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

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....***Come on children, let’s sing***
arr. Linda Twine

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)*

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

The Sanctus **Hymn S 125**

The Lord’s Prayer **BCP 364**

Fraction Anthem..... **Hymn S 154**

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..... **300, 567, 47**

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise *(Stand)* **Hymn 423**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary.....**Postlude in F Major**
Heinrich Scheidemann

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Pat Garner in celebration of the birthdays
of Jackie Sharkey, Lane Lee Wilson, & Emily Jolene Wilson.*

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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
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: Kathy Hall, Diana Daktere, Margaret Pendleton, Doug, Mary, Theresa, Ruby Patterson, Millie Smith, Mtr. Leslie Roraback, Dcn. Mike Hall, Randy, Cliff, Tammy Wright, Viola Cleo Bradshaw

The Departed: Bill Shasteen, Greg Ward, Rev. Emory Hingst, Joanne Shay, Thomas Alan Rogers

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