



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 15 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

Gathering Music.....My shepherd will supply my need
American folk melody

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Stand) **Hymn 690**

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you,
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things
direct and rule our hearts; 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

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I
may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by
morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are
taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not
rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to
those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from
insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not
been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I
know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is
near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who
are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God
who helps me; who will declare me guilty? [Isaiah 50:4-9a]

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

Psalm 116:1-8

*Refrain: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

- 1 I love the Lord who has heard my prayer, *
who bends down to hear my call.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
- 3 Then I called on the name of the Lord: *
"I beg you, save my soul!" *Refrain*
- 4 Our Lord is gracious and just, *
our God is merciful.
- 5 The Lord watches over the helpless; *
I was brought low, but God helped me.
- 6 Be at rest again, my heart, *
for the Lord has blessed you with many gifts.
- 7 God has delivered me from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling. *Refrain*

A Reading from the Letter of James

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and
sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with
greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone
who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the
whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the
mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole
bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes
strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small
rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue
is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the
tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a
world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle
of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of
beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and
has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the
tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless
the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made
in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and
cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a
spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and
brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield
olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.
[James 3:1-12]

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

Amazing grace!.....Hymn 671

The Gospel

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea
Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do
people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the
Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the
prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly
ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to
teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering,
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this
quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke
him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter
and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your
mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If
any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to
save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my
sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it
profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?
Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who
are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and
sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed
when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."
[Mark 8:27-38]

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 392**

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....**His eye is on the sparrow**
Charles H. Gabriel

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 Music **Let us break bread together**
How great thou art
Nearer, my God, to thee

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 636**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Dismissal Music.....**Abide with me**
Henry William Monk

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Ann Rowe in loving memory
of her “Mum” Patricia Ann Hutchins Rowe
on the one-year anniversary of her passing.*

The Rachel Hillman Jazz Ensemble
Dakari Brantley, drums | Donald Issitt, bass
Philip Temple, guitar | Wayne Percy, trumpet
Rachel Hillman, vocals

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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 Daktare, Margaret Pendleton, Randy, Cliff, Tammy Wright, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Bob, Ed Moore, Dcn. Mike Hall, Mtr. Leslie Roraback

The Departed: Greg Ward, Rev. Emory Hingst, Joanne Shay, Thomas Alan Rogers, Millie Smith

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