



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

25th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 17 November 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 **Légende**
Louis Vierne

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st (Stand).....**Hymn 598**

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark,
learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and
ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you
have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Daniel

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time
Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise.
There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since
nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be
delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those
who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting
life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are
wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead
many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." [Daniel 12:1-3]

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

Psalm 16 *Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by John Martin*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and
again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when
Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down
at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his
enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single
offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the
sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he
opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and
since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach
with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled
clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for

he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke
one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together,
as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the
more as you see the Day approaching. [Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25]

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

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee **Hymn 615**

The Gospel

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him,
"Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then
Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone
will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,
Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when
will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about
to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that
no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am
he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and
rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end
is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom
against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there
will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

[Mark 13:1-8]

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

Thanksgiving for an Adoption

The Celebrant addresses the congregation in these or similar words

Dear Friends: It has pleased God our heavenly Father to answer the
earnest prayers of Johnny and Darla, members of this Christian
family, for the gift of children. I bid you join with them in offering
heartfelt thanks for the joyful and solemn responsibility which is

theirs by the coming of Aaron and Arianna to be members of their family. But first, our friends with us, here assembled, to witness the inauguration of this new relationship.

The Celebrant asks the parent or parents

Darla and Johnny, do you take these children for your own?
Parents We do.

Then if the child is old enough to answer, the Celebrant asks

Celebrant Aaron and Arianna, do you take this woman as your mother?

Children We do.

Celebrant Do you take this man as your father?

Children We do.

Then the Celebrant, holding or taking the children by the hand, gives them to the mother or father, saying

As God has made us his children by adoption and grace, may you receive Aaron and Arianna as your own son and daughter.

Then both parents say these or similar words

May God, the Father of all, bless our children Aaron and Arianna, and us who have given to them our family name, that we may live together in love and affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Since it has pleased God to bestow upon Johnny and Darla the gift of children, let us now give thanks and say together:

Act of Thanksgiving *The Song of Mary*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,*
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant then says this prayer

Let us pray.
O God, you have taught us through your blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself:
We give you thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this

family in giving them children. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence with them, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring their children to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Celebrant may then bless the family

May God the Father, who by Baptism adopts us as his children, grant you grace. *Amen.*

May God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill you with love. *Amen.*

May God the Holy Spirit, who has made the Church one family, keep you in peace. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *Psalm 16*
Patricia Van Ness

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.

The Blessing of the Pledges

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..... **51, 462, 571**

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

O God of every nation *(Stand)*..... **Hymn 607**

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

Voluntary **Vorspiel und Satz Mit Freuden Zart**
Hugo Distler

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Ball Palmer Proctor by her children.

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.

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.

Parish Prayer List

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

Prayers: Diana Daktere, Mary Ann Carter, Nick Nickerson, Bill Vasily, Lorraine Ausley, Polly, Karen Able, Jassaam Mison Steve

The Departed: Lucas

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