



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

First Sunday of Advent
10 a.m. 1 December 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

VoluntaryCome now, Savior of the nations, BWV 599
J. S. Bach

Lo! he comes with clouds descending (Stand)Hymn 57

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

KyrieHymn S 96

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of
this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit
us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come
again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the
dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will
fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the
house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause
a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall
execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days
Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And
this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our
righteousness." [Jeremiah 33:14-16]

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

Psalm 25:1-9

The choir sings the first verse; all join for the remaining verses.



- 1 *To you*, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my / trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies tri / umph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be / put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed / in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your / ways, O Lord, *
And teach / me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and / teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all / the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and / love, *
for they are from ev/erlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth
and my trans / gressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your good/ness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the / Lord; *
therefore he teaches sin/ners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing / right *
and teaches his way / to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and / faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his tes/timonies.

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all
the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night
and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to
face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord
Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you
increase and abound in love for one another and for all,
just as we abound in love for you. And may he so
strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be
blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our
Lord Jesus with all his saints. [1 Thessalonians 3:9-13]

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

O day of God draw nigh (Stand)..... Hymn 601

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon,
and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People
will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon
the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with
power and great glory. Now when these things begin to
take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your
redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and
all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for
yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also,
when you see these things taking place, you know that the
kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation
will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down
with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this
life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it
will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.
Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the
strength to escape all these things that will take place, and
to stand before the Son of Man." [Luke 21:25-36]

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*)

At the end of each petition

Leader O come, O come Emmanuel;
People Be our hope and salvation.

The Confession & Absolution..... **BCP 360**

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....**Keep your lamps**
André Thomas

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 66**

Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP 367**

The Sanctus **Hymn S 130**

The Lord’s Prayer **BCP 364**

The Fraction Anthem **Hymn S 164**

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**61, 64, 73, 454**

The Postcommunion Prayer (*Kneel*) **BCP 366**

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.

Sending of Las Posadas Figures

The Blessing

Watchman, tell us of the night (*Stand*) **Hymn 640**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary..... **Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates**
Jan Bender

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for
Jeff Haines and Bill Bazzel, Sr. for their birthdays in Advent.*

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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: Diana Daktere, Jassaam Mison Steve, Tom Marinelli, Nicolas Swickley, Little family, Bob, Susan Mecklenburg, Ginny Smoller, Polly Pfost, Joanna Hunt

The Departed: Josephine Shippen, James Apthorp, Mary Doug Buchanan

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