



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Second Sunday of Christmas
10 a.m. 5 January 2025

*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

Voluntary ...O hail this brightest day of days, BuxWV 182
Dieterich Buxtehude

The first Nowell the angel did say (Stand) **Hymn 109**

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.*

Hymn of Praise **Hymn 96**
vv. 1, 3

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, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully
restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may
share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share
our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and
raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise,
and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and
gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them
the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor,
together; a great company, they shall return here. With
weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them
back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path
in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to
Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the
coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather
him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has
ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong
for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over
the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock
and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and
they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women
rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be
merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them,
and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their
fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord. [Jeremiah 31:7-14]

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

Psalm 84:1-8 (Prayed responsively by half-verse)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it
a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in
the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the
foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in
love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus
Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise
of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the
Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love
toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give
thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that
the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give
you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know
him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may
know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the
riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is
the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

[Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a]

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

Love came down at Christmas (Stand) **Hymn 84**

The Gospel

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

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the
festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they
went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended
and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in
Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he
was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then
they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.
When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to
search for him. After three days they found him in the temple,
sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them
questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his
understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they
were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have
you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been
searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were
you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my
Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to
them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth,
and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these
things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor. *[Luke 2:41-52]*

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 Lord God of hosts,
People Hear our prayer.

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

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory..... **The three kings**
Peter Cornelius

Matt Cooksey, baritone

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 100**, v. 1

Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP 367**

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 Anthem.....***Duérmete, Niño lindo***
Hispanic Folk Song

Ariel Rodriguez, mezzo-soprano

Communion Hymns.....**480, 709**

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

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

When 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

What star is this, with beams *(Stand)* **Hymn 124**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary..... **In dulci jubilo**, BWV 608
J.S. Bach

EVE OF THE EPIPHANY EUCHARIST & PAGEANT
This afternoon, 4PM

Holy Eucharist featuring a children’s pageant. All are invited to this service of beauty and mystery to celebrate the culmination of the 12 days of Christmas. Spaghetti dinner follows.

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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

Parish Prayer List

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

Prayers: Diana Daktere, Julia Downing, Ellen, the Spivey Family, Ed Malin, Penny Hughes, Jann Calkin, Elton Jernigan, Jeanie Wood and family, Doug, Polly Pfost, Randy, Jenn Bryan

The Departed: John Wood, Boyd Baldwin, Van Page, Jennifer Kiser Lloyd, Claire Goodwin, Calyn Heller

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