



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

7th Sunday after the Epiphany
10 a.m. 23 February 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

Tower Bells

Voluntary **Psalm Prelude**, Op. 32, No. 2,
On Psalm 37, v.11. Herbert Howells

Praise to the Lord! the Almighty (Stand) **Hymn 390**

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

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy
holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Song of Praise **Hymn S 278**

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we
do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into
our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of
peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is
accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your
only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?"
But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his
presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they
came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into
Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves,
because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve
life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there
are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor
harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on
earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you
who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and
lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go
up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has
made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall
settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your
children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your
herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there-since there
are five more years of famine to come-so that you and your
household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that
his brothers talked with him. [Genesis 45:3-11, 15]

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

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by John Joubert

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of
body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless
it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to
be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God
gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own
body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is
perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is
raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown
a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical
body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man,
Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving
spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then
the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the
second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who
are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of
heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will
also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood
cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit
the imperishable. [1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50]

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

Lord make us servants of your peace (Stand) .. **Hymn 593**

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to
those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who
abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also;
and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even
your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes
away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you
would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even
sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do
good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is
that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.
But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in
return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the

Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” [Luke 6:27-38]

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)

At the end of each petition

Leader We have come before you, O God;
People And here will we wait for you.

The Confession & Absolution..... BCP 360

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

Recognition of New Lay Pastoral Care Givers

The Celebrant says

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. These persons have been called to the ministry of Lay Pastoral Care Giver, having completed training in the Community of Hope International.

People Praise be to God, who has called you to this service!

The Celebrant continues

Let us pray. (Silence)

Gracious and compassionate God, whose Spirit anoints us to bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim your mercy and favor: Strengthen these your servants as they begin this ministry of care and comfort, that they may be vessels of your healing grace, bearers of your reconciling love, and witnesses to your hope in every heart they touch; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

N., in the Name of God, we recognize you as Lay Pastoral Care Givers of this parish. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *Ubi caritas* Maurice Duruflé

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)

To God the Father, heavenly Light,
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise
our equal and unceasing praise.

Eucharistic Prayer B.....BCP 367

The SanctusHymn S 128

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem..... Hymn S 155

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.

Communion Hymns.....568, 612, 674, 677

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

Love divine, all loves excelling (Stand)Hymn 657

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary..... **Lobe den Herren** Johann Gottfried Walther

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration and thanksgiving for the wedding of Angeline Michele Tritschler and Cole Joseph Kinser who were married yesterday at St. John’s.

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 amd north tower 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, Mike Helms & family, Ashton, Lisa, JD Buchert-Bayes, Margaret Pendleton, Fern, Betty Brothers ne O’Neil, Mary Lee Robertson, LiAnne Douglas, Cindy

The Departed: Judith O’Neill Burgert, Bruce Slager, Frank Pappa

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