



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

1st Sunday in Lent
10 a.m. 9 March 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.

About The Great Litany *Book of Common Prayer, p. 148*

Today's service begins with the Great Litany, a series of sung petitions and responses dating back to 1544, five years before the first English *Book of Common Prayer*. It is our oldest original English language rite.

Originally, it was intended to be prayed every Wednesday and Friday, but over the centuries it came to be used primarily on the first Sunday in Lent. From the earliest days, it was often sung or prayed in procession. Today we reclaim this age-old tradition.

The words of the Great Litany are meaningful, deep, and all encompassing, covering nearly every aspect of our common life. In a world still torn by strife and unrest, these continue to be prayers worth praying.

As the choir processes around the congregation, kneel as you are able, listen deeply to these ancient petitions, and join in the responses. Thank you for starting your Lent here with us at St. John's.

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary **O man, bewail thy sin so great**, BWV 622
J. S. Bach

The Great Litany (*Please kneel*)..... **BCP 148**

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Deuteronomy

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. *[Deuteronomy 26:1-11]*

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

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (*The choir sings verse 1, verses 2-16 sung by all*)



1 He who dwells in the shelter of the / Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the / Almighty.
2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my / stronghold, *
my God in whom / I put my trust."

- 9 Because you have made the Lord your / refuge, *
and the Most High your hab / itation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to / you, *
neither shall any plague come near / your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge / over you, *
to keep you / in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their / hands, *
lest you dash your foot a / gainst a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and / adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un / der
your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I de / liver him; *
I will protect him, because / he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will / answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him / to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satis / fy him, *
and show him my / salvation.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

[Romans 10:8b-13]

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

Lord, who throughout these forty (*Stand*) **Hymn 142**

The Gospel

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. *[Luke 4:1-13]*

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 Hear our cry, O Lord;
People Hear us and save us, O God.

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....Jesus so lowly
Harold Friedell

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 143, v.5

Eucharistic Prayer C BCP 369

The Sanctus Hymn S 114

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem.....Hymn S 158

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.....150, 529, 559

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (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.

The Blessing

The glory of these forty days (Stand) Hymn 143, vv.1-4

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary..... Keep us, Lord, faithful to your word
Improvisation

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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 and 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, Mary Lee Robertson, LiAnne Douglas, Cindy, Robin, Annie, Betina Hightower, Jimmy Spellman, Paul Sloyer, Stephen Kraus, Petrina, Deanna, Pamela Williams

The Departed: John Dean

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