



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
10 a.m. 16 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.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Tower Bells

**Organ Voluntary ..... O Lamb of God, innocent, BWV618**  
J. S. Bach

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

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

**The Decalogue (Kneel).....BCP 350**

*At the end of each commandment:*

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*After the Decalogue, the Celebrant says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

[Mark 12:29-31]

**The Confession & Absolution (Remain kneeling)**

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Deacon and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**The Kyrie (Remain kneeling).....Hymn S 91**

**The Collect of the Day (Remain kneeling)**

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

*The Celebrant continues*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A reading from the Book of Genesis**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." [Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18]

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

**Psalm 27 (the choir sings verse 1, verses 2-18 are sung by all)**



Tone II.1

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I / fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall / I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my / flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stum / bled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp a / gainst me, \*  
yet my heart shall / not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up a / gainst me, \*  
yet will I put / my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
One / thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days / of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the / Lord \*  
and to seek him in / his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his / shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high / upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my / head \*  
above my enemies round / about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great / gladness; \*  
I will sing and make mu / sic to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I / call; \*  
have mercy on me / and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, / "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, / will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your / face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in / displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me / not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my / salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother for / sake me, \*  
the Lord will / sustain me.
- 15 Show me your / way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my / enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adver / saries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who / speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the / Lord \*  
in the land of / the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your / heart; \*  
wait patient / ly for the Lord.

## A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*[Philippians 3:17-4:1]*

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

**Take up your cross** *(Stand)* ..... **Hymn 675**

## The Gospel

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’” *[Luke 13:31-35]*

*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* Harken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;  
*People* Have mercy on us and answer us.

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

## Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory** ..... **I shall see**  
Michael John Trotta

*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**..... **148, 152, 337**

**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

**O Love of God** *(Stand)* ..... **Hymn 455**

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

**Organ Voluntary**..... **Preserve us, Lord**  
Johann Pachelbel

## Tower Bells

## 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 Compline .....Sanctuary

### 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, Robin, Annie, Betina Hightower, Jimmy Spellman, Paul Sloyer, Stephen Kraus, Petrina, Deanna, Pamela Williams, Steve Watson, Georgia Turner, Fernando

**The Departed:** John Dean, Christie Landstrom

**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