

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 16 November 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 **Toccata in C Major**, P. 456
Johann Pachelbel

All my hope on God is founded *(Stand)* **Hymn 665**

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

Song of Praise **Hymn S 236**

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark,
learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and
ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you
have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the book of Malachi

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the
arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes
shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave
them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name
the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.
[Malachi 4:1-2a]

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

Psalm 98 *Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Ivor Atkins*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in
idleness and not according to the tradition that they received
from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us;
we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat
anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we
worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.
This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to
give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with

you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work
should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in
idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such
persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do
their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and
sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.
[2 Thessalonians 3:6-13]

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

“Thy kingdom come!” *(Stand)*..... **Hymn 615**

The Gospel

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was
adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus
said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when
not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown
down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will
be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said,
“Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my
name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after
them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be
terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will
not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise
against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be
great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues;
and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from
heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute
you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and
you will be brought before kings and governors because of my
name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up
your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will
give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will
be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by
parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put
some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my
name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your
endurance you will gain your souls.” *[Luke 21:5-19]*

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 Sing to the Lord a new song:
People O God, you have done marvelous things!

The Collect for the Diocese (Remain kneeling)

The Confession & Absolution (Remain kneeling) BCP 360

The Installation of Stephen Ministers

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....Steal away
arr. Martha Sullivan

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 397, v.3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
eternal Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The Sanctus (Sung by all)..... Hymn S 125

The Lord’s Prayer..... BCP 364

Fraction (Sung by all).....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 Hymns.....592, 9, 632

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

O God of every nation (Stand) Hymn 607

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary..... Fugue in G Major, BWV 577
J. S. Bach

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for Bradley Scott Haines on his birthday;
and in loving memory of Virginia “Ginny” Ruth Smoller.

St. John’s
Episcopal Church

211 North Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 222-2636 | www.saint-john.org

Deep Roots. True Belonging. Abundant Grace.

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



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

8:00 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary
10:00 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, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, John, Ben, Keith, Linda, Mary Ann, Karen Myers, Roberto de Cespedes, Davis Houck

The Departed: Missouri Baker

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector; The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, Deacon; Melanie Salsgiver, Seminarian