

## A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." *[Isaiah 49:1-7]*

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

## Psalm 40:1-12

*Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Highmore Skeats, Jr.*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit,  
out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff  
and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done,  
O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come."

- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and  
your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the  
great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe for ever.

## A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *[1 Corinthians 1:1-9]*

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## What wondrous love is this (Stand) ..... Hymn 439

## The Gospel

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. 18 January 2026

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** ..... **Fantasia**, FVB 217  
Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult (Stand) ..... Hymn 550**

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.

**The 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*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). *[John 1:29-42]*

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

#### Children's Chapel (9:00 am only)

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* Come and see the great things God has done.  
*People* Behold, we come.

#### The Collect for the Diocese

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

**The Peace (Stand)**.....BCP 360

#### Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory**.....*If with all your hearts*  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

*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 Sanctus** .....**Hymn 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. 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** ..... **I have decided to follow Jesus**

**Communion Hymns** ..... **312, 706**

**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

**Ye servants of God (Stand)** .....**Hymn 535**

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

**Voluntary** ..... **Toccata in F**, BuxWV 156  
*Dietrich Buxtehude*

#### Tower Bells

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of David Watson; and by Alison Simon in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Maria and Bobby Warren, married at St. John's on January 9, 1966.*

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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.

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#### Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 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

7:45 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite I) .... Sanctuary  
 9:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .... Sanctuary  
*service is livestreamed*  
 11:15 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .... Sanctuary  
 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, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, John, Ben, Sharon & Nathanael Lyle, Ray, Arthur Ozolins, Tina, Jimmy Moore

**The Departed:** David Watson

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