

4th Sunday of Easter
11:15 a.m. 26 April 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 ... Prelude in form of a Pastorale, Op. 88, No. 5
Charles V. Stanford

Good Christians all rejoice and sing (Stand).....**Hymn 205**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
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 **Christ our Passover**
Jeffrey H. Rickard

Congregational Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been sac - ri - ficed for
us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia.

All repeat the refrain

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your
people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him
who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who,
with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for
ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the
apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and
the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs
were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together
and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions
and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.
Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple,
they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and
generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the
people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those
who were being saved. [Acts 2:42-47]

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

Psalm 23

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by C Hylton Stewart.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul *
and bring me forth in the paths
of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me
against them that trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving kindness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain
while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for
doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you
do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this
you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.
“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he
suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the
one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on
the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for
righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you
were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the
shepherd and guardian of your souls. [1 Peter 2:19-25]

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

The King of love my shepherd is (Stand) **Hymn 645**

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter
the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief
and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of
the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the
sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads
them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead
of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him
because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used
this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand
what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the
gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and
bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate.
Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go
out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and
destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it
abundantly.” [John 10:1-10]

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

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 Revive our souls,
People and guide us along right pathways.

The Collect for the Diocese

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....***My shepherd will supply my need***
Virgil Thompson

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)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia.
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Eucharistic Prayer D..... **BCP 372**

The Sanctus..... **Hymn S 125**

The Lord’s Prayer..... **BCP 364**

The Fraction Anthem ... The disciples knew the Lord
Gary James

Antiphon is first sung by the choir, then repeated by all.



Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Communion Hymns **304, 334, 184**

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

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness *(Stand)*..... **Hymn 492**

The Dismissal **BCP 365**

Voluntary..... **Allegro con brio (Sonata in B-flat Major)**
Felix Mendelssohn

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of
Margaret Kay Ard and Nathan Reed Grabowski,
who married yesterday at St. John’s;
and in loving memory of LiAnne Heckman Douglas,
and Michael David Obrecht.*

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GIVING

St. John’s runs primarily 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 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
- 11:15 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: Mtr. Leslie Roraback, Diana Daktere, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, Ben, Ray, Maryanne, Nancee, Johnny, Judy, Mike Fields, Ellen Sloyer, Taylor, Geoff Fulcher, Alison Stewart, Olga, Angie, Mert Dollar

The Departed: Patrick Garnier, LiAnne Douglas, Michael Obrecht

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