

7th Sunday of Easter
11:15 a.m. 17 May 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

VoluntaryTocatta and Pastorale in F Major, P.463
Johann Pachelbel

Alleluia! sing to Jesus (Stand) Hymn 460

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

[Acts 1:6-14]

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Kellow J. Pye

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke
when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings
forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain,
O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength
and power to his people! Blessed be God!

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

[1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11]

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

When Christ was lifted (Stand) Hymn 603

The Gospel

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” [John 17:1-11]

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

The SermonForester Shelton

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 We are yours;
People be glorified in us.

The Collect for the Diocese

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

L. J. White

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 DBCP 372

The SanctusHymn S 125

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

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

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..... 315, 307, 483

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

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! (Stand)Hymn 495

The Dismissal BCP 366

**Voluntary..... Con moto maestoso (Sonata in A Major)
 Felix Mendelssohn**

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of St. John’s 2026 High School & EFM Graduates; and by Philip Ashler in celebration of Andy Ashler and Katherine Cline Ashler’s 10th wedding anniversary on May 14th.

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 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.

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, Ben, Ray, Alan Asker, Rick Smith, the Walker Family, Jim Irvin, Sophia, Jean Davis, John Hall, Jeff Askins

The Departed: Elizabeth McInnis

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian; The Rev. Joe Bakker, The Rev. Pierce Withers, Deacons; Michael Stewart-Meza, Postulant for Holy Orders

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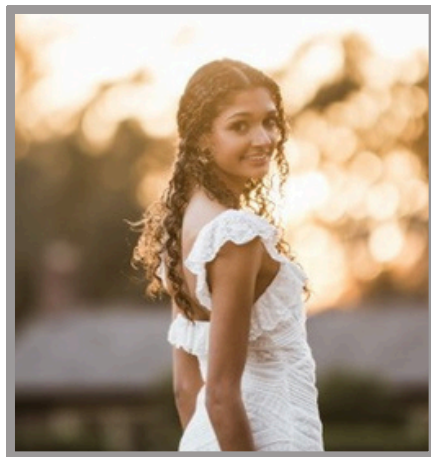


BRADEN O'KELLEY
LEON HIGH SCHOOL

Braden is the daughter of Pat and Nan O'Kelley. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's. She has served as an Acolyte and Market, VBS and B.E.A.T. Week volunteer.

At Leon, Braden was a 4-year varsity player on the Leon Lady Lions Soccer Team. She served as a Captain her Senior year and during her time was awarded the Heart of the Lion Award. Braden served on Dance Marathon all 4 years at Leon and served on the Executive Board in her Junior and Senior years. Braden has also been a member of the Leon High School Student Government Association, Rho Kappa Honor Society, Anchor Club and Interact Club. She currently serves as Treasurer of Interact.

Braden will attend the University of Alabama in the Fall and plans to major in Psychology.



BELÉN RAMBANA
MACLAY HIGH SCHOOL

Belén Rambana will attend Pepperdine where she will major in International Studies with a minor in Philosophy.

Belén received her First Holy Communion and was confirmed at St. John's where her parents were married in 2022 and where she participated in Global Philanthropy Leaders.

She is a charter member of Maclay School, where she participated in tennis, cheer, and soccer; was an Ambassador; held leadership positions in the Community Service, Spectrum, and Key Clubs; was a member of the debate team; and competed statewide for DECA. She is a lifelong member of the Girl Scouts and a Youth Leadership Council member. Belen worked as a model and hostess at Jeri's Café throughout high school while achieving a 4.24 GPA.



GRAHAM RESAVAGE
LEON HIGH SCHOOL

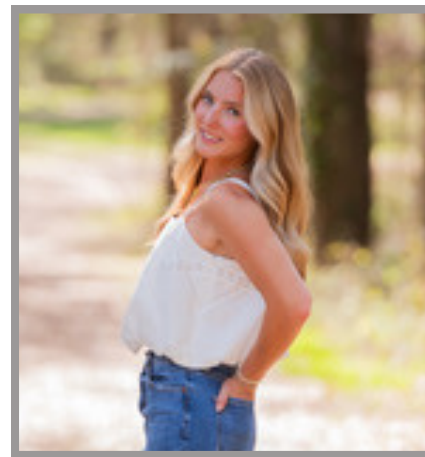
Graham is the son of Todd and Gina Resavage. He was confirmed at St. John's. He was part of the Global Philanthropy Leaders program for 2 years and also an active Young Life participant during high school. He was a 4-year Leon lacrosse team member, serving as a captain his senior, and also a 4-year Leon SGA member. Graham loved summer camp and spent last summer serving at Camp Ridgecrest as part of their Service and Leadership Training program (SALT).

Graham is graduating summa cum laude from Leon High and will attend the University of Florida in the Fall, pursuing a degree in Construction Management.



FORESTER SHELTON
LEON HIGH SCHOOL

Forester Shelton is the son of Susan and Dayne Shelton. He was baptized at St. Martin in the Fields, Brookhaven, GA, and confirmed here at St. John's. He has served as an acolyte for 8 years, and occasionally plays the violin for services. His school activities include the Mu Alpha Theta math honor society, Pierian national honor society, and orchestra. Also, he has been in the Tallahassee Youth Symphony for 4 years playing concerts in Ruby Diamond. Forester will be attending the Virginia Tech College of Engineering to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering.



ELLA VAN LEUVEN
LEON HIGH SCHOOL

Ella is the daughter of Tyler and Brandi Van Leuven. She was baptized at St. John's and has served as an acolyte while spending many of her summers at Camp Weed. Ella is the Student Body President at Leon High School, where she has been an active member of Student Government Association for the past four years. She has also been a member of Capital City Rowing for the past six years and has served as team captain for the last two. Ella is committed to continuing her rowing journey at The University of Alabama, where she plans to study communications with the goal of becoming a sports broadcaster one day.



St. John's Episcopal Church

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

2026



WILLIAM SHEPHERD BROWN
LEON HIGH SCHOOL

Will is the son of Rebecca and Joe Brown and brother to Charlotte Alyce. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's. Will served as an acolyte, as a Market and Vacation Bible School volunteer, and in Global Philanthropy Leaders. He was also a member of St. John's youth mission trip to Quito Ecuador in 2024.

At Leon High School, Will served for four years in the Student Government Association (including as secretary his senior year), as a tutor in the Pierian National Honors Society, and played basketball and lacrosse. Will graduates Magna Cum Laude and will be attending The University of Florida pursuing a degree in the Gator Design and Construction Program.



CHARLIE COUCH
MACLAY HIGH SCHOOL

Charlie is the son of Jeff and Janine Couch. He was confirmed at St. John's Episcopal Church, where he has served as an acolyte, youth lector, and participated in the Global Philanthropy Leaders (GPL) program.

Charlie is an Eagle Scout with Troop 114 and served as Senior Patrol Leader. For his Eagle Scout project, he designed and led the construction of a bird habitat in Messer Garden for St. John's Episcopal Church.

Through Scouts and other community programs, he has completed more than 300 hours of community service.

At Maclay School, Charlie has pursued AP and Honors courses while participating in the Maclay Band, Senior Jazz Band, Pep Band, and the Maclay Esports Team. Charlie plans to attend Sewanee following a gap year in Latin America and a Semester at Sea, where he hopes to discover his future path.





**PILAR DUNLAP
LEON HIGH SCHOOL**

Pilar is the daughter of Clarissa and Davisson Dunlap. She received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. John's. She attended several summers of Vacation Bible School and assisted as a youth volunteer. Pilar participated in B.E.A.T. Week. and served on the Ecuador Mission in the summer of 2024. Her school activities include membership in the Student Government Association, in which she held various leadership roles - her favorite being serving as Spirit Committee Co-Chair. Pilar also served as president of the Anchor service club and played for the Leon Women's Soccer Team for all four years. She is also a member of the National Honors Society Pierian Chapter.

Pilar will be attending the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College at the University of Mississippi in the Fall, pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing.



**ELEANOR HUNT
CHILES HIGH SCHOOL**

Eleanor Hunt is the daughter of Chris and Joanna Hunt. She was baptized at St. John's and served as a chorister for two years. Eleanor also attended Camp Weed for two summers. She has participated in the church's annual Christmas caroling event and has volunteered with St John's Vacation Bible School. Her school activities at Lawton Chiles High School include serving as a Chiles Ambassador and representing the school at the University of Florida's Young Leader's Conference and as a Florida Senate Page. She enjoys working with children as a private tutor and at Premier Gym's play care.

Eleanor has a passion for criminal justice, having completed a sequence of three courses in high school. She hopes to pursue a double major in criminology and psychology with a goal of attending law school one day.



**IAN HUNT
FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL**

Ian Hunt is the son of Chris and Joanna Hunt. He was baptized at St. John's and served as a chorister for two years. Ian also attended Camp Weed for two summers and has enjoyed participating in the church's annual Christmas caroling event. In middle school, Ian was active in Boy Scouts and soccer. Together with his brother Sterling, he played on the Deerlake Middle School district championship team for two years.

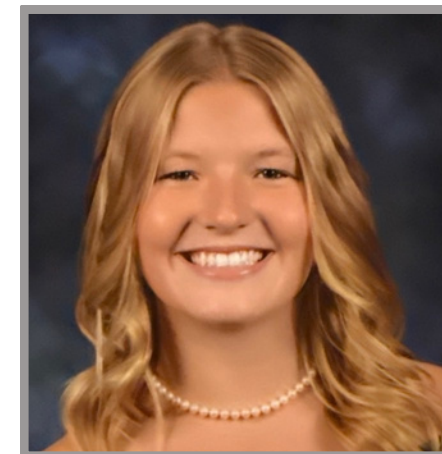
Ian has an interest in photography, computers, and rock climbing. He is completing high school through the Florida Virtual School and plans to attend college in spring 2027.



**STERLING HUNT
FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL**

Sterling Hunt is the son of Chris and Joanna Hunt. He was baptized at St. John's and served as a chorister for two years. Sterling also attended Camp Weed for two summers and has enjoyed participating in the church's annual Christmas caroling event. In middle school, Sterling was active in Boy Scouts and soccer. Together with his brother Ian, he played on the Deerlake Middle School district championship team for two years.

Sterling has an interest in scuba diving, computers, and playing musical instruments. He is completing high school through the Florida Virtual School and plans to attend college in spring 2027.



**DYLAN LAWSON
LEON HIGH SCHOOL**

Dylan is the daughter of Jennifer Roady-Lawson and Rowdy Lawson. She made some of her favorite St. John's memories while serving as a missionary on the 2024 summer mission to Ecuador. Her school activities include playing both varsity soccer and beach volleyball at Leon High School, as well as holding several leadership positions in various organizations around Leon, including Student Government and National English Honor Society. Outside of school, Dylan has a passion for bringing people together and served for three years as the co-chair for the Longest Table Event: High School Edition and was awarded the 2026 "Girls Can Do Anything Award" by the Oasis Center for Women and Girls for her contributions to the event.

Dylan will be attending the University of Florida in their Honors Program next Fall, pursuing a degree in creative and persuasive advertising.



**ANDREW RANEY
MCMULLIAN
LEON HIGH SCHOOL**

Raney is the son of Ryals and Cecilia McMullian. He was baptized at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Thomasville, Georgia and was confirmed at St. John's.

Raney has served as an acolyte, he has volunteered at Grace Mission and is involved with Young Life in Tallahassee. His school activities include playing baseball all 4 years at Leon High School. His senior year he was named Team Captain.

Raney will attend Tallahassee State College in the fall.

