

6th Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. 10 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

VoluntaryPrelude in D Major
C. P. E. Bach

All creatures of our God and King (Stand) Hymn 400
VV. 1, 4-7

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good
things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such
love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all
things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can
desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see
how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through
the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found
among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’
What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The
God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of
heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor
is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he
himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one
ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he
allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places
where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps
grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each
one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even
some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’
Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is
like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and
imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of
human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to
repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world
judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this
he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

[Acts 17:22-31]

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

Psalm 66:7-18

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Charles V. Stanford.

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

A Reading from the first letter of Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But
even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not
fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts
sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to
anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in
you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience
clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your
good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer
for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for
doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous
for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to
death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went
and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former
times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah,
during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons,
were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now
saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal
to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

[1 Peter 3:13-22]

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

O Jesus, crowned with all renown (Stand)..... Hymn 292

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to
be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world
cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know
him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” *[John 14:15-21]*

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 We call out to you with our mouths;
People your praise is on our tongues.

The Collect for the Diocese

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....A new song
 James Macmillan

O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
 Sing unto the Lord and praise His Name, be telling of his salvation from day to day. For He cometh to judge the world and the people with His truth.
Psalm 96, vv. 1-2, 13

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 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 Motet Peace I leave with you
 Amy Beach

Communion Hymns.....314, 488, 513

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 praise ye the Lord! (Stand) Hymn 432

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....Alla Breve
 J. S. Bach

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Katherine Elizabeth Gray and Conor Nicholas Ruffin who were married yesterday at St. John’s; in thanksgiving for Julian Proctor, Jr., by his siblings; by Helen Haines in memory of Stanley Haines and Jack Haines, his father, on their shared birthday; and by Linda Collar Abraham in loving memory of Marjorie Collar, Ruth Abraham, and Marilyn Collar Munyon.

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 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

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Chapel
with Healing Prayer
 5:30 p.m.....St. John’s Choir School Piano Recital Chapel

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, Maryanne, Nancee, Olga, Angie, Alan Asker, Carole & Tom Butler, Rick Smith, the Walker Family

The Departed: Mother Leslie Roraback, Mert Dollar, Elizabeth McInnis

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