

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10 a.m. 21 June 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 B minor, BWV 544**  
J. S. Bach

**Take up your cross** (Stand) ..... **Hymn 675**

*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** ..... **Come, all you people**  
Uyai Mose

*Sung three times, first time by the choir, all join on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker! (3 times)  
Come now and worship the Lord.

### The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues*

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 Book of Jeremiah

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.” But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. [Jeremiah 20:7-13]

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

### Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20 (Prayed responsively by half verse)

- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother’s children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn  
you has fallen upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.’
- 19 “Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.

### A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Romans

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe

that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. [Romans 6:1b-11]

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

**We know that Christ is raised** (Stand) ..... **Hymn 296**

### The Gospel

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” [Matthew 10:24-39]

*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 In your great mercy, O God,  
People answer us with your unfailing help.

## The Collect for the Diocese

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

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

## Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory..... *There is a balm***  
arr. William Dawson

*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 380, v.3**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Eucharistic Prayer A ..... BCP 361**

**The Sanctus *(Sung by all)*.....Land of Rest**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -

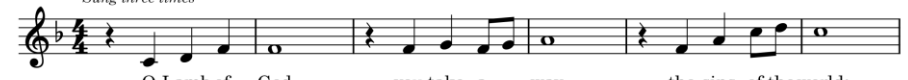


Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.  
sa - nna in the high - est, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

**The Lord's Prayer..... BCP 364**

**Fraction *(Sung by all)***

*Sung three times*



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:



have mer - cy on us. Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

## 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..... I have decided, 679, 661**

- 1 I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back!
- 2 Though no one join me, still I will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back!
- 3 The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back!

**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

**Christ for the world we sing! *(Stand)* ..... Hymn 537**

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

**Voluntary.....Fugue in B minor, BWV 544**  
J. S. Bach

## Tower Bells

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Julian Proctor, Sr. from his children.*

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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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.

## Your Gift Makes a Difference



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 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.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

10:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .....Sanctuary  
*service is livestreamed*

### WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Chapel  
*with Healing Prayer*

## 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, Mary, Jeff Askins, Martha Gene, Barbara Webber, Walter, Phoebe, Sophia, Josephine Newton, Mary Ann, Nancee

**The Departed:** Jane Bacon

**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