

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 Zechariah**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. *[Zechariah 9:9-12]*

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

**Psalm 145:8-15** *(Prayed responsively by half verse)*

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

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

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! *[Romans 7:15-25a]*

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

**Forgive our sins as we forgive** *(Stand)*..... **Hymn 674**

**The Gospel**

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘we played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” *[Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30]*

*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)*

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10 a.m. 5 July 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**..... **Toccata and Pastorale**, P 463  
Johann Pachelbel

**Love divine, all loves excelling** *(Stand)* ..... **Hymn 657**

*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*

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker! (x3)  
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 God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection;

At the end of each petition

Leader We thank you, Father;  
People you hear the voice of your beloved.

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**The Collect for the Diocese**

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

**Blessing of the Ecuador Mission Team**

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

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory .....A 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) ..... 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 .....693, 302, 482**

**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**

**Jesus shall reign (Stand) .....Hymn 544**

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

**Voluntary ..... Praeludium in D, BuxWV 139**  
Dieterich Buxtehude

**Tower Bells**

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Hester Gehrm in loving memory of John Gehrm; and by Allison Liby Schoonover in celebration of the 17th wedding anniversary of Chris and Alli Schoonover.*

**St. John's**  
Episcopal Church

## 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 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

**The Departed:** Nancy Marsters, Sonya Sanchez

**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