

9th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 26 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

VoluntaryPrelude in G Major, BWV 568
J. S. Bach

O worship the King (Stand).....Hymn 388

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! (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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom
nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon
us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may
so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things
eternal; 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 First Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and
God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have
shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David,
because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in
uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great
and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of
my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how
to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people
whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be
numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding
mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for
who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him,
“Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life
or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself
understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your
word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you
has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”
[1 Kings 3:5-12]

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

Psalm 119:129-136 (Prayed responsively by half verse)

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to
pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep
for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind
of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to
the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love
God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he
foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his
Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.
And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he

called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also
glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who
is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him
up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?
Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who
justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who
was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes
for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship,
or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or
sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day
long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him
who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor
angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor
powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will
be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
[Romans 8:26-39]

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

God is love, and where true love is (Stand)Hymn 577

The Gospel

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of
heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his
field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the
greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come
and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like
yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour
until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which
someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he
has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine
pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he
had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into
the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it
ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.
So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and
separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace
of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said
to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the
kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of
his treasure what is new and what is old.” [Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52]

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 Spirit, help us in our weakness.
People Intercede for us.

The Collect for the Diocese

The Confession & Absolution..... BCP 360

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *O for a closer walk*
C. V. Stanford

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 -

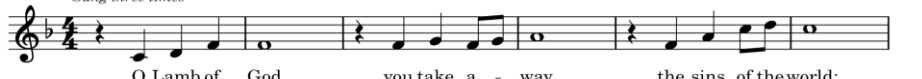


Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.
sa - nna in the high - est, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

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..... 588, 698, 462

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

“Thy kingdom come!” (Stand) Hymn 615

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary..... Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 157
Dieterich Buxtehude

Tower Bells

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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 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 amd 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: Mary, Jeff Askins, William, Li Nelson, Joyce Heriveaux, Charley, Gabby, Nancee, Nancy, Linda, Gus Shelley

The Departed: George Johnson, Marjorie Faye Green

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