First Sunday in Advent
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. 29 November 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 on *Rorate Coeli***
Pietro Yon

Drop down dew, ye heavens, and let the clouds rain the just. Isaiah 45:8

Lo! he comes with clouds descending *(Stand)*.....**Hymn 57**

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

Kyrie .....**Hymn S 96**

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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.

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

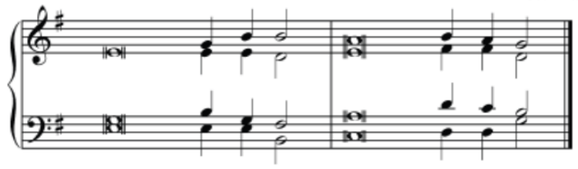
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. *[Isaiah 64:1-9]*

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Verse 1 is sung by the choir; all sing the remaining verses.

St. Martin's Psalter



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
*leading Joseph **like** a flock; **
shine forth, you that are enthroned
*u**pon** the cherubim.*

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin,
and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and **come** to help us.

3 Restore us, O **God** of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we **shall** be saved.

4 O Lord **God** of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers **of** your people?

5 You have fed them with the **bread** of tears; *
you have given them bowls of **tears** to drink.

6 You have made us the derision **of** our neighbors, *
and our enemies **laugh us** to scorn.

7 Restore us, O **God** of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we **shall** be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of **your** right hand, *
the son of man you have made so
strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn a**way** from you; *
give us life, that we may call u**pon** your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord **God** of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we **shall** be saved.

A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *[1 Corinthians 1:3-9]*

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

"Thy kingdom come!" *(Stand)*.....**Hymn 615**

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." *[Mark 13:24-37]*

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 Show the light of your countenance,
People and we shall be saved.

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

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

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....***Keep your lamps***
arr. Andre Thomas

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 76**, v.5

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.

Eucharistic Prayer B.....**BCP 367**

The Sanctus ..... **Hymn S 130**

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

The Fraction Anthem.....**Hymn S 164**

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 Voluntary.....**Savior of the Nations, Come**
BWV 599, J. S. Bach

Communion Hymns..... **61, 53, 63**

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.

Sending of *Las Posadas* Figures

The Blessing

Rejoice, rejoice, believers! *(Stand)* .....**Hymn 68**

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

Voluntary.....**Toccata on *Veni, Emmanuel***
Adolphus Hailstork

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 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
service is livestreamed

11:15 a.m. ..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. ..... Sung Compline ..... Sanctuary

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: Ray, Maryann, Rick & Kathy, Jim, Michael Gillman, Jeff, Liska Langston, Johanna Rivera, Baby Daughton, Alan , Kevin, Andy Speery, Dan Brown, Joan Waggoner, Jessica Rogers, Abigail & William Rogers, Nancy, Sue, Walter, Charles Lewis

The Departed: Earle Perkins, Julan Brown

Our Clergy: Lonnie, our Priest; Hugh, Jim, Susan, Marda, our Priest Associates; Jeanie, our Archdeacon; Melanie, our Deacon and Seminarian; Mike and Jonathan, our Postulants