



# St. John's Episcopal Church

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
St. John's welcomes you.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10 a.m. 16 June 2024

*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** ..... **Arabesque**  
Louis Vierne

**The church's one foundation** (Stand)..... **Hymn 525**

*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** ..... **Praise, praise, praise the Lord**  
Cameroon Traditional

*(Sung by all, two times)*

Praise, praise, praise the Lord.  
Praise God's Holy name. Alleluia. (Repeat)  
Praise God's Holy Name, Alleluia,  
Praise God's Holy Name. Alleluia. (Repeat)

### The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast  
faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim  
your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with  
compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever. *Amen.*

### A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set  
it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its  
young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.  
On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it  
may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches  
will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field  
shall know that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the  
green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have  
spoken; I will accomplish it. *[Ezekiel 17:22-24]*

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

### Psalm Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 (Prayed responsively by half verse)

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

### A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

We are always confident; even though we know that  
while we are at home in the body we are away from the  
Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have  
confidence, and we would rather be away from the body

and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or  
away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must  
appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may  
receive recompense for what has been done in the body,  
whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are  
convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.  
And he died for all, so that those who live might live no  
longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised  
for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a  
human point of view; even though we once knew Christ  
from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that  
way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; see, everything has  
become new! *[2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17]*

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

**Father, we thank thee** (Stand) ..... **Hymn 302**

### The Gospel

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would  
scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night  
and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not  
know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then  
the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the  
grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the  
harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom  
of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a  
mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the  
smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it  
grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts  
forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make  
nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as  
they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in  
parables, but he explained everything in private to his  
disciples. *[Mark 4:26-34]*

*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) .....**BCP 387**

**The Confession & Absolution** (Remain kneeling) ..... **BCP 360**

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

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory**..... **Jesus Christ the Appletree**  
Elizabeth Poston

*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**

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

**The Sanctus** ..... **Hymn S 129**

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

**Fraction** (Sung by all) ..... **Let us talents and tongues**  
Jamaican folk melody

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy.  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain:* Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around; loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one.  
At the table he sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

**Communion**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John’s. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to dip the bread in the cup and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.*

*If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter, and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.*

**Communion Hymns**..... **588, 615, 538**

**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 what their joy and their glory** (Stand) .....**Hymn 623**

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

**Voluntary**..... **Magnificat Primi Toni I. 13**  
Johann Pachelbel

**Tower Bells**

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Helen Haines in memory of her mother, Madelyn Garner Neill.*

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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 solely 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. – 12:15 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 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**

8 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary

10 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:** Julia Livingston, Kathy Hall, Ellen Sloyer, Diana Daktere, Ann Anderson, Mother Leslie Roraback, Paul Sawyer, Lisa, Paul & Ellie Sloyer, Ann Camp, John Ledbetter, Walter, John

**The Departed:** Russell Sepielli, Carrollyn Petrosch, Charles Tunnicliff, Rev. Kim Bode, Mary Harrington, Glen Ellis

**Our Clergy:** The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector; The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, The Rev. Dcn. Mike Hall, The Rev. Dcn. Linda Liebert-Hall, Deacons; Melanie Salsgiver, Postulant for holy orders