



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10 a.m. 14 July 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** ..... **Prelude in G Minor**  
Clara Schumann

**Praise to the living God!** (Stand)..... **Hymn 372**

*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*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who  
call upon you, and grant that they may know and  
understand what things they ought to do, and also may have  
grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### A Reading from the Book of Amos

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing  
beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.  
And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A  
plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in  
the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the  
high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of  
Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of  
Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of  
Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of  
the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus  
Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go  
into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of  
Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again  
prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of  
the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's  
son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the  
Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go,  
prophesy to my people Israel.'" [Amos 7:7-15]

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

### Psalm 85:8-13 (Prayed responsively by half verse)

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has  
blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly

places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the  
world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us  
for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the  
good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he  
freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption  
through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to  
the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and  
insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according  
to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the  
fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and  
things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,  
having been destined according to the purpose of him who  
accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that  
we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the  
praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word  
of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were  
marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge  
of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the  
praise of his glory. [Ephesians 1:3-14]

*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.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had  
become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been  
raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in  
him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet,  
like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said,  
"John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him,  
and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's  
wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling  
Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And  
Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she  
could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous  
and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was  
greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an  
opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his  
courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his  
daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his  
guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish,  
and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask  
me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said  
to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of  
John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and  
requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the  
Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard  
for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.  
Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring  
John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his

head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. [Mark 6:14-29]

*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.....Ave verum**  
Edward Elgar

*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.....307, 540**

**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**

**Lift up your heads (Stand) ..... Hymn 436**

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

**Voluntary ..... Fugue in G Minor**  
Clara Schumann

**Tower Bells**

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Susan Ross in loving memory of Marge and Roger Collar;  
by Linda Harkey in thanksgiving of  
Sarah Lou Harkey’s 99th birthday;  
and by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for her niece,  
Katherine Bazzel Archer, on her birthday.*

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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**



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, George, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, LaRose Johnson, Doug, Betty Lou Joanos, Walt, Joe Houde, Ben, Jamie Legel

**The Departed:** Connie Marie Spears

**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