



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

906 South Orleans Avenue ♦ Tampa, Florida 33606-2941

Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example,
the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community
forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30am

November 12, 2023

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.

*Before the service speak to the Lord;
during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.*

The Rector's Welcome

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. With immense joy and gratitude, we welcome you to the annual Stewardship Drive at Saint John's Episcopal Church in beautiful Tampa, Florida.

This stewardship season, we reflect on the blessings that God has poured upon us, individually and as a faith community. We are grateful for the many ways Saint John's has enabled each of us to come, worship, and grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

As we embark on this journey, we are reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul, who wrote to the Corinthians, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver," (2 Corinthians 9:7, RSV). Stewardship is not just about our financial contributions but also about giving our time, talents, and treasures with a cheerful heart in response to God's love.

During this stewardship drive, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support and sustain the mission and ministry of Saint John's. Your commitment plays a vital role in the life of our church and in furthering God's work in the world.

We have exciting plans for the year ahead, with opportunities for spiritual growth, outreach, and fellowship. Your support will help us continue to be a beacon of hope and a place of transformation for all who seek God's love and grace.

May your heart be open, your spirit be willing, and your generosity abound as we embark on this stewardship journey together. It is a great blessing to be a member of Saint John's. I hope each of you will support this incredible parish by making a pledge so we can continue to Come, Worship, and Grow!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Chr. Wood" with a small cross at the end.

Fr. Christian M. Wood

Rector

Processional Hymn 608

Melita

The people stand

PROPER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S278

William Mathias

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Amos 5:18-24

The people sit

Lector A Reading from the Book of Amos.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70 (COVERDALE TRANSLATION)

Jonathan Battishill

*HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me; * make haste to help me, O LORD.*

*2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul; * let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.*

*3 Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame, * that cry over me, There! there!*

*4 But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: * and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.*

*5 As for me, I am poor and in misery: * haste thee unto me, O God.*

*6 Thou art my helper, and my redeemer: * O LORD, make no long tarrying.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the

clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All elementary-age students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the parish hall.

Sequence Hymn 620

Land of Rest

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Dr. Garwood Anderson

The people sit

THE NICENE CREED (*standing*)

Celebrant We believe in one God,

All **the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Form III)*

The people kneel

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons especially Justin, Archbishop of
Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Douglas, our Bishop;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those in hospital and those in hospice.

Silence

The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people sit

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *Teach me, O Lord*

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I will keep them unto the end. (Ps. 119:33)

Hymn 380 Stanza 3

Old 100th

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Lord's Day

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus S130

Franz Schubert

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem S164

Franz Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of baptism, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

Please fill in the kneelers at the altar during Communion from the middle out.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

or

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Communion Motet *Ave verum corpus*

Sir Edward Elgar

*Ave verum corpus,
natum ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum,
immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
vero fluxit sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum
mortis in examine.
O clemens, O pie,
O dulcis Iesu, fili Mariae.*

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mankind. Whose
pierced side
flowed with (water and) blood,
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death.
O clement, O pious,
O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, **heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING *The Celebrant gives the Blessing.*
People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL *The Deacon gives the Dismissal.*
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

Closing Hymn 436

Truro

Voluntary *Imperial March*

Sir Edward Elgar

<p>PLEASE LEAVE THE CHURCH QUIETLY in respect for those who choose to stay for the Voluntary.</p>



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Rice, Nancy Watkins, Cece Lane, Janice Straske, Vera Farmen, Lisa Leal, Trish McKay, Laura Silva; **LINENS:** Yvonne Santiago

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Gregory Gaar; 9:30 Harrison Rainey, Olivia Rainey, Skip Eckhard, Witt Graff, Elsie Whiteley

LECTORS: 8:00 Betsy Wood; 9:30 David Wheaton, Roy McCraw, Robin Adair

CHALICE BEARERS: 9:30 Robin Adair, Roy McCraw

USHERS: 8:00 Kenneth E. Lane, Harry Hedges; 9:30 Mike Barna, Doug Arthur, Stephen French, John Giordano, Stephen Leal, John McKay

VERGER: Gregory Gaar

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Bonnie Edgar in memory of her mother Geraldine Parker.

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Pat Ferguson in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God by Mary Stephen Straske, Carson Eckhard, and Sykes Eckhard in loving memory of their dear friend Abby Shaw Nalty.

The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God by Kari and Mark Power in loving memory of her mother Martha Louise Bartlett.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by the Hearing Family in thanksgiving for Michael and Judy Barber.