



**ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

AUGUST 7, 2022 11:00 AM

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service. It is good to be together in person or virtually. We are blessed that you are here whether you are a part of our congregation, a frequent visitor or are visiting St. John's for the first time. We are glad that you are with us today and hope you will join us again.

The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a community of God's people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.

Masks are optional on the St. John's campus. The CDC guidelines highly recommend that all persons who are not fully vaccinated wear masks while indoors. Thank you for your cooperation in these efforts to keep our St. John's community safe and healthy.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

Prelude

HYMN 423:

"IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

OPENING PRAYER:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now
and for ever. Amen**

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.*

HYMN 410 VERSE 1

“PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King..

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do
always those things that are right, that we, who cannot
exist without you, may by you be enabled to live
according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis:

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 33:12-22

The Psalm will be chanted by the Choir and the Congregation.

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.**
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.**
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty ar-
my; * a strong man is not delivered by his great
strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear
him, * on those who wait upon his love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.**
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 523: "HOW WONDROUS AND GREAT"

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
Their worship and vows shall come to thy throne;
Thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
Till earth's every people confess thee their God.

The Gospel— Luke 12:32-40

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON:
THE REVEREND MINERVA CAMARENA SKEITH**

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, 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

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;
**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.

*The Deacon reads the names on the prayer list
and invites the congregation to offer their own
petitions. Special prayers may be offered at
this time. A brief period of silence will then be
kept for the People to offer their own petitions.*

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.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Deacon or Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The Priest stands and says

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

You are invited to "virtually" pass the peace.

AT THE OFFERTORY: "LOVE LIFTED ME"

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted you, now safe am I.

REFRAIN:

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to him I give, ever to him I'll cling,
In his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, lovely service, too, to him belongs.
REFRAIN

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by his love out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows his will obey;
He your savior wants to be, be saved today.
REFRAIN

HYMN 380, VERSE 3: "THE DOXOLOGY"

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

Words of consecration...

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

HYMN WLP 858: "SANCTUS"

— Buchanan

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.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of consecration...

... Therefore we recall the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Words of consecration...

... 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.

HYMN WLP 652: "THE GREAT AMEN"

— Maultsby

AMEN *(sung and repeated)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

HYMN: "EAT THIS BREAD"

Eat this bread; drink this cup;
Come to Christ and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
Trust in Christ and you will not thirst.
(Repeat)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died
for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

*You are invited to come to the communion rail to
receive the Eucharist or a blessing.*

*You may receive the wine either by intinction, sipping, or not at all.
Receiving the Eucharist in one kind is full reception.
You may receive standing or kneeling. If you need a gluten free
wafer, please tell the minister. If you prefer a blessing, please stand
in the line with the priest and cross your arms over your chest.*

**DURING COMMUNION: HYMN 692:
“I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY”**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
And in your weariness lay down
Your head upon my breast!”
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live!”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright!”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk,
Till pilgrim days are done.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

The Priest may bless the people.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia.***

HYMN 679: "SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME"

Surely it is God who saves me;
Trusting him I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
And his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
From salvation's living spring;
In the day of your deliverance
Thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make his deeds known to the peoples;
Tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
All his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;
For with you has come to dwell,
In your very midst, the great
And Holy One of Israel.

***After the service, you are invited to enjoy
coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall.***

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

St. John's is interested in meeting the pastoral needs of our community. If you have prayer requests, please contact Sheri Rasmussen at sheri@austinstjohns.org. If you would like the Daughters of the King to include you in their prayer list, please contact Sandra Ward at 1redsand2@gmail.com.

If you find that your situation is causing financial, spiritual, or emotional difficulties, or if you are in need of food, do not hesitate to contact Mother Minerva

512-593-1778 or revminerva@austinstjohns.org

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HEALING AND GUIDANCE: Cindy and family, Glenda and Wendy and family, Chris, José Luís , Judy, Ashlee, Rita, Katie, Cynthia, Josie, Ramona, CJ

DECEASED: Terry, Michael, Harold, Sherry

BIRTHDAYS:

8/7: Cinthia Karina Bautista, Nelly Rodriguez;

8/10: Christian Cervantes;

8/13: Arlette Rodriguez

**Today's altar flowers are given
to the Greater Glory of God
by Paula Foy and Ronda Hall
in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary.**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE — Our annual School Supplies Drive, benefitting our neighborhood school, McBee Elementary, is now underway. Visit our web site for details:

<http://www.austinstjohns.org> and click the link about halfway down the page.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES— 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings. Christian Formation classes have returned to our Sunday experience! Our initial offering is a study of the lectionary readings for the day, led by our clergy. Future offerings will include a series on Homelessness which will include speakers from local organizations and reflections on sections of the book **“Welcome Home(less)”** by Alan Graham with Lauren Hall; and a series titled **“A Walk Through the Bible”** led by Fr. David Beer.

FAMILY ELDERCARE FAN DRIVE — We are partnering with the Family Eldercare Fan Drive from now through mid-August. Each summer the Fan Drive distributes box fans to seniors and adults with disabilities in Austin who are unable to afford air conditioning. The cost of a 20 inch box fan is approximately \$25. To donate, please submit a check, written to St. John's Episcopal Church. Don't forget to write FAN DRIVE in the description field at the bottom of the check. Mail or place your donation in the collection plate on Sundays. Contact Sandra Ward, 1redsand2@gmail.com for more information.

FARMSHARE AUSTIN'S FRESH FOR LESS MOBILE

MARKET — today from 11am-1pm. Come shop for fresh, delicious, and affordable fruits and vegetables, local eggs and honey, and a variety of pantry staples! The market accepts cash, credit, debit, SNAP, and Double Up Food Bucks.

CORNERSTONE LITERARY CIRCLE— Cornerstone Literary Circle meets weekly on Wednesdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm on Zoom and is open to anyone who is interested. Please check the most recent Bridge newsletter or the Tuesday Christian Formation email for more information and the Zoom link.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY — Each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, we meet via Zoom to study the Bible readings for the following Sunday. The Zoom link for the class can be found in the Tuesday Christian Formation email, as well as in The Bridge.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — The Thursday Morning Bible Study is hybrid. We are studying the book **“Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter.”** Join us in-person at 9:55 in the Parish Hall or virtually by Zoom. The Zoom link for the class can be found in the Tuesday Christian Formation email, as well as in The Bridge.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Sunday, August 7

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:45 AM Adult Christian Formation
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:00 AM Farmshare Austin farmers' market
- 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II

Vestry of the Day: Steve Kriechbaum, Maria Angie Hernandez

Tuesday, August 9

- 1:00 PM St. John's ACES Meeting (hybrid)
- 2:45 PM Liturgy Planning Team Meeting (hybrid)
- 7:00 PM Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle (zoom)

Wednesday, August 10

- 8:00 AM Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
- 1:00 PM Clergy Meeting (zoom)
- 5:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 5:30 PM Cornerstone Literary Circle Meeting (zoom)
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (zoom)

Thursday, August 11

- 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study (hybrid)
- 12:00 Noon Sacred Ground Facilitators Meeting (zoom)
- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Saturday, August 13

- 2:00-5:00 PM All Rhythms

Sunday, August 14

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:45 AM Adult Christian Formation
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:00 AM Farmshare Austin farmers' market
- 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (in person and Zoom)
1:00 PM	Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

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