



# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2024  
11:00 AM**

***WELCOME!***

***We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today, either in person or virtually. You bless us with your presence.  
We 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.***

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

## PRELUDE

### INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church recognizes that we occupy the territorial home of the indigenous nations of Jumanos and Comanche, as well as their neighboring Coahuiltecan and Lipan Apache peoples who also inhabited this area of Texas. We acknowledge that their descendants continue to call this land their home. We repent for the legacy of colonization and harm caused by the forced removal and destruction of Indigenous people in which the Episcopal Church was complicit.

We are thankful for their example of being in sacred communion with the land and all its resources. We affirm that we have much to learn from them about being good stewards of God's creation, not only the natural resources of our land, but also our human family. We appeal to their wisdom to help us be the community of God that heals brokenness, builds bridges and exemplifies borderless kindness.

### HYMN 616: "HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED"

### OPENING PRAYER (BCP 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*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.**

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### The First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from Kings:

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

## **Psalm 50:1-6**

*Chanted by the choir and the congregation*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.**
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.**
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.**
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."**
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.**

## **The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

A reading from Corinthians:

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN 7: "CHRIST WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES"**

### **The Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

*Clergy*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
              according to Mark.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Clergy*    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**

*(Source: A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989, pages 416-417)*

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer***

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them.

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer***

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of the indigenous peoples who were on this land before us. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer***

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit, strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer***

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer***

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The clergy offers special intercessions for those listed on the prayer list. A brief period of silence is provided for the congregation to offer their own petitions.*

The following prayers may be said at this time:

*Prayer for Growing the Congregation*

Lord God, help us to be a welcoming place for visitors and prospective members. Help us to grow and serve your people here and in our broader community. Grant us grace to be the church you mean for us to be. In Jesus' name we pray, ***Amen***

*For Strength and Confidence (BCP page 459)*

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

*For an Anniversary*

Most gracious God, we praise you for the tender mercy and unfailing care revealed to us in Jesus Christ and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us in the gift of human love. We give you thanks for *N.* and *N.* and the covenant of faithfulness they have made. Pour out the abundance of your Holy Spirit upon them. Keep them in your steadfast love; protect them from all danger, fill them with your wisdom and peace; lead them in holy service to each other and the world. ***Amen***

*For a Birthday ( Prayer 50, BCP page 830)*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

*Concluding Collect*

God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. ***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.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM: " I LOVE THE LORD"**

-Richard Smallwood

## HYMN 380, VERSE 3: "THE DOXOLOGY"

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A (BCP 361)

*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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## S 130: "SANCTUS"

*-Schubert*

*\*\*\* Words of consecration . . .*

... Therefore we proclaim 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.

**“GREAT AMEN”**

*Amen (Repeat)*

**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.]

**FRACTION ANTHEM: “AGNUS DEI” S 164**

--Schubert

*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.

**DURING COMMUNION HYMN: “ SOFTLY AND TENDERLY”**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 365)**

*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**

*The Clergy dismisses the people*

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**FINAL HYMN 460 VERSES 1,3,4: “ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS”**

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

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Kevin Flegal

Patricia Mata

### *Class of 2026*

Carlos Lugo

Henry Welles

### *Class of 2027*

Brian McGiverin

Mary Cree

Sarahi Giron

## 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**

**THE PARISH OFFICE HAS MOVED TO THE CHURCH NARTHEX**

**HOURS: Tuesday– Friday 10:00 AM– 2:00 PM**



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**PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

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**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

## 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](mailto:sheri@austinstjohns.org). If you would like the Daughters of the King to include you in their prayer list, please contact Anne Faithful at [faithful.annel1@gmail.com](mailto:faithful.annel1@gmail.com)

If you find that your situation is causing spiritual, emotional difficulties, or if you are in need of food, do not hesitate to contact Mother Minerva 512-593-1778 or [revminerva@austinstjohns.org](mailto:revminerva@austinstjohns.org) or Deacon Victoria 512-297-5953 or [deaconvic@austinstjohns.org](mailto:deaconvic@austinstjohns.org)

The Episcopal Church has a Rite of Reconciliation (Confession). Please use the button on *The Bridge* to schedule an appointment with Mother Minerva for Reconciliation.

### **HEALING AND GUIDANCE:**

David, China, Karen, Frank, Doug, Monty, Richard, Aldo, Del and Emily, Nelda and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

We also remember and pray for all our loved ones for whom the Daughters of the King are praying.

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

2/14: Victoria Mason and Roy Larsen

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

2/12: Brittany Carbajal, Alicia Ranzau

2/16: Kay Harry, Lisa Shirah-Hiers

2/17: Luzdary Montoya

*Today's altar flowers are given in  
Loving Memory of Jimmy Burns  
by Lyn Burns, Jamie Burns, and Claudie Cantu.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND CLASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**— TODAY, February 11 at 2:30 PM we invite you to continue the conversation and will focus on the sacramental rites for baptism, confirmation, reception, and affirmation. It is important for people interested in baptism, confirmation, reception, or affirmation to attend both classes.

**SAVE THE DATE**— Tuesday, February 13, we will have our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper starting at 5:30 PM in the Narthex. All are welcome!

**ASH WEDNESDAY**— We will have three services on Wednesday, February 14.

12:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service in English
5:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service in English
7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service in Spanish

**NORTH CENTRAL CTI MEETING**- Central Texas Interfaith will be having a leaders meeting on Saturday, February 17 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. CTI will come together for training and planning for 2024. Please visit *The Bridge* to RSVP for this meeting.

**THE BISHOP IS COMING!**- Bishop Ryan will visit St. John's on Sunday, February 18, 2024 for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception and Affirmation. We will have one English Service at 11:00 AM and one Spanish Service at 1:00 PM. Please visit *The Bridge* for more information.

**LENTEN SERIES**- This year's Lenten Series will begin on February 21. Lenten Series will present a fun way to learn about the lives of the Saints of the Church. We are excited that the Rev. Nancy Frausto will lead this bilingual series. The series will meet on Wednesday evenings in the Narthex and include a Soup Supper and end with a Compline service. We will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 7:30 PM. Lenten Madness is based on the annual "March Madness" basketball tournament. More information about this Tournament of Saints and other details will be published in upcoming newsletters.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**CORNERSTONE LITERARY CIRCLE**— There will be no Cornerstone Literary Circle on Wednesday, February 14. Please check the weekly Christian Formation email for more information.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** — There will be no Wednesday bible study on Wednesday, February 14. Please check the weekly Christian Formation email for more information.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** — Each Thursday Morning at 10:00 AM. We will continue reading *Life Lessons from Revelations: God's Big Picture*. Lisa Shirah-Hiers is our host for this book. Please check the weekly Christian Formation email for more information and Zoom link.

## EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

### Sunday, February 11

#### Last Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 11:00 AM Farmshare Market
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II
- 2:30 PM Second Sacramental Class

### Monday, February 12

- 6:30 PM Yoga at the Church– Narthex

### Tuesday, February 13

- 12:00 PM Clergy Meeting
- 5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday– Pancake Supper

### Wednesday, February 14

- 8:00 AM Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
- 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service in English
- 5:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service in English
- 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service in Spanish

### Thursday, February 15

- 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study– Hybrid
- 7:30 PM Choir Practice

### Saturday, February 17

- 9:00 AM North Central CTI Meeting (St. Ignatius Marytr Catholic Church)
- 2:00 PM All Rhythms

### Sunday, February 18

#### The Bishop is Coming!

#### First Sunday in Lent

- 11:00 AM Farmshare Market
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II

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