



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 10, 2021 10:00 AM**

*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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DAILY MORNING PRAYER, Rite II

Prelude

Philip Riley, our Organist and Choir Director, will play a selection of hymns as we gather virtually for worship.

Officiant: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Isaiah 60:3

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together,

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 Officiant 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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen, Alleluia.**

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm 29

We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
he God of glory thunders; *
he Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon — Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 121:

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

Sung by Fay Jones

Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
As peaceful as a dove and yet
As urgent as a flame.

God called you his beloved Son,
Called you his servant true,
Sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
His holy will to do.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
Your cross on us be signed,
That, likewise in God's service we
May perfect freedom find.

The Gospel: Mark 1:1-11

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Mark

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon:
The Reverend Minerva Camarena Skeith**

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

Suffrage A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn LEVAS 141: “Shall We Gather at the River”

Sung by Kay and Wayne Harry

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.*

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.*

The Prayers of the People

We are joined to Christ as God's beloved children through our baptism. Let us present our gift of prayer to our heavenly Creator, saying: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

May your church be the cornerstone of reconciliation; we pray for all people who minister in Christ's name especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops Andy, Kai, Jeff and Hector, for our priest Minerva, and our deacon Victoria,
let us pray . . . *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

May the leaders of this nation, elected officials and the judiciary, be filled with your wisdom and honor to bring peace, justice and uphold our democracy for all,
let us pray . . . *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

May the world leaders promote peace to cease conflicts and act decisively to bring this pandemic to an end and maintain the good order of the societies and economies,
let us pray . . . *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

Give guidance, wisdom and strength to the medical workers who are treating patients with COVID-19 and to all the organizations responsible for the distribution of the vaccines and the providers that administer them,
let us pray . . . *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

May those who struggle to regain strength of mind, body, and spirit be restored to health and joy through your gracious light,
let us pray . . . *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

May we remember those who through death have been transformed into the full epiphany of God's Glory,
let us pray . . . *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

Let us pray for those celebrating a birthday

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.*

The priest says a blessing

Let us pray for those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The priest says a blessing

Other Special Intercessions – You may offer your petitions and thanksgivings by writing in the “Chat” to be shared aloud.

Officiant

Loving God, as your favor comes upon us, enlighten us to see those who search for the victory of your love. Strengthen us as your gracious servants, that the world may rest in your peace and sing your praises with full hearts and voices, through the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, this day and forever. *Amen*

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*
2 Corinthians 13:14

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia
People: ***Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia***

Hymn WLP 840: "Wade In The Water"

Sung by Laurie and John Williams

REFRAIN:

*Wade in the water,
Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.*

See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

REFRAIN

See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

REFRAIN

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

REFRAIN

Postlude: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Sung by Laurie and John Williams

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: If you, or someone you know, needs prayer or would like to be contacted by the church, please contact the church office at 512-836-3974 or stjohns@austinstjohns.org to add names to the Prayer List.

HEALING AND GUIDANCE: Bobbi Jo, Wes, Carol, John, Jeannie, Yvonne, the Olsen family, the Cobos family, the Humphrey family, Gayle, Pat, Michael, Charles, Glenda, the Stoyannoff family, Linda, Ramona, CJ

DECEASED: Gregory, Larry, Celestino, Margarita, Minka

BIRTHDAYS: 1/12: Paul Cantu; 1/14: Lyn Burns, Sue Likon;
1/16: Patricia Swanson

ANNIVERSARIES: 1/14: Beatriz Antonio and Diego Cobos

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE BRIDGE—Our weekly newsletter, “The Bridge” is emailed every Wednesday and it is also published on our web site. Check it out for news and other items of interest.

LECTIONARY BASED BIBLE STUDY — Each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, we study the Bible readings for the following Sunday. For access information, please refer to the “Christian Education and Formation” email which is sent out each Tuesday.

NEED HELP? 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 call Mthr. Minerva Camarena Skeith (revminerva@austinstjohns.org / 512-593-1178) or Deacon Victoria (512-297-5953).

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

*The St. John's campus will remain closed until further notice.
All meetings are Zoom online meetings unless otherwise noted.*

Sunday, January 10, 2021

The First Sunday after Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer Rite II in English
11:00 AM	Virtual Coffee and Fellowship
12:00 PM	Morning Prayer Rite II in Spanish

Monday, January 11

7:00 PM	Building and Grounds Committee
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Wednesday, January 13

11:30 AM	Adult Christian Formation Planning
1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
7:00 PM	Lectionary Based Bible Study

Thursday, January 14

10:00 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
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Sunday, January 17

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer Rite II in English
11:00 AM	Virtual Coffee and Fellowship
12:00 PM	Morning Prayer Rite II in Spanish

*All Sunday morning worship services are conducted using
the Zoom online meeting system.
Sunday morning services are also recorded for replay on Facebook,
on our web site, and on our YouTube channel.*

St. John's holds music performance and streaming licenses with both the CCLI and OneLicense services. Music from "The Hymnal 1882" and from "Wonder, Love, and Praise" is used in compliance with CCLI License 2665588 (performance) and 20707896 (streaming). Spanish music from Flor y Canto" is used under OneLicense A-728977.

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Ms. Fay Jones, *Director of Discipleship*

VESTRY

Mr. John Williams, *Senior Warden*
Mr. Hal Hughes, *Junior Warden*
Mr. Marvin Rasmussen, *Treasurer*

Class of 2021

Will Neer
Frank Rukovena
John Williams

Class of 2022

Paula Foy
Hal Hughes
Rosalinda Rodriguez

Class of 2023

Jessica Glasebrook
Steve Kriechbaum
Sandra Welles, Clerk

SUNDAY SERVICES

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at 10:00 AM (English) or 12:00 NOON (Español)



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