



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (observed)

**THE FEAST OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (observed)**

JANUARY 16, 2022 10:30 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.

St. John's requires masks and social distancing at all indoor worship services and gatherings. Masks and vaccines are our best protection against COVID 19. Please get vaccinated and boosted to keep yourselves and others safe. Thank you for your cooperation in these efforts to keep our St. John's community safe and healthy.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN 529:

“IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”

In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North,
All Christly souls are one in him,
Throughout the whole wide earth.

OPENING PRAYER:

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom,
now and forever, 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 366, VERSE 1:
"HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME"**

Holy God, we praise thy Name,
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

The Lessons

Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

The Cantor will chant the Psalm while the Choir and the Congregation will sing the Refrain.

Refrain: **"Worship the Lord in his holy temple."**

- 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;
the God of glory thunders; *
the 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.

Acts 8:14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 599, VERSES 1 AND 3: "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING "

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light;
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we for ever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

The Gospel—Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Deacon reads the names on the prayer list. A brief period of silence will then be kept for the People to offer their own petitions.

Collect for the Feast of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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: ANTHEM: "STEAL AWAY"

--Howard Helvey

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

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 S-130: "SANCTUS"

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, 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 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.

AMEN *(sung and repeated)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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!**

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.

The clergy will bring the consecrated bread to your seat. Please stay masked until after the eucharistic minister has moved to the next person.

**DURING COMMUNION:
HYMN WLP 800: "PRECIOUS LORD"**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**HYMN 609:
"WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE"**

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of thy tears.

The cup of water given for thee
Still holds the freshness of thy grace;
Yet long these multitudes to see
The true compassion of thy face.

O Master, from the mountainside,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

Till all the world shall learn thy love,
And follow where thy feet have trod;
Till glorious from thy heaven above,
Shall come the city of our God.

POSTLUDE

*Please exit the Church during the Closing Hymn or Postlude
and continue to the grounds outside the Narthex.*

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 redsand2@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

or Deacon Victoria

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HEALING AND GUIDANCE: James, Steve and his family,
Patti, Chelsea, Hannah, Linda, Paul, Estaban, Josie,
Ramona, CJ

DECEASED: Laura, Helen, Debbie, Able

BIRTHDAYS: 1/17: Patricia Swanson;
1/21: Ezequiel Corpus

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. John's requires masks and social distancing at all indoor worship services and gatherings.

2022 FLOWER CHART – The flower chart for 2022 is now posted in the Narthex and you can sign up to provide service flowers on Sundays. The suggested donation is \$60 for a Sunday.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING SUNDAY TEA— January 23, 2:00 PM
The Daughters of the King cordially invite all ladies from our 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 1:00 PM. church services, to join us for a “Sunday Tea”. Also, young girls from the age of 7 are invited and encouraged to attend. We will meet outdoors in the St. John’s quad area. We will have an informative chat about the DOK Order and enjoy a couple of short presentations, all while sipping on our tea and snacking on pastries and sweets.

SAVE THE DATE! – St. John’s Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the church on Sunday, January 30, at 12 Noon. The meeting will be hybrid, and you may use the 10:30 AM service Zoom link to participate remotely. Please plan to be there to learn about our plans for 2022!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY — Each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, we meet via Zoom to study the Bible readings for the following Sunday. Enter meeting number 818 0719 2209 in the Zoom app or follow this link to enter the waiting room for the meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807192209>

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 entering Zoom meeting number 821 5253 7149 in the Zoom app or follow this link to enter the waiting room for the meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82152537149>

CORNERSTONE LITERARY CIRCLE— Many participants in the recent Sacred Ground class were interested in continuing their learning though a book study group. Cornerstone Literary Circle was developed to facilitate this book reading and discussion of other’s perspectives. Cornerstone will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm on Zoom and is open to anyone who is interested. Check the most recent Bridge or the Tuesday Christian Formation email for the Zoom link.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Sunday, January 16

The Baptism of Our Lord (Observed)

The Feast of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Observed)

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II

Vestry of the Day: Sandra Ward, Paula Foy

Monday, January 17

7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 18

1:00 PM Adult Christian Formation Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 19

8:00 AM Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
11:30 AM Clergy/Wardens Meeting
1:00 PM Clergy Meeting
5:30 PM Cornerstone Literary Circle Meeting
7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thursday, January 20

10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Sunday, January 23

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II
2:00 PM Daughters of the King Sunday Tea

Online worship services are conducted using the Zoom online meeting system and are recorded for replay on Facebook, on our web site, and on our YouTube channel

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VESTRY

Ms. Paula Foy, *Senior Warden*
Mr. Hal Hughes, *Junior Warden*
Ms. Sandra Welles, *Treasurer*

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Paula Foy	Steve Kriechbaum	Maria Caballero, Clerk
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Rosalinda Rodriguez		Sandra Ward

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (in person and Zoom)
1:00 PM	Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

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