



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**JANUARY 28, 2024
9:00 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 493: "O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy:

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

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

Psalm 111

Cantor will sing verses, choir and congregation will sing refrain.

Refrain: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

1 Hallelujah!

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.**

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;

**he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.**

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *

**those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.**

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A reading from First Corinthians:

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

BEFORE THE GOSPEL, HYMN: “O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER”

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer,

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

(Repeat)

The Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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, precedes 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, HYMN: "I HEARD THE LORD"

I heard the Lord call my name. Listen close you'll hear the same.
I heard the Lord call my name. Listen close you'll hear the same.
I heard the Lord call my name. Listen close you'll hear the same.
Take his hand, we are glory bound.

His word is love, love's his word, that's the message that I heard.
His word is love, love's his word, that's the message that I heard.
His word is love, love's his word, that's the message that I heard.
Take his hand, we are glory bound.

Place your hand in his and you will know; he will show you where to go.
I felt his love, from above, settle on me like a dove.
I felt his love, from above, settle on me like a dove.
I felt his love, from above, settle on me like a dove.
Take his hand, we are glory bound.

And to the Father all your days with the Son and Spirit praise.
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Take his hand, we are glory bound.

Place your hand in his and you will know; he will show you where to go.
We are glory bound.

HYMN 380, VERSE 3: "THE DOXOLOGY"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A (BCP 361)

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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: "SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us.

DURING COMMUNION: “AMAZING GRACE”

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.

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: “DO LORD”

I’ve got a home in glory-land that outshines the sun.
I’ve got a home in glory-land that outshines the sun.
I’ve got a home in glory-land that outshines the sun.
Way beyond the blue.

Refrain:

Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me.
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me.
Way beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you can take him too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, you can take him too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, you can take him too.
Way beyond the blue.

Refrain

I’ve got a home in the great new land that outshines the sun.
I’ve got a home in the great new land that outshines the sun.
I’ve got a home in the great new land that outshines the sun.
Way beyond the blue.

Refrain

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

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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

**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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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**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. 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 or Deacon Victoria 512-297-5953 or deaconvic@austinstjohns.org

HEALING AND GUIDANCE:

David, China, Karen, Frank, Doug, Emily, Adelino, Blanca, Jessica, Bill and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

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

DECEASED: Cari

BIRTHDAYS:

1/28: Charles Patterson

2/1: Susan Davis

2/3: Joyce Swinnea

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - JANUARY 28 - St. John's Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the church sanctuary **TODAY** at 11:30 AM. The meeting will be hybrid, and you may use the 11:00 AM service Zoom link to participate remotely. Please plan to plan to be there to learn about our accomplishments in 2023 and our plans for 2024!

MODIFIED SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 28:

9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist— Rite II with Music
10:15 AM	Coffee and Fellowship in the Narthex
11:30 AM	Parish Annual Meeting in the Church Sanctuary

NEWCOMERS AND FIRST SACRAMENTAL RITE CLASS— Sunday, February 4 at 2:30 PM we invite you to Learn about St. John's and the Episcopal Church. This class is bilingual. We will talk about the history of St. John's, give a tour of the campus, and share what it is to be an Episcopalian. This is also a great opportunity for people new to our community who would like to know more about our church. If you are interested in baptism, confirmation, reception, or affirmation please contact Mother Minerva (revminerva@austinstjohns.org)

SECOND CLASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM— On Sunday, 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. More information to come.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CORNERSTONE LITERARY CIRCLE— Cornerstone Literary Circle meets Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. We'll continue reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. It is a New York Times bestseller and Washington Post bestseller. Please check the weekly Christian Formation email for more information.

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

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, January 28

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 10:15 AM Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Farmshare Market
- 11:30 AM Annual Parish Meeting
- 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II

Monday, January 29

- 6:30 PM Yoga at the Church– Narthex

Wednesday, January 31

- 8:00 AM Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
- 5:30 PM Cornerstone Literary Circle
- 7:00 PM Lectionary Bible Study– Zoom

Thursday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 3

- 2:00 PM All Rhythms

Sunday, February 4

Fifth 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

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.