



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022 9:00 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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*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.*

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

The Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Acts 11:1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. They accused him, "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!"

Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. "I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!' I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.' This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house. He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.' When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. I remembered the Lord's words: 'John baptized

with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?”

Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, “So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

We will pray the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 **Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 **Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, ***
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, ***
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people**
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near
him. Hallelujah!

Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from the Revelation to John:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with human-kind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

John 13:31-35

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in himself and will glorify him immediately. Little children, I’m with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—‘Where I’m going, you can’t come.’

“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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

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HEALING AND GUIDANCE: Frank & Tiffany, Ryder, Kent & Cheryl and their family, Emily, Darius, Emma, Sarah, Monty, Annette, Michael, Wendy, and family, Kindra, Amador, Yuliana, Elise, Jane, Josie, Ramona, CJ

THANKSGIVING: David, Emily

DECEASED: Ron

BIRTHDAYS:

5/15: Ann Hahn, Clarence Johnson, Sarahi Giron;

5/16: Stefanie Munoz;

5/17: Lynette Swanson;

5/18: Cindy Cox, Emile Ninaud, Jonathan Wilcourt;

5/19: Joaquin Corpus; 5/20: John Hutka

ANNIVERSARIES:

5/15: Debbie and Bill Cox;

5/19: Laura and Travis Jennings

SAFE TRAVEL: John, Carol, Andrea, Sage

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW SERVICE TIMES AND SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES— BEGINNING JUNE 12:

- 8:30am Rite I (English);
- 9:45am Adult Christian Formation;
- 11:00am Rite II (English);
- 1:00pm Rite II (Spanish)

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING TEA PARTY - All women and girls at St. John's are invited to a tea party given by our Woman at the Well Chapter of the Daughters of the King. Learn more about this religious order for lay women and girls in the Episcopal Church and how we might start a girl's chapter here at St. John's. This will be a bilingual event. Join us today, 2:00-3:30 pm in the parish hall.

JUNIOR WARDEN ANNOUNCEMENT— The vestry is implementing new policies regarding use of our on-campus facilities. These changes affect mainly those persons who plan or schedule meetings in our buildings and those who hold keys for the buildings. Please refer to the May 6 edition of The Bridge for additional 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.

HOLY BAPTISM — We are excited to announce that we have baptisms scheduled for June 5. If you are considering Baptism for yourself, a child, or a grandchild, please contact Mother Minerva (revminerva@austinstjohns.org). Baptism preparation sessions will be held on Sunday, May 22 and Sunday, May 29 at 2:15 pm.

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, May 15

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:00 AM	Farmshare Austin farmers' market
1:00 PM	Santa Eucaristía Rito II
2:00 PM	Daughters of the King Tea Party

Vestry of the Day: Patricia Mata, Carlos Lugo

Tuesday, May 17

1:00 PM	Adult Christian Formation Planning Meeting
7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

10:00 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
12:00 Noon	Sacred Ground Facilitators Meeting
7:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
7:30 PM	Choir Practice

Friday, May 20

11:30 AM	Birthday Bash
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Saturday, May 21

1:00 PM	All Rhythms Recital
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Sunday, May 22

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:00 AM	Farmshare Austin farmers' market
1:00 PM	Santa Eucaristía Rito II
2:15 PM	Class for June 5 Baptisms
2:30 PM	Shirah Piano Recital

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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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

THE PARISH OFFICE

is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00 am – 12 Noon



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