



**ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 15, 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.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

Prelude

HYMN 379: "GOD IS LOVE"

God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him
And exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us,
All the world in one embrace:
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that self-same aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life,
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

OPENING PRAYER:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: 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 S280 **“Gloria in Excelsis”** —*Powell*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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.**

The Lessons

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

The Psalm will be sung by the Cantor and the Choir and the Congregation will sing the Refrain.

REFRAIN: Sing to the Lord a new song.

- 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 humankind. 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.**

HYMN 603:
“WHEN CHRIST WAS LIFTED FROM THE EARTH”

When Christ was lifted from the earth,
His arms stretched out above
Through every culture, every birth,
To draw an answering love.

Still east and west his love extends
And always, near or far,
He calls and claims us as his friends
And loves us as we are.

Where generation, class, or race
Divide us to our shame,
He sees not labels but a face,
A person and a name.

Thus freely loved, though fully known,
May I in Christ be free
To welcome and accept his own
As Christ accepted me.

The Gospel— John 13:31-35

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

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON:

THE REVEREND MINERVA CAMARENA SKEITH

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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

Leader: Let us pray, thanking God for the victory that Jesus Christ has won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed.

Leader: Blessed are you eternal God,
People: ***to be praised and glorified for ever.***

Leader: Risen Lord, we offer prayers for all members of your holy Church, as we seek to fulfill your mission of hope and reconciliation.

People: ***May we truly serve you in our vocations and ministry in the world.***

Leader: We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, Kai, Jeff, and Hector, our bishops; Minerva and David, our priests; and Victoria, our deacon. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,

People: ***May the life of Christ be revealed in us.***

Leader: Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world and make us mindful of those who live with violence and oppression. We pray for peace throughout the world.

People: ***Guide all nations into the ways of justice, peace, and truth.***

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble. May they experience the healing power of the Spirit of the risen Christ.

People: ***May they find strength in your presence.***

Leader: Look with kindness on our families and homes, so that we may live in dignity and peace.

People: ***Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.***

Leader: Strengthen this community in Christ's self-giving love; give us the grace to live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us.

People: ***May your compassion and grace guide us.***

Leader: We remember those who have died. We praise you for all your saints who have entered into glory.

People: ***Father, into your loving hands we commend them.***

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.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession is not said today.

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: "My Lord, What a Morning"

---- Traditional Spiritual

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

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

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-125: "SANCTUS"

-Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

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.

HYMN S 146: "AMEN"

AMEN (*sung and repeated*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

HYMN 204, VERSES 1 AND 3 "NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH"

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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.

*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.*

DURING COMMUNION:

HYMN 325:

“LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES”

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees:
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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, Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia.***

HYMN 423:

“IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE ”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

POSTLUDE

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

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

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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

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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 Eucaristia Rito Dos

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