



# **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**CHRIST THE KING  
THE LAST SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 22, 2020 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 on the piano as we gather virtually for worship.*

*Officiant:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

## 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 earth is the Lord's for he made it:  
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 100*

*We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.
  
- 2 **Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
  
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
  
- 4 **For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good

grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

*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: Ephesians 1:15-23*

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

## **Hymn 494: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him of lords, the Lord, who over all doth reign,  
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,  
Now lives in realms of light, where saints and angels sing  
Their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

*The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46*

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

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*Officiant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon: The Reverend Ann McLemore**

### **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*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Our New Rector*

**Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Minerva, our newly called Rector, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for your people; and grant that together we may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you our gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen***

**Hymn LEVAS 91: “Give Me Jesus”**

1. In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
Give me Jesus.

*REFRAIN*

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,  
You may have all this world,  
Give me Jesus.

2. Dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry,  
Give me Jesus.

*REFRAIN*

3. O when I come to die,  
O when I come to die,  
O when I come to die,  
Give me Jesus.

*REFRAIN*

*The Prayers of the People: Form IV*

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

*People: 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

*People: 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

*People: Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or through outer space.

Lord, in your mercy

*People: 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

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Give guidance and strength to the doctors and scientists working on the development of a vaccine, testing methods and treatment for the COVID-19 virus. 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

*People: Hear our prayer.*

We give thanks for those celebrating a birthday, and for all those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage.

Lord, in your mercy

*People: 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

*People: Hear our prayer.*

### *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 LEVAS 136:  
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back!

**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 Reverend Ann McLemore at 769-257-2377 or RevAnn@austinstjohns.org to add names to the Prayer List.

**HEALING AND GUIDANCE:** Bennette, Garvid, Michael and his family, Ann and her family, Tammie, Rebecca Ann, Anita, Ramona, CJ

**DECEASED:** David, Alan

**BIRTHDAYS:** 11/24: Cyrus Swanson; 11/26: Scott Hiers

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**LABYRINTH COMMUNITY GARDENS** — Our annual fundraiser for the Community Garden via SeedMoney has begun. Please consider donating and sharing the information with friends and family. We have 30 days and hope to use the money to complete the fencing and build additional beds for the garden.  
*<http://donate.seedmoney.org/4864/labyrinth-community-garden>*

**PLEDGE CARDS** — It is never too late to turn in your pledge card! As St. John's is beginning a new chapter, with a new Rector and a new decade in the life of the church—for the spiritual health of each member, prayers are ascending that each of us can pray about our pledge card and our efforts to joyfully commit.

**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 Deacon Victoria (512-297-5953) or Rev. Ann (769-257-2377).

## 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, November 22**

#### **Christ the King Sunday**

|          |                                   |
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| 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 |
| 1:15 PM  | Outdoor Holy Eucharist in Spanish |
| 4:00 PM  | Choir Fellowship                  |

### **Wednesday, November 25**

No Bible Study

### **Thursday, November 26**

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

No Bible Study

### **Sunday, November 29**

#### **The First Sunday in Advent**

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*All Sunday morning worship services are broadcast on Facebook Live  
and on the [austinstjohns.org](http://austinstjohns.org) web site.*

*Sunday morning services are also recorded for replay on our web site  
and our YouTube channel.*

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Mr. Philip Riley, *Choirmaster and Organist*  
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

Public worship services are temporarily suspended.  
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at 10:00 AM (English) or 12:00 NOON (Español)



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