



**ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 18, 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.**

Jubilate

Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**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.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**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.**

Psalm 99

We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 **"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 **O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

**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: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of

welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming .

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 594: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient Church’s story; bring her bud to glorious
flower,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they

brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Victoria Mason

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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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: “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace,
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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

Hymn LEVAS 72: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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: Doug, Matthew's family, Martin, Wyatt, the Jones family, Ramona, CJ

DECEASED: Matthew

BIRTHDAYS: 10/21: Jonathan Danna; 10/23: Canas Ronquillo

ANNIVERSARIES: 10/20: Cindy and Terry Cox

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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, we study the Bible readings assigned for the following Sunday. This online Zoom meeting begins at 7:00pm. For access information, please refer to the “Christian Formation and Education” 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, October 18

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 English |

Monday, October 19

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| 7:00 PM | Vestry meeting |
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Tuesday, October 20

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| 10:00 AM | Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle |
| 7:00 PM | Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle |

Wednesday, October 21

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| 11:30 AM | Adult Christian Formation Planning Meeting |
| 1:00 PM | Staff Meeting |
| 7:00 PM | Lectionary Based Bible Study |

Thursday, October 22

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| 10:00 AM | Thursday Morning Bible Study |
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Sunday, October 25

The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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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 |

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

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Hal Hughes
Rosalinda Rodriguez

Class of 2023

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Steve Kriechbaum
Sandra Welles, Clerk

SUNDAY SERVICES

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