



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY FIRST
SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 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 90:1-6, 13-17
We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,*
from age to age you are God.**
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past ***
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 **Show your servants your works ***
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

**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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel

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 2:1-8

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Hymn 517: “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling-place”

How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs
Within thy courts to be;
My very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God for thee.

One day within thy courts excels
A thousand spent away;
How happy they who keep thy laws
Nor from thy precepts stray,
For thou shalt surely bless all those
Who live the words they pray.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-36

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them,

"How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions .

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 8: “Morning has broken”

- 1 Morning has broken
 like the first morning,
 blackbird has spoken
 like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing!
 Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing
 fresh from the Word!

- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!
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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 610: “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

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, Ramona, CJ

DECEASED: Matthew

BIRTHDAYS: 10/26: Rosalie Danna; 10/28: MariAngie Hernandez; 10/29: Ramona Daniels; 10/31: Sheri Rasmussen

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.

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE ON NOV. 1— As the United States struggles through a time of turbulence and tension, Washington National Cathedral will host a national interfaith prayer service on Sunday, Nov. 1 –two days before Election Day—featuring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and other spiritual leaders. The service, titled “Holding Onto Hope: A national service for healing and wholeness,” will be livestreamed on The Episcopal Church’s Facebook page in English and Spanish from 3:00 to 5:30 PM, Austin time.

<https://www.facebook.com/episcopalian/>

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 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 |

Wednesday, October 28

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| 7:00 PM | Lectionary Based Bible Study |
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Thursday, October 29

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| 10:00 AM | Thursday Morning Bible Study |
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Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Day

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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 |

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and on the austinstjohns.org web site.*

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

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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at 10:00 AM (English) or 12:00 NOON (Español)



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