



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 10:30 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.

St. John's requires masks and social distancing at all indoor worship services and gatherings.

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Please turn off Cell Phones. Thank You.

Por Favor, apagar los teléfonos celulares. Gracias.

PRELUDE

HYMN 450: "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!"

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all!
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And crown him Lord of all!

OPENING PRAYER:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom,
now and forever, Amen.***

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.

Celebrant: Holy God
Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One
People: ***Have mercy upon us.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: ***Amen.***

The Lessons

The First Lesson— Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

The Gospel—Mark 8:27-38

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Mark
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON:
THE REVEREND MINERVA CAMARENA SKEITH**

THE NICENE CREED

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others,
especially those on our prayer lists:

*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.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we
ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and
those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness
cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**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 Priest stands and 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 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:
"WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME?"**

—John Hooker

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

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 WLP 858: "SANCTUS"

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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.

AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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.

The clergy will bring the consecrated bread to your seat. Please stay where you are seated or standing when they place the bread in your outstretched hands.

HYMN: "EAT THIS BREAD"

Eat this bread; drink this cup;
Come to Christ and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
Trust in Christ and you will not thirst.
(Repeat)

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, Alleluia!
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

HYMN 675: "TAKE UP YOUR CROSS"

Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

POSTLUDE

***Please exit the Church during the Closing Hymn or Postlude
and continue to the grounds outside the Narthex.***

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

St. John's is interested in meeting the pastoral needs of our community. If you have prayer requests, please contact Sheri Rausmussen 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 need pastoral care please contact
Mother Minerva at revminerva@austinstjohns.org or
Deacon Victoria at deaconvic@austinstjohns.org.

HEALING AND GUIDANCE: Eunice, Paula and her family, Kya, Chuck, Pat, Silas, The Ellett Family, Mike, the Danna Family, Josie, Courtney, Kyle, Ramona, CJ

DECEASED: Eric, Greg, Linda

BIRTHDAYS: 9/12: Maria Luisa Echavarria, 9/13: Christi Crow, Wayne Harry; 9/14: Bobbi Jo Walker; 9/16: Katherine Lilly, Noreen McMahon; 9/18: Emily Nute, Hal Hughes; 9/19: Victoria Mason

ANNIVERSARIES: 9/16: Morgan and Cino Corpus

**The flowers for September 12 are given
to the Greater Glory of God
by Deacon Victoria in memory of her parents.**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*St. John's requires masks and social distancing
at all indoor worship services and gatherings.*

HURRICANE IDA RELIEF—On Sunday, August 29, sixteen years after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Ida made landfall in the same region. This Category 4 storm brought flooding and damaging winds that caused a loss of water to hundreds of thousands and a loss of electricity to over 1 million people. Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with the Diocese of Louisiana and other regional partners in what will be a long-term response. Your generous gift will help alleviate suffering for the most vulnerable residents impacted by Hurricane Ida. Please visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief> to make a gift today.

LECTIONARY BASED BIBLE STUDY — Each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, we meet via Zoom to study the Bible readings for the following Sunday. Enter meeting number 818 0719 2209 in the Zoom app or follow this link to enter the waiting room for the meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807192209>

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — The Thursday Morning Bible Study is now hybrid. We are studying the book “**Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter.**” To participate in person, join us at 9:55am in the Parish Hall. Masks are required in the Parish Hall. To participate virtually, enter Zoom meeting number 821 5253 7149 in the Zoom app or follow this link to enter the waiting room for the meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82152537149>

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 Mother Minerva (512-593-1778) or Deacon Victoria (512-297-5953).

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Sunday, September 12 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
(in person and online via Zoom)
- 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

Tuesday, September 14

- 1:00 PM Liturgical Planning Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 15

- 8:00 AM Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
- 11:30 AM Clergy and Wardens Meeting
- 1:00 PM Clergy Meeting
- 7:00 PM Lectionary Based Bible Study — via Zoom

Thursday, September 16

- 10:00 AM Thursday Bible Study
(in person and online via Zoom)
- 12:00 PM Sacred Ground Facilitators Meeting
- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 7:30 PM Choir Practice

Sunday, September 19 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
(in person and online via Zoom)
- 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

Vestry of the Day: Hal Hughes, Sandra Ward

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Hal Hughes	Steve Kriechbaum	Alfonso Hernandez
Rosalinda Rodriguez	Sandra Welles	Sandra Ward

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 (en persona y Zoom)

THE PARISH OFFICE

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