



**ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 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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## ***The Reverend Minerva Camarena Skeith***



**The vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church is pleased to announce that The Reverend Minerva Camarena Skeith has been called to be our new Rector; and she has accepted, beginning January 1, 2021!**

This is an exciting time in the life of the congregation, the diocese, and for Mother Minerva and her family. Mother Minerva already feels like family after having served her field work from Seminary of the Southwest with us at St. John's. We also welcome her husband, The Rev. Paul Skeith; their sons, Samuel and Augustin; and her parents, Rodolfo and Minerva.

Let's all sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

# 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 105:1-6, 37-45*

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

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, \***  
**and speak of all his marvelous works.**
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 **Search for the Lord and his strength; \***  
**continually seek his face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, \***  
**O children of Jacob his chosen.**
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 **Egypt was glad of their going, \***  
**because they were afraid of them.**
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 **They asked, and quails appeared, \***  
**and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.
42. **For God remembered his holy word \***  
**and Abraham his servant.**
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 **He gave his people the lands of the nations, \***  
**and they took the fruit of others' toil,**
- 45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

**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 14:19-31*

A reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a

fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

*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: Philippians 1:21-30*

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving

side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

## **Hymn 9: “Awake, Awake to Love and Work”**

Awake, awake, to love and work!  
The lark is in the sky,  
The fields are wet with diamond dew,  
The worlds awake to cry  
Their blessings on the Lord of life,  
As he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,  
Shout with their shout of praise;  
See how the giant sun soars up,  
Great Lord of years and days!  
So let the love of Jesus come  
And set thy soul ablaze,

To give and give, and give again,  
What God hath given thee;  
To spend thyself nor count the cost;  
To serve right gloriously  
The God who gave all worlds that are,  
And all that are to be.

### *The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16*

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*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 of the Day*

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for the Mission of the Church*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *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 their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

**Hymn: “In God Alone”**

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,  
In God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest,  
Find its rest and peace.  
*(Repeat)*

*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:**

### **“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

## **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:** Wyatt, the Jones family, Suzanne, Andrew, Clarisa, Kathy, the Dorick family, Jen, the Candelas family, Ramona, CJ

**DECEASED:** Michael, Paul, Sabas, Erich, Shirley

**BIRTHDAYS:** 9/20: Souzan Arashvand, Mary Anne O'Brien;  
9/21: Carol Fritz; 9/24: Linda Villarreal; 9/25: Pamela Eyrick;  
9/26: China Petersen

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 9/24: Ruth and David Beer

## 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, September 20**

#### **The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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, September 21**

5:30 PM	Finance Committee
7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting

### **Tuesday, September 22**

10:00 AM	Sacred Ground Conversation
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### **Wednesday, September 23**

7:00 PM	Lectionary Based Bible Study
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### **Thursday, September 24**

10:00 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
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### **Sunday, September 27**

#### **The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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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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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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).

**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** — Our Lectionary Based Bible Study Christian Formation program has resumed. Each Wednesday, we study the Bible readings that will be read during the upcoming Sunday services. This is an online Zoom Meeting that starts at 7:00 PM, and the access information is included in the Tuesday “Christian Formation and Education” email.

### **STEPPING ONTO SACRED GROUND —**

We have begun the follow up on our Baptismal Covenant class series with a deeper study of the Episcopal Church’s Long Term Commitment to Racial Healing, Reconciliation, and Justice. The Stepping onto Sacred Ground series creates a safe, respectful, and holy space in which we can explore the historical roots of racism and the current realities that continue the injustices of systemic racism. Daytime and evening sessions are available and will start on September 22.



For more information or to register, please contact John Williams ([jfwilliams29@yahoo.com](mailto:jfwilliams29@yahoo.com), 512-924-0591), Ann McLemore ([Revann@austinstjohns.org](mailto:Revann@austinstjohns.org), 769-257-2377), or Victoria Mason ([DeaconVic@austinstjohns.org](mailto:DeaconVic@austinstjohns.org), 512-297-5953).

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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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