



**ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE 16TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 11:00 AM

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service. It is good to be together in person or virtually. We are blessed that you are here whether you are a part of our congregation, a frequent visitor or are visiting St. John's for the first time. We are glad that you are with us today and hope you will join us again.

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.

Masks are optional on the St. John's campus. The CDC guidelines highly recommend that all persons who are not fully vaccinated wear masks while indoors. Thank you for your cooperation in these efforts to keep our St. John's community safe and healthy.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

Prelude

HYMN 625: "YE HOLY ANGELS BRIGHT"

Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race
And now, from sin released, behold the Savior's face,
God's praises sound,
As in his sight with sweet delight
Ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still, through good or ill,
Who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end, what-e'er he send,
Be filled with praise.

OPENING PRAYER:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now
and for ever. 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.

HYMN: "GRATEFUL PRAISE"

Grateful praise and hymns of adoration,
Blend our voices in a happy throng.
Bounteous days, alive with celebration,
Lift our hearts to you in thanksgiving song.
(Repeat).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in
showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your
grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may
become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Amos 6:1a,4-7

A reading from Amos:

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

The Psalm will be chanted by the Choir and the Congregation.

- 1. Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of
earth, * for there is no help in them.**
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.**
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their
help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is
in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;**
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.**
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from the first letter to Timothy:

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 709: "O GOD OF BETHEL"

O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who through this earthly pilgrimage
Hast all thine Israel led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before thy throne of grace:
O God of Israel, be the God
Of this succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.

O spread thy sheltering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace!

Such blessings from thy gracious hand
Our humble prayers implore;
And thou shalt be our covenant God
And portion evermore.

Luke 16:19-31

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON:
THE REVEREND VICTORIA MASON**

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

Source with some adaptations: National Cathedral service on August 28, 2022

The Leader and People pray responsively

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind and spirit through loving our sisters, brothers and siblings. Open our hearts, increase our compassion and receive our petitions on behalf of the church, the world, and those in need.

For the church in all its diverse forms and every place, that it may be strengthened to boldly proclaim the gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth.

Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For the beauty and abundance of creation, make us good stewards to use the resources of the earth wisely, generously and respectfully for the sake of generations to come. For those in places around the world affected by storms – especially Fiona, wind, fire and flood, give them courage and hope in their troubles.

Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For the peoples of all nations and for the peace of the world, especially in Ukraine and in all those places experiencing war and conflict. We pray for the president of the United States and all leaders holding positions of public trust that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For all who cry out in their affliction, especially the hungry, the downcast, the poor, the oppressed and the persecuted. Heal the suffering of those with chronic illnesses and COVID-19, and comfort the grieving.

Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. We remember those who lost their lives to COVID-19, gun violence, racial injustice or any form of hatred. Bring us with them to dwell in your presence forever.
Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

The Deacon reads the names on the prayer list and invites the congregation to offer their own petitions. Special prayers may be offered at this time. A brief period of silence will then be kept for the People to offer their own petitions.

All this we pray in the name of the One who offered his life so that we might live, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Deacon or Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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:

ANTHEM: "I WOULD BE TRUE "

—Harold Walter

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

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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"

— Buchanan

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 according to your command, O Father:

**We remember his death
We proclaim his resurrection
We await his coming in glory.**

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.

HYMN WLP 863: "THE GREAT AMEN"

— Maultsby

AMEN (*sung and repeated*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 heav-
en. 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.**

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)

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.

*You are invited to come to the communion rail to
receive the Eucharist or a blessing.*

*You may receive the wine either by intinction, sipping, or not at all.
Receiving the Eucharist in one kind is full reception.
You may receive standing or kneeling. If you need a gluten free
wafer, please tell the minister. If you prefer a blessing, please stand
in the line with the priest and cross your arms over your chest.*

DURING COMMUNION:

HYMN: “I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR”

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee;
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
I need thee, O I need thee;
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need thee, O I need thee;
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;
And thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need thee, O I need thee;
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.
I need thee, O I need thee;
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.

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, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and
praise:
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to thy
control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in
soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s
goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

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.

*After the service, you are invited to enjoy
coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall.*

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

St. John's is interested in meeting the pastoral needs of our community. If you have prayer requests, please contact Sheri Rasmussen 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 find that your situation is causing financial, spiritual, or emotional difficulties, or if you are in need of food, do not hesitate to contact Mother Minerva

512-593-1778 or revminerva@austinstjohns.org

or Deacon Victoria

512-297-5953 or deaconvic@austinstjohns.org

HEALING AND GUIDANCE: Minerva, Robert, Sue, Willie, Mike, Andrea and Sage, Paul and Sherry, Cindy and her family, Lisa, China and David, Josie, Ramona, CJ

DECEASED: Elizabeth, Frank, Jean

BIRTHDAYS:

9/25: Pamela Eyrick;

9/26: China Petersen;

9/27: Steve Munoz;

9/28: Sandra Wells, Samantha Colunga;

9/30: Benjamin Solis Matul, Ronda Hall

SAFE TRAVEL: Blaise

**Today's altar flowers are given
to the Greater Glory of God
by Carol Fritz
in memory of her parents
Roxanne B. and Elbert H.**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS — Sunday, October 2nd at 3:00 PM
we will have our annual blessing of the animals.

THE BISHOP IS COMING! — Bishop Ryan will visit St. John's on
Sunday, October 9 for Baptism and Confirmation. We will have a
single bilingual service at 11:00 AM followed by a reception.

JAMAICA! — SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH from 10 am to 5pm.
Prepare to share your talents and your dollars in a day of fun for all
the family.

YOGA – Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Contact Gundeya at 512
-294-5524 for more information.

FARMSHARE AUSTIN'S FRESH FOR LESS MOBILE

MARKET — today from 11am-1pm. Come shop for fresh,
delicious, and affordable fruits and vegetables, local eggs and
honey, and a variety of pantry staples! The market accepts cash,
credit, debit, SNAP, and Double Up Food Bucks.

CORNERSTONE LITERARY CIRCLE— Cornerstone Literary
Circle meets weekly on Wednesdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm on Zoom
and is open to anyone who is interested. The Zoom link for the class
can be found in the Tuesday Christian Formation email.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY — Each Wednesday
evening at 7:00pm, we meet via Zoom to study the Bible readings for
the following Sunday. The Zoom link for the class can be found in
the Tuesday Christian Formation email.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — The Thursday Morning
Bible Study is hybrid. We are studying the book “**Bible Women:
All Their Words and Why They Matter.**” Join us in-person at 9:55
in the Parish Hall or virtually by Zoom. The Zoom link for the class
can be found in the Tuesday Christian Formation email.

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERING

SUNDAYS AUG 28-OCT 2 — Come join us Sunday mornings
at 9:45 AM in the Parish Hall. The St. John's Adult Christian
Education team is presenting a six-part series based on Welcome
Homeless, a book written by Austin philanthropist Alan Graham with
Lauren Hall. Graham started Mobile Loaves and Fishes to feed the
Austin homeless. He also helped organize Community First!
Village to give shelter to homeless Austinites.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Sunday, September 25

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
 - 9:45 AM Adult Christian Formation
 - 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 - 11:00 AM Farmshare Austin farmers' market
 - 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II
 - 2:30 PM Baptism/Confirmation Preparation Class
- Vestry of the Day: Patricia Mata, Sandra Ward

Monday, September 26

- 6:30 PM Yoga in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 27

- 11:00 AM Clergy Meeting
- 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting
- 7:00 PM Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 28

- 8:00 AM Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
- 5:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 5:30 PM Cornerstone Literary Circle Meeting (zoom)
- 6:00 PM Bishop Visitation Walkthrough (hybrid)
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (zoom)

Thursday, September 29

- 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study (hybrid)
- 12:00 Noon Sacred Ground Facilitators Meeting (zoom)
- 2:30 PM Racial Justice Team Meeting
- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 7:30 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, October 1

- 10:00 AM Daughters of the King

Sunday, October 2

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:45 AM Adult Christian Formation
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:00 AM Farmshare Austin farmers' market
- 1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito II
- 3:00 PM Pet Blessing Service

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Sandra Ward

Class of 2025

Carolyn Cline

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Patricia Mata

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

1:00 PM

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Holy Eucharist Rite II (in person and Zoom)

Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

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is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



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