



# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 26, 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.*

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## PRELUDE

### HYMN 532: "HOW WONDROUS AND GREAT"

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?  
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;  
Their worship and vows shall come to thy throne;  
Thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,  
Till earth's every people confess thee their God.

### 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, 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.

*People:* ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

### Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. ”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake?

Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

## **The Gospel—Mark 9:38-50**

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

*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 Priest says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All*

**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 — HYMN 635: "IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE"**

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,  
And hope in God through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving;  
So do thine own part faithfully,  
And trust his word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook at need  
The soul that trusted God indeed.

## **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 LEVAS 178: "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER"**

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
Believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

## **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 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.

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

## **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](mailto:sheri@austinstjohns.org). If you would like the Daughters of the King to include you in their prayer list, please contact Sandra Ward at [redsand2@gmail.com](mailto:redsand2@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

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**HEALING AND GUIDANCE:** Keith and his family, Gail, Kevin, Jean, Iliana and family, Leslie, Katie, Pamela, Eunice, Paula and her family, Chuck, Pat, Silas, The Ellett Family, Josie, Ramona, CJ

**DECEASED:** Donna, Jerry, Alva, Rick, Greg

**BIRTHDAYS:** 9/26: China Petersen; 9/27: Steve Munoz;  
9/28: Sandra Wells, Samantha Colunga;  
9/30: Benjamin Solis Matul, Ronda Hall;  
10/2: Morgan Corpus

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

**AFGHAN REFUGEE DONATIONS** — Refugee Services Of Texas (RST) is the local affiliate for the Episcopal Migration Ministries and is seeking donations. If you make a donation through St. John's please include "Afghan Refugees" in your online donation or check. Another option is to donate via the RST-Austin Amazon Wishlist for purchasing items or VISA cards. See the latest issue of The Bridge for more details or contact Deacon Victoria or Laurie Williams.

**HOUSE MEETING TRAINING—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 4:30 PM** Our Partner, Central Texas Interfaith, will conduct a House Meeting Training session. Learn how to lead small group conversations to identify new leaders in our congregation and identify what people in our congregation care about. The training will be via Zoom; follow this link to enter the meeting.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84556577984>

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** — On September 30, the Thursday Morning Bible Study group will participate in a Webinar discussing "*Lift Every Voice and Sing*" as it is being considered as our National Hymn. Follow this link to register for the Webinar: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

**PET BLESSING AND PRAYERS** —Saturday, October 2; 8:00-11:00 AM. You are invited to bring your pet(s) to the lawn or drive your car around for a blessing or a special prayer by our Clergy.

**PARISH WIDE MEETING - OCTOBER 3, 11:45 A.M.**  
Please join us at a parish wide virtual meeting to vote on the proposed new bylaws for St. John's. Our website, [www.austinstjohns.org](http://www.austinstjohns.org), and The Bridge has the proposed bylaw changes. The zoom meeting number is 818 0719 2209 or follow this link to enter the meeting.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807192209>. We look forward to seeing you there.

**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>

## EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

### **Sunday, September 26    The 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM            Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:30 AM            Holy Eucharist Rite II  
12:00 Noon            Audit Committee Meeting  
1:00 PM             Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos  
2:30 PM             Safeguarding God's Children training  
                              en español

**Vestry of the Day:** Maria Caballero, Steve Kriechbaum

### **Monday, September 27**

7:00 PM            Vestry Meeting

### **Tuesday, September 28**

4:30—5:30 PM    House Meeting Training

### **Wednesday, September 29**

8:00 AM            Buildings and Grounds Maintenance  
1:00 PM            Clergy Meeting  
2:30 PM            Racial Justice Team Meeting  
6:00 PM            Stewardship Campaign Kick Off Event  
                              via Zoom  
7:00 PM            Lectionary Based Bible Study via Zoom

### **Thursday, September 30**

10:00 AM            Thursday Bible Study  
12:00 PM            Sacred Ground Facilitators Meeting  
7:00 PM            Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting  
7:30 PM            Choir Practice

### **Saturday, October 2**

8:00—11:00 AM    Pet Blessing  
10:00 AM            Daughters of the King Meeting

### **Sunday, October 3        The 19th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM            Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:30 AM            Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:45 AM            Parish Meeting via Zoom  
1:00 PM            Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

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## 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)

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