

WORSHIP *in the* PARKing Lot

April 12, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
St. John's Episcopal Church



ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector
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James Bangert, Assistant Sexton

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Altar Guild	Marjaana Cich, Rachel Brown
Greeter	Dave Cich, Marjaana Cich
Eucharistic Ministers	Cody Trammell, Matthew Eckmann
Ushers	Tom Robins, Roger Bathon

THE OOMPAHS

Shirley Johnson, accordion
Maria Mullins, piano
Robert Petrisky, tuba
David Smith, drums

OPENING SONG | Come Now and Worship

<i>Come now and worship,</i>	<i>We bring our gifts,</i>	<i>Jesus our Savior,</i>
<i>Come now and worship the Lord.</i>	<i>Gifts of ourselves and our lives.</i>	<i>Died on a cross just for us.</i>
<i>Come now and worship,</i>	<i>With bread and wine,</i>	<i>Rose from the dead,</i>
<i>Join as we sing and adore.</i>	<i>We offer to you our whole lives.</i>	<i>Christ gives salvation to us.</i>
<i>Gather together,</i>	<i>This celebration</i>	<i>Gather together,</i>
<i>Give God the praise that is due.</i>	<i>Draws us all closer to You.</i>	<i>Drawing us closer to You.</i>
<i>Here us as we come to worship,</i>	<i>Here us as we come to worship,</i>	<i>Here us as we come to worship,</i>
<i>Singing praise to You.</i>	<i>Singing praise to You.</i>	<i>Singing praise to You.</i>

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant ALLELUIA! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. ALLELUIA!**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Together 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.

THE KYRIE

BCP p. 356

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

BCP p. 224

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON | Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND LESSON | 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL MUSIC | High Above the Mountain (v 1, refrain)

*High above the mountain tops the angels sing,
Praise the Lord, for He is King.*

*And we answer from this humble church below,
Praise the Lord forever so.*

*All the world with joyful heart, singing praise of love,
Blessings sent from above.*

*It is right in thanking Him and praising Him.
Amen. Amen.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and

put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL MUSIC | High Above the Mountain (v 2, refrain)

<i>In this humble church the angels join in praise. Glory be to God our King. Through His love we ask of Him to be with us. To the end, Lord Jesus Christ.</i>	<i>All the world with joyful heart, singing praise of love, Blessings sent from above. It is right in thanking Him and praising Him. Amen. Amen.</i>
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THE SERMON

Riva Heron, Seminarian

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

written by The Rev. Matthew Bloss

Good people of God, let this day be a reminder to us all that sin, death, and evil have been overthrown and put to flight. Our ancient enemy holds no authority here any longer, for God has won the battle, and offered his victory, freely, to us all. Let us pray then, in celebration, for the ongoing triumph of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Almighty God, we pray for your church, for all the communities of Christians spread across the earth. Inspire us all by your glorious resurrection, give your church the courage and conviction to overthrow the remaining vestiges of sin and evil and invite all of humanity to rest in the joy of your kingdom.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray also for the United States of America, and for all her people. Let us all marvel together at the triumph of Jesus. Let his victory over sin and death be the catalyst for us to put away the enmity and bitterness that divide us from each other. Let the love that inspired your son's saving acts inspire us to act with charity and grace toward all the people of this land.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

And we pray not only for our nation, but for the whole world. That your hard-won peace over the greatest of evils would take root in this and every land. Help us to no longer look towards human strength or violence to keep peace between your children. Show us instead, your cross and resurrection. Let your peace, become our peace.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray especially for this community of New Braunfels, and all the communities that the people of St. John's call home. Though your victory was won on behalf of the whole world, help us never forget to share that victory first and foremost with those closest to us.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Keep us mindful, dear Lord, that evil was not willingly overthrown by your Son, and that elements of pain, fear, and deceit still linger upon the earth. Give us the will and the determination to bring health, peace, and truth to all who are in any need or trouble. Let your resurrection victory be the light O Lord, even in the darkest of nights.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

And lastly Lord, we pray for those whose mortal strife is over, and who rest in peace with your Son. Help us remember and give thanks, that the sting of death is no more, that even though the body may die, the soul is preserved until that blessed day when the last traces of evil are overcome, and death itself will be no more.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

BLESSING OF CROSSES & COMMISSIONING LOVE HONDURAS MISSIONARIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY MUSIC | What a Friend

The Oompahs

<i>What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and grief to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer.</i>	<i>One there is, above all others, Well deserves the name of friend, His is love beyond a brother's, Costly, free, and knows no end.</i>	<i>There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in His justice, Which is more than liberty.</i>
<i>O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.</i>	<i>When He lived on earth, they scorned Him: "Friend of sinners" was His name. Though the angels have adored Him, Still He answers to that claim.</i>	<i>There's no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven. There's no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgement given.</i>

DOXOLOGY

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord,

All **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A; BCP p. 361

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

(The people stand or kneel.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 forever 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 ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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*All baptized Christian persons are welcome to receive communion at this the Lord's Table. To receive Communion, place one hand over with palms facing upward. To receive the wine, hold the chalice on the bottom and sip, or intinct - dip the bread into the wine. *Parents of small children, please help them when they intinct; try to ensure that only the bread is dipped and not tiny fingers. To receive communion from your seat please notify an usher, if you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know during communion.*

COMMUNION MUSIC | Du Du Liegst Mir Im Herzen (instrumental)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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.

SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITOR(S)

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that [N. and] all those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

CLOSING SONG | Benediction

*May the Lord, Mighty Lord,
Bless and keep us forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
Courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face,
Know God's grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty Lord,
Bless and keep you forever.*

THE BLESSING

Let us all take heart! The battle is over. The victory is won. And though the victory was won by God alone, it is not for God alone. It is for each and every one of us. So let God's victory, be our victory. Let God's peace, be our peace. And may the blessing of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, and inspire you all the days of your life.

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

POSTLUDE | Shiner/Red Rose Polka (instrumental)

The Oompahs

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- visitor connection card
- event info and sign ups
- latest eNews
- worship bulletin PDF
- ...and more!

St. John's Online Shirt Shop

Our online shop is open with new shirt designs and flexible options. Choose your style, size, and color, and have it shipped directly to you. All items are printed on demand. Browse and order at bonfire.com/store/stjohnsnb. Contact Grace Symmons (grace@stjohnsnb.com) with questions or design ideas.

“Change for Change” Children’s Ministry Coin Drive | Through April

Every coin helps support the Capital Campaign as we work to make more room at the table.

Fellowship Groups for Youth Boys (5:15 p.m.) & Girls (5 p.m.) | TODAY, April 12 | Locations listed in Church Center

Gather for dinner, fellowship, and discussion. Learn more and RSVP in Church Center.

Movie Night: The Prince of Egypt (PG) | Friday, April 17, 5:30–8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

The congregation is invited to a screening of *The Prince of Egypt*, an animated retelling of Moses’ journey to lead his people to freedom. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., movie begins at 6, followed by a brief discussion. Please bring a snack and your own drink. Space is limited to 20, please RSVP in Church Center.

The Good, The True, & The Beautiful Retreat | April 17–19, 2026 at Camp Capers

Join Bishop David Read at Camp Capers for a creativity and spiritual retreat exploring storytelling, songwriting, and the arts through the lens of faith. Enjoy meaningful worship, fellowship, delicious meals, and time in the beauty of nature as you deepen your faith and creative gifts. *Learn more and register at dwtx.org/events.*

Rector’s Sabbatical | April 20 - August 1 *Read about Fr. Ripp’s plans & how you can pray at stjohnsnb.com/sabbatical.*

Fr. Ripp will be on sabbatical and unavailable during this time. For all inquiries, please contact Jenny Montgomery, Executive Assistant to the Rector, at jenny@stjohnsnb.com. Be sure to join us on Sunday, 4/19 to send him off with love!

Coffee & Connect | Sunday, April 26 at 10 a.m. in the Hospitality Area

New to St. John’s or looking to get more connected? Join us in the hospitality area to meet others, learn more about the life of our church, and explore next steps. We’ll share about our staff, classes, and ministries, offer a brief campus tour, and make space for your questions as you begin your journey here.

Acolyte Training | Sunday, April 26 from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

New and existing acolytes are invited for a review of acolyte responsibilities and behavior expectations. Any child turning 8 years old in 2026 through high school is eligible to join the acolyte team. We will have pizza, prizes, and fun so please join us! Please RSVP in the Church Center app.

Cursillo #300 (Men Only) | April 30 - May 3 at Mustang Island Conference Center *registration coming soon!*

Spiritual Retreat in Recovery | May 1–3 | Camp Capers, Waring, TX

All are welcome to this weekend retreat focused on “Bringing the 11th Step to Life,” led by Fr. Bill W with spiritual leadership from the Ven. Mike Besson. Open to those in recovery and their loved ones, this retreat offers worship, fellowship, and spiritual renewal in a supportive community. *Learn more and register at dwtx.org/events.*

Bingo and Recipe Swap | May 17 at 12:15 PM | Parish Hall *More details and RSVP in the Church Center app.*

Women of St. John’s are invited for an afternoon of Bingo and a recipe swap. Bring a favorite dish and copies of the recipe to share as we taste, connect, and play together. Not a cook? A favorite grocery store find works too.

Upcoming Baptism Date: Pentecost Sunday (May 24) *Contact Jenny (jenny@stjohnsnb.com) if you are interested.*

Save the Date: Camp Outreach | June 1 - 4 *More details to come.*

Beauty from Ashes 5K Run & Walk | Saturday, June 6 at 7:30 a.m. | Landa Park Founders’ Oak

Support local widows through Beauty from Ashes Ministries, a nonprofit helping women navigate grief and life after loss. Join us for the third annual 5K Run & Walk and register on St. John’s team to save \$5. Learn more and register at beautyfromashesministry.com.