



Easter Day

April 5, 2026 at 11 a.m.

**Rejoice
in Christ the
Victor**



The flowers on the altar were arranged by Allyson Ludington.

ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

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Acolytes	Ainsley Englefield, Curtis Parchman, Annabelle Kistler
Altar Guild	Kathy Simmons, Ann Y. Holder, Veronica Crolley
Greeter	Ram Meredith, Pam Reitz
Eucharistic Ministers	Matthew Eckmann, David Simmons
Ushers	Dave and Ginga Golson

PRELUDE | He Is Risen, He Is Risen! - Wolfgang Hiltscher; Jesus Christ Is Risen Today - Healy Willan
Christ Hath Burst His Prison! - Gilbert M. Martin

CHORAL INTROIT | Christ Is Risen! – Allen Pote

*Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia!
He triumphs o'er the grave, our sinful souls to save.
He lives again and gives eternal life!*

*Christ is risen, risen, alleluia! He is risen, risen, alleluia!
The darkness of the night has turned to radiant light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Worship Choir & Brass Quartet

*The tomb is empty where he lay. An angel rolled the stone away.
A song of victory fills the sky. He lives that we no longer die.
With hearts and voices raise a glorious hymn of praise.*

OPENING HYMN | Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!

Hymn 207

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant ALLELUIA! Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE | Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! (v. 1 - 2)

Hymn 205

COLLECT

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST LESSON | Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 | *responsively by whole verse*

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1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

21 **I will give thanks to you,
for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**

22 The same stone which the
builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 **This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND LESSON | Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days (v. 1 - 2)

Hymn 201

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days (v. 3 - 4)

Hymn 201

THE NICENE CREED

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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.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | We Know That Christ Is Raised – arr. Hal H. Hopson Worship Choir & Brass

**Congregation: please join in singing verse 4*

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!*

*The Father's splendor clothes the Son of life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One. Alleluia!*

*We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!*

*A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia!*

EASTER DOXOLOGY | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | Eucharistic Prayer A; BCP p. 355

The Rev. Nancy Springer

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:

Hymn numbers beginning with an S indicate Service Music, found at the front of The Hymnal 1982

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

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All Sing Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, 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 | At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing - Theodore Beck
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness - David N. Johnson

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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN | He Is Risen, He Is Risen!

Hymn 180

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 | Toccata for the Morning of Easter (*Christ Ist Erstanden*) – Gilbert M. Martin

Valerie Thompson

Easter Brass Quartet:

Daniel Guzman, trumpet; Genevieve De Leon, trumpet;
Jerick Rodriguez, trombone; Angel Inchaurregui, trombone

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

“Change for Change” Children’s Ministry Coin Drive

Bring your spare change each Sunday through April. Every coin helps support the Capital Campaign as we work to make more room at the table.

Meal Train Opportunities for our Growing St. John’s Family

Consider providing a meal or gift card for St. John’s families who have recently welcomed new babies. Contact Alyssa Davidson at lyssadavidson16@gmail.com to help.

The Church Office is closed Monday, April 6.

St. John’s Lunch Bunch | Wednesday, April 8 at 11 a.m. at Buttermilk Cafe (1324 E. Common St.)

Come enjoy good food and fellowship with friends old and new. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Pete Meaden at 832-689-8957 or pete.meaden@outlook.com

Nails & Prayers Service Retreat | April 10 - 12 at Camp Capers *Learn more and register at dwtx.org/events.*

A service-based weekend for high school juniors and seniors, college students, individuals, and couples of all ages. Projects may include trail work, painting, landscaping, and other hands-on improvements.

Worship in the Park: Heritage Village | April 12 at 10:30 a.m. | 1370 Church Hill Drive

We’ll be led in lively song by The Oompahs, bringing festive polka music to our worship. After the service, stay for a picnic lunch, games, and fellowship for all ages. Some benches are available but please BYOChair if you prefer! An abbreviated 8:45 a.m. service will be held at St. John’s for those unable to attend Worship in the Park.

Fellowship Groups for Youth Boys (5:15 p.m.) & Girls (5 p.m.) | Sunday, 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

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!

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

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