St. John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Lynn Norvell in thanksgiving for His healing hand and the compassionate prayers of the St. John's community in Bill Norvell's recovery.

ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector
The Rev. Matthew Bloss, Associate Priest
The Rev. Dr. Riva Heron, Deacon and Curate
Jenny Montgomery, Executive Assistant to the Rector
Desiree Moultrie, Director of Finance & Operations
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Grace Symmons, Director of Communications
Lauren Koops, Assistant Youth Minister
Laura Shaver, Publications Assistant
Brandi Raschke, Media & Storytelling Assistant
Cade Norman, Youth Ministry Intern
Karina Norman, Youth Ministry Intern
Isabella Escamilla, Children's Ministry Intern
Ben Sykora, AV Tech Lead
Art Gonzales, Sexton
Paul Drake, Assistant Sexton

WORSHIP MINISTERS

8:45 a.m. Service
Acolytes: Bossley & Madelyn Gamble, Elijah Jackson
Altar Guild: Ann Amoroso, Laurianne Rodriguez
Greeters: David Joiner, Tracy Koast
Eucharistic Ministers: Clark Hendley, Jeffrey Jewell
Ushers: Ann Amoroso
Flower Guild: Renee Wendel

11:00 a.m. Service
Acolytes: Nate, Ethan, & Zeke Eckmann-Rivera
Altar Guild: Noelle Rodgers, Rachel Brown
Greeters: Kathy Simmons, Glenn Ross
Eucharistic Ministers: David Simmons, Katherine DeGrasse
Ushers: John & Linda Lowe
Flower Guild: Renee Wendel
Children's Chapel: Emily Lehmuth, Volunteer Crucifer

Welcome! We're so glad you're here. This bulletin and the blue hymnal contain everything you need for this worship service. If you've never been to an Episcopal service before, follow along in this bulletin or watch the Priest. When they sit, you sit; when they rise, you rise because the King of Kings is here. We promise in time you'll get the hang of it. And please scan the QR code found on the back of the pew in front of you, and let us know how we might contact you and thank you for the visit.

We LOVE having children in worship at St. John's! Children are an important and joyful part of our church family, and we're glad they are here. You'll find engaging materials for children in the narthex, just beneath the viewing window on the left when you are facing the sanctuary. If you need to step out with your child during the service, don't worry—the service can still be heard from the narthex. For our youngest children, nursery care is available for infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. If you're not sure where to go, just ask one of our friendly ushers or greeters. They'll be happy to point you in the right direction. We're so glad your family is here, and we hope you feel right at home at St. John's!

PRELUDE | Supplication - David Paxton; Communion - Alexandre Guilmant, arr. Dennis Eliot
Prelude on "Slane" (Be Thou My Vision) - Gilbert M. Martin

OPENING HYMN | We Will Extol You, Ever Blessed Lord — Hymn 404

OPENING ACCLAMATION — BCP 355

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY — BCP 355

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.**

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *(11 a.m. service)*
Preschool - 3rd graders are invited to follow the Child Crucifer to Children's Chapel during the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE | Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (v 1 & 2) — Hymn 290

COLLECT OF THE DAY — BCP 236

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON | Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70 | *Read responsively by full verse* — BCP 682

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; * let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, * because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; * let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

**6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.**

SECOND LESSON | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who

are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers (v 1-2) Hymn 68

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

GOSPEL HYMN | Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers (v 3) Hymn 68

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Riva Heron

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

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 Adapted from St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Carmichael, CA

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to God, saying, Christ, make us a channel of your peace.

Gracious God, make your Church a place where doubt gives way to faith, despair to hope, darkness to light, and sadness to joy. Make us bearers of your love and instruments of your peace.
Christ, make us a channel of your peace.

Gracious God, guide all who hold authority with justice, compassion, and mercy. Where there is hatred, let us bring love; where there is discord, harmony; where there is wrongdoing, forgiveness; and where there is error, truth.
Christ, make us a channel of your peace.

Gracious God, bless your world. May all people know safety and dignity, and may we care faithfully for your creation. When we fail, give us humility to seek forgiveness and courage to make amends.
Christ, make us a channel of your peace.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Martin's, Mason, and St. Elizabeth's, Buda.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Christ, make us a channel of your peace.

For the faithful St. John's ministries of RSVP America Reads, SOS Food Bank and Texas Ramp Project.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Christ, make us a channel of your peace.

Gracious God, bless our community and the people of New Braunfels. Open our hearts to the needs of our neighbors and help us respond with compassion and care.
Christ, make us a channel of your peace.

Gracious God, be with all who suffer or are in any kind of trouble. Remind us of your steadfast love and abundant mercy, and help us extend that love and mercy to others.
Christ, make us a channel of your peace.

Gracious God, receive those who have entered eternal life, and comfort all who grieve. May your peace surround them and your love sustain them.
Christ, make us a channel of your peace.

Celebrant Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 359

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Minister and People

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.**

Celebrant

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.**

VETERANS DAY BLESSING

All Veterans are invited to come forward and be honored.

Celebrant Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for all who have served in our nation's armed forces, both past and present, and for their courage, sacrifice, and faithful service to our country and its people. We remember with gratitude the cost at which our freedoms have been secured, and pray that we may never take these blessings for granted. Strengthen us in our resolve to serve you faithfully, laboring for a world in which all may share in the blessings of liberty, justice, and peace. Pour out your blessing upon our veterans, grant them your abiding presence and care, and guide us all in the ways of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE BCP 376

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

OFFERTORY SOLO | Forever - Chris Tomlin (CCLI Song #3148428) Kathy James

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

DOXOLOGY | Praise to God, Immortal Praise (tune: *Dix*) Hymn 288, v 1

Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ:
all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B; BCP 367

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 - Robert Powell Hymn S 129

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow-er and might,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM | Lamb of God - Robert Powell Hymn S 163

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT BCP 365

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. To receive communion from your seat please notify an usher, if you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know during communion.
Prayer ministers are available to the left and right of the altar rail for those who would like additional prayer after communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC | Laying in My Hammock - Kathy James Kathy James

Laying in my hammock
Watching clouds and and
stars play peekaboo on a moonless Texas night
I can feel you with me
Saying Child, my love I'm holding you so tight in my arms

When you're feeling all alone
Always know that I am right here with you
I'll carry you through battles fierce
Providing all you ever need for your life

I hear you whispering to me - you say,
I'm holding you, I'm standing right beside you
There are such storms within my soul
You say Be still and know I'll get you through this!

O Come to the Altar - Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye (CCLI Song #7051511)

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you
wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure
you've found

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION BCP 365

After communion, everyone kneels or rises as they are able.

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.**

THE BLESSING Adapted from the writings of Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So… be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, who travels with us, and is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN | Jerusalem, My Happy Home Hymn 620

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

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

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

POSTLUDE | The Silver Trumpet - Gilbert M. Martin Valerie Thompson, Organist

HONORING THE VETERANS OF ST. JOHN'S



Jeffrey Bloss, U.S. Air Force
Leslie Bloss, U.S. Air Force
Bill Campaigne, U.S. Army
James Cox, U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve
Elizabeth Dahlquist, U.S. Air Force
Bill Davis, U.S. Army
Anne Denison, U.S. Air Force
Neal Denison, U.S. Air Force
Sybil Hay, U.S. Navy
Rev. Riva Heron, U.S. Navy
Tom Heron, U.S. Navy
John Howe, U.S. Army
Rachel Kaczynski, U.S. Air Force
John Kittle, U.S. Air Force
Rick Kneeland, U.S. Navy
Joseph Land, U.S. Air Force
Tim Lehmuth, U.S. Marine Corps
John Lenker, U.S. Coast Guard
Rob Ludington, U.S. Air Force
Michael Luft, U.S. Air Force
Eric Marshall, U.S. Air Force
Kristi Morris, U.S. Army
Sandy Payson, U.S. Army, Signal Corps
Ron Perry, U.S. Navy
Rick Reitz, U.S. Army Medical Service Corps
Cleve Rodriguez, U.S. Air Force
Bob Rogers, U.S. Army
Trevor Shaver, U.S. Coast Guard
Sidney Strength, U.S. Air Force
Jim Whitcomb, U.S. Army