

Greeting Responsive, led by Audrey Hinds (8:30),
Ryan Marchbanks (9:45), Laura Dooley (11:00)
The angels said to the women, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”
He is not here, but has risen! Christ is in the world, raising hope and peace.
He is not here, but has risen!
Christ is in our lives, raising us up to love.
He is not here, but has risen!
Christ is in our hearts, raising us up to serve.
Hallelujah! Christ has risen!
Christ has risen, indeed! Amen.

*** Opening Hymn** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” All
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Morning Prayer All, led by Audrey Hinds (8:30),
Ryan Marchbanks (9:45), Laura Dooley (11:00)
Loving God, time and time again, you call our name. Even when we turn away from you, you get our attention. We turn back, and there you are! Today, we put Mary’s proclamation in our hearts and on our lips. May we hold fast to the Easter truth that in Christ your grace is here. Amen.

Children’s Time Shea Wilkins

Prayers of the People Shelley Walters (8:30)
Rev. Randy Knighten (9:45 and 11:00)

The Prayer of Jesus All, led by Shelley Walters (8:30)
Rev. Randy Knighten (9:45 and 11:00)

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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. Amen.

Song for Illumination “Who Is He?” Chancel Choir
Who is he who comes in triumph?
Who is he who comes to die,
comes in peace and comes in power,
hidden One now lifted high?

"Glory, glory in the highest!"
Like the angels hear them sing,
dancing 'round the long-awaited –
once their hope, and now their King!
Rise and join the glad procession!
Hear them passing by again –
all the ransomed, all his children,
marching to Jerusalem!
Look ahead – the gates of splendor!
Hear the everlasting hymn!
Open wide your hearts in worship!
Let the King of glory in!

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Words of Life Luke 24:1-12 Audrey Hinds (8:30),
Ryan Marchbanks (9:45), Laura Dooley (11:00)

Message for Today Rev. Hilary Marchbanks
“Good Questions”

Response “Christ Is Risen” All
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Offertory Prayer All, led by Audrey Hinds (8:30),
Ryan Marchbanks (9:45), Laura Dooley (11:00)

Gracious God, we offer our gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received from you. Transform our offerings into acts of love that respond to the world’s hardest questions with help and hope. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen.

Offertory Chancel Choir; Jones Handbell Choir
“Christ Arose”

REFRAIN:
Up from the grave He arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting for the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!
Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior.
Vainly, they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! REFRAIN

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*** Song of Thanks** All
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*** Our Mission** Rev. Marchbanks

*** We Continue Our Worshipful Week** Rev. Marchbanks


*** Sending Hymn** “Christ Is Alive” All
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*** Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ** Rev. Marchbanks

*** Postlude** “Christ Arose” Ed Snouffer, piano
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** You are invited to rise in body or spirit.*
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Sanctuary Flowers
The Easter lilies decorating the church today were donated in honor of or in memory of loved ones by members of the congregation.
Please see the insert for a list of donors.
If you purchased an Easter lily, you may pick it up after the 11 a.m. service today.
To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers for Sundays throughout the year, please email Rebecca Witte at rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org.

Ways to Give

We offer many ways to give to support Saint John's.

1. Text "SJUMC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit stjohnsaustin.org/giving to make an online donation using a credit/debit card, or bank draft.
3. Church members may log on to their mySaintJohn's account via the web or by the Realm Connect app.
4. Leave a donation in the offering plates as they are passed or in the offering box located in the Gallery, or mail a check.

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks, Senior Pastor
Rev. Randy Knighten, Outreach Ministries Pastor
Chancel Choir
Cina Crisara, Director of Music
Laura Dooley, Liturgist (11:00)
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Dylan Graves, Jones Handbell Choir Director
Audrey Hinds, Liturgist (8:30)
Gary James, Sound Technician
Jones Handbell Choir
Sherry Kleinert, Projections Coordinator (11:00)
Ryan Marchbanks, Liturgist (9:45)
Ed Snouffer, Pianist
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Shea Wilkins, Interim Children's Director
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Connect Team

Robert Elder (8:30)
Brooks Barlow (9:45)
Kathleen Harrington (11:00)

Liturgy Notes

The Greeting is by Gill Le Fevre.
The Morning Prayer is by Sherrie Dobbs Johnson in
The Africana Worship Book, Year C.



For more information about classes and activities
at Saint John's, see our newsletter at
stjohnsaustin.org/newsletter.

We are creating a community ...

Access Friendship Book, Guest Form, and More



Scan this QR Code for links to the Friendship Book and Guest Form, prayer requests, giving online, bulletin, newsletter, and website. You can get to the same links by going to stjohnsaustin.org/connect.

Easter Offering

In this joyful Easter season, you have the opportunity to share your gratitude by supporting Saint John's with an Easter Offering. To make your Easter offering online using a Realm account, visit onrealm.org/stjohnsaustin/give/EasterOffering. Or, you can give by check by writing "Easter Offering" in the memo line. Through your generosity, this offering extends the reach of our church's ministries by making sure we can fund staff support and mission endeavors.

Anti-Racism Podcasts, Mondays, May 5-26, 7 p.m.

You are invited to deepen your understanding of anti-racism by taking part in several podcast conversations. We will listen to podcasts on our own prior to online meetings on four Mondays, May 5-26, 7-8:15 p.m., in which we'll discuss our reactions to the podcasts. Register to join us at bit.ly/antiracismremix. Questions? Contact Shelley Walters at shelley@stjohnsaustin.org or Nicole Netherton at nicolenetherton@gmail.com.

Hill Country Ride for AIDS, Saturday, May 3

Join the Saint John's Pedalers on Saturday, May 3, in Krause Springs for the 26th Annual Hill Country Ride for AIDS. The ride is a fully supported joyful ride from 12 to 75 miles that is geared towards all abilities, ages, and bike styles. The ride raises funds for nine Central Texas nonprofits providing HIV/AIDS services. Questions? Contact Chris Sparks at cmsparks@gmail.com. To register or donate, go to bit.ly/sjhillcountryride2025.

Contemplative Retreat, Saturday, May 10

Gather with us at Saint John's on Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. – noon, for a time set apart in spiritual renewal and refreshment. As we let the noise in our lives quieten, we will learn contemplative practices with our breathing, our bodies, our words, and silence. All levels of experience with contemplative practices are welcome. Childcare available. Register at bit.ly/maycontemplativeretreat. Questions? Contact shelley@stjohnsaustin.org.

Summer Camp Activities for Children and Youth

This summer Saint John's will offer programming for toddlers through high school students. Register early to secure your child's spot! Questions? Email Shelley at shelley@stjohnsaustin.org.

Grace Garden Summer Camp: Toddlers – 2nd Grade,

Throughout June, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Contact Grace Garden Director Lindsey Cook at lindsey@ggaustin.org for more details.

Service Quest: 3rd – 5th Graders, June 23 – 25, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Fun doing community service! Register at bit.ly/servicequest2025.

Serve the City: 6th – 8th Graders, June 18 – 20, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

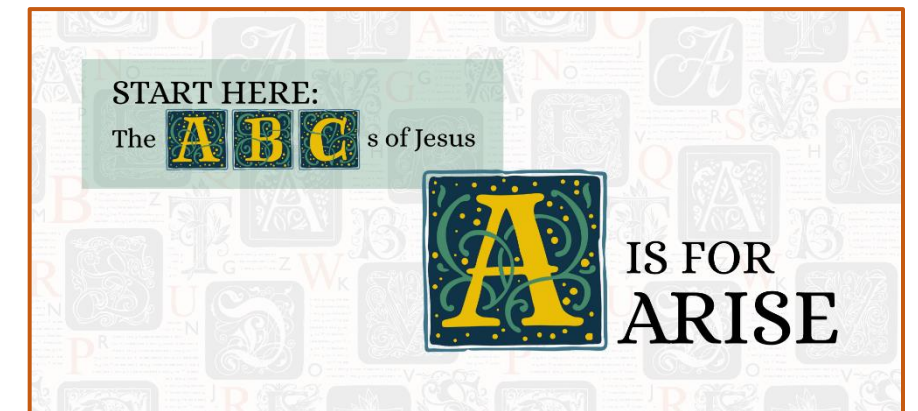
Fun doing community service! Register at bit.ly/servethecity2025.

Be the Neighbor: High School Youth, July 27 – August 1

Learn about disaster relief and help rebuild homes. Register at bit.ly/betheneighbor2025.

Saint John's United Methodist Church

*At Saint John's United Methodist Church
we affirm that all persons are of sacred worth,
and we welcome everyone,
without exception, to participate fully
in the church's life and ministry.*



Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

Difficulty hearing in the Sanctuary? Please ask an usher for a listening device or see the pew card for information about using the AudioEverywhere phone app.

Children will stay in worship today; Sunday school will resume next Sunday. Feel free to take a children's worship bag from the welcome table if you haven't already done so.

Gathering Music

Ed Snouffer, piano

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

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Music: Henry T. Smart

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Welcome

Shelley Walters (8:30)

Rev. Randy Knighten (9:45 and 11:00)

Introit

"Rejoice! He Is Risen!"

Jones Handbell Choir

Music: Choristers Guild

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