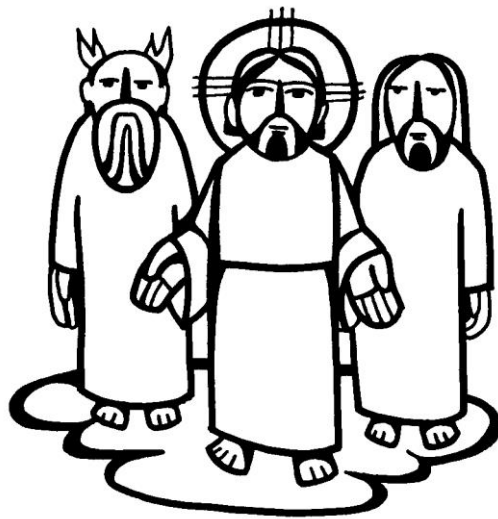


*Welcome to*

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Committed to living a faith journey that is  
sacred, intentional, compassionate and inclusive*



*He was transfigured  
before their eyes*

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2024 ☩ 9:30 a.m.

The Rev. Betsy McElroy, Rector

Worship: Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday

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# Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist!

**This bulletin will guide you through the liturgy (worship service). The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), Enriching Our Worship and The Hymnal 1982 are used throughout this service.**

We are a school for transformation, as we seek to become a more diverse community of people, a kaleidoscope of different life styles, ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, financial circumstances and more. We invite all who seek God and wish to explore being part of a Christian congregation to our table and into our fellowship. We welcome those seeking a safe place for the expression of personal spiritual practices, ideas, politics, questions, doubts -- and faith. We also confess that as a community we are not perfected in love. However we seek to become more fully loving and to accept all who wish to join this journey.

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**Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:**

David & Diana Martin in loving memory of her grandmother, Beatrice Martinez on her birthday, February 12 and in celebration of their children Hannah & Joseph for their birthday  
February 15

*If you would like to donate flowers, please contact the church office at 369-3381.*

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## *Those Who Serve Today*

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Betsy McElroy (B)

*Deacon:* The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (B)

*Preacher:* Andee Zetterbaum

*Choir Director:* Steven Weikle

*Pianist/Organist:* Kristy Wells

*MC (Minister of Ceremonies):* Margaret Meyers (C)

*Lectors:* Bob Gorczyca & Hennie Van Konynenburg

*Camera Acolyte:* Holly Wilson (GF)

*Crucifer:* Stacey Bagnasco (C)

*Ushers:* David Diekman & Dick Williams

*Sound:* Stephanie Pilcher

*Altar Guild:* Stuart Krengel & Peggy Moos

*Vestry Open/Close (Announcements):* Margaret Meyers & Stacey Bagnasco

*Designer Guild:* Kathy Girard & Barbara Warburton

*Nursery Care:* None until further notice

*Sunday School:* Janie Williams

*Coffee Hour:* Beth Elwood

*Counters:* Eric Goossens & Stuart Krengel

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Welcome

## Prelude

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**Entrance Hymn** (*Standing*)      *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*      Hymnal 616

**Opening Acclamation**      EOW 1 p. 50

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People:* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## Collect for Purity (*Celebrant continues*)

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 Gloria**      *Canticle 20*      Hymnal S278

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A Reading from the Second Book of Kings

Bob Gorczyca

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. (2 Kings 2:1-12)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 50:1-6

Bob Gorczyca

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.

- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

Hennie Van Konynenburg

## **A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (*2 Corinthians 4:3-6*)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn**

*The people who in darkness walked  
(Verses 1-3)*

Hymnal 126

## **A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark**

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (*Mark 9:2-9*)

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Silence*

**Nicene Creed** *All stand as able.*

**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.**

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.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(stand or kneel as able.)*

**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 Celebrant pronounces the Absolution:*

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.**

## Announcements

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries Blessings** *All together,*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Offertory Sentence



# The Liturgy of the Table

## Offertory Anthem

*Sing a New Song to the Lord*

David Musick

## The Doxology

*Praise to God (vs. 3 only)*

Hymnal 380

## The Great Thanksgiving EOW 1 (Standing)

EOW p. 57

*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 our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

## Sanctus (Celebrant and People)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with John the Baptist and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer *(traditional)*

BCP p. 364

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:** 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

BCP p. 364

*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.

## Communion of the People

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please form two lines in the center aisle. There are two standing stations. Please come forward immediately to receive communion. Gluten free hosts are available. You may receive just the bread or the wine or both. We offer the chalice to drink from, but due to practical considerations, do not allow intinction (dipping) of the bread in the wine. Thank you for your understanding. Please place hands crossed over your heart if you wish to receive communion in one kind, or a blessing.*

## Communion Music

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

Hymnal 135

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## Sending Eucharistic Visitors *All together*

**In the name of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## Postcommunion Prayer *(standing)*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. Amen. (source: from Saint Clare)

## Recessional Hymn

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Hymnal 460

## The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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## Announcements

**The Rev. Steve Wendfeldt** - It is with sadness, but in the hope of resurrection, that we share that The Rev. Steve Wendfeldt departed this life on February 2, 2024 at his home in La Jolla, CA surrounded by his family. Steve served St. John's in the mid 1980s as our curate for a year during and after his education at CDSP. He and his wife and children lived in Lodi during his time here at St. John's. He later served in the Portland and Seattle area before finally settling in San Diego region for the last 20 years. Please keep his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### Upcoming Calendar

#### **Sunday, February 11**

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

#### **Tuesday, February 13 - Shrove Tuesday**

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church

4:15 pm, Salvation Army Dinner Service, Hope Harbor

5:30 pm, Pancake Supper, Narthex

6:00 pm, Vestry Meeting, Hospitality room

#### **Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday**

12:00 noon, Ash Wednesday Service, Historical Chapel - No Music/No Communion

6:00 pm, Ash Wednesday Service, Church

**Friday & Saturday February 16 & 17 - Rev. Betsy & Deacon Tom are out-of-town.**

#### **Sunday, February 18 - Youth Sunday**

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

#### **The People of Faith Study Group will meet Wednesdays February 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** at St.

John's, prior to Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel. The current plan to meet on alternate Wednesdays at 10:30 am. March meetings are planned for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Our times together will provide opportunities to reflect on the prior weeks readings. We have agreed to a goal of reading through the bible in a year. We have adapted a plan outlined in the NIV Women's Study Bible, New International Version, but we do not intend to be rigid. Other versions or plans may work equally well. This goal sets a pace that will keep us busy reading, reflecting, pondering, etc. New participants are welcome to join the group as they are able. All are welcome. Ruth Diekman - Coordinator

**Updating Our Active Membership Directory!**- On the Ministry Table you will find a copy of our current Active Membership Directory. Please review your information in this directory for accuracy. Please write in the "Red" pen provided any changes that are needed. If you are not in the directory, please fill out the Yellow Membership Form and turn it into the basket provided and we will get you added! If you would like your birthday listed at the back of the printed directory, please add your birthday to your entry also.

### **Looking forward to Lenten Activities - Mark Your Calendars!**

#### **Shrove Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

\*Our Annual Pancake Supper will go from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Donations for specific items will be gladly accepted. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Ministry Table!

\*More details will follow.

#### **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

\*We will have 2 Ash Wednesday Services. At 12:00 noon a service without communion or music will be held in the Historical Chapel.

\*A 6:00 pm evening service is planned for the Church.

#### **Lenten Soup Suppers and Classes**

\*Per our tradition, we will have Wednesday night Lenten Soup Suppers with a Lenten Study on The Rev. Stephanie Spellers' book "*The Church Cracked Open.*" Books are available for sale in the office. Choir practice will follow.

\*Please plan on signing up to assist! We will need a kitchen coordinator, soup makers, set up and clean up help, help with salads and bread!

\*Keep an eye on the announcements, flyers, and sign-up sheets on the Ministry Table.

\*Lenten Study Reading Assignments:

February 21: Read the Introduction and Chapter 1

February 28: Read Chapters 2 & 3

March 6: Read Chapters 4 & 5

March 13: Read Chapters 6 & 7

March 20: Read Chapter 8 and the Conclusion

#### **On Friday, February 16 at 6:00 pm - Guest Speat at Zion-Grace Hall**

Guest Speaker: St. Mary's Mariposa, Los Angeles

Topic: Church Renewal

Friday, February 16: 6:00 pm @ Zion-Grace Hall

The current priest in charge and former senior warden of St Mary's Mariposa are coming up from LA to talk about being a Japanese American Church that ministered to Japanese Americans before WWII, while the Japanese Americans were interned and

then for several generations after. Now they find themselves in the midst of KoreaTown ministering to a Oaxacan Community. Please let Deacon Tom or Rev. Betsy know if you are interested.

**Youth Sunday, February 18th.** Young people will assume a variety of roles in the service. Mike Roberts and Joanne Kovac-Roberts, the co-directors of ECCO will be back with us, too. Joanne will be preaching that day and together they will be leading a variety of activities for youth and the young at heart following the service. This represents the launch of our youth program. A big thank you to Joey and Christina Soria, and Xander Avila who are helping to launch this new initiative! Bring your children, grandchildren (and their friends!)

**Thinking Ahead to Easter!** – We are looking for 2 more individuals who would like to run the Easter Egg Hunt following our Sunday Morning Easter Service. We will be asking for people to bring in filled eggs or empty eggs with toys, we need to get them filled and the morning of Easter, the eggs need to be put out on the back lawn. Also, that morning, help with directing the kids and starting the hunt will be needed. Please check with Penny in the office or Beth Elwood for further details.

**Greg Wilson Men's BBQ - Sunday, March 10 - Special Announcement-** We invite the Women of St. Johns to join the men on Sunday, March 10 at 5:00 pm. Let us do the cooking. Please see the ministry table for a sign up in days to come!

### **Diocesan Calendar Information**

March 16 – Deanery Day on Zoom at 10:00 am; this will focus on planned giving; open to all.

March 26 - Chrism Mass at 11:00 am, St. James Cathedral. An opportunity for clergy to review their ordination vows witnessed by the laity of the diocese; open to all.

**Holy Week - March 24 - 31, 2024**

**Sunday, March 24**

9:30 am

**Palm & Passion Sunday**

Procession & Passion Reading

**Tuesday, March 26**

11:00 am

**Chrism Mass**

St. James Cathedral, Fresno

**Wednesday, March 27**

12:00 Noon

**Noon-Day Prayer**

Historical Chapel

**Thursday, March 28**

6:00 pm

**Maundy Thursday Foot washing**

Eucharist, Stripping of Altar

7:00 pm to Midnight

Garden of Gethsemane Watch

**Friday, March 29**

12 Noon

**Good Friday**

Passion & Prayers

**Saturday, March 30**

**Easter Vigil**

7:00 pm

**Sunday, March 31**

9:30 am

**Easter Sunday**

Holy Eucharist, Reception  
& Children's Egg Hunt

**2024 Vestry Members**

Margaret Meyers, Senior Warden

Kelly Olds, Junior Warden

Fran Bott, Clerk

Stacey Bagnasco

Beth Elwood

Bob Gorczyca

Charlene Martin

Christina Soria

Debby Weberski

Andee Zetterbaum