

Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 ☩ 9:30 am

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) 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 lifestyles, 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.

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

Patricia Fehling in loving memory of her husband, Don for his birthday, April 19

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

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Besty McElroy (B)

Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (B)

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Rebecca Nelson

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

Lectors: Rosemary Cress & Hennie Van Konynenburg

Camera Acolyte: Holly Wilson (GF)

Crucifer: Cheryl Nix (C)

Ushers: Paula Saubolle & Debby Weberski

Sound: Corky Kuykendall

Altar Guild: Paula Saubolle & Bunmi Olowoyeye

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Debby Weberski/Charlene Martin

Designer Guild: Kathy Girard & Barbara Warburton

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Janie Williams

Coffee Hour: The Soria's

Counters: Corky Kuykendall & Sharon Farnsworth

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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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *Meditation on "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"* Arr. by Gordon Young

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Entrance Hymn (*Stand as able.*) *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness* Hymnal 492

(The following is said three times)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen. BCP 355

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles *All are seated.* Rosemary Cress

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.” (Acts 3:12-19)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

Rosemary Cress

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

A Reading from The First Letter of John

Hennie Van Konynenburg

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. (1 John 3:1-7)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Alleluia 1

Kristopher E. Lindquist

Refrain

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse

Christ is ris - en, Christ is ris'n a - gain.

Christ is ris - en, Christ is ris'n a - gain. *Repeat Refrain*

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke

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

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. (Luke 24:36b-48)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP p. 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Easter Reflection

Debby Weberski

Prayers of the People *Form III*

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

There is no confession of sin today, for Christ has died and is now risen, setting us free from the power of sin and death. Thanks be to God!

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Peace is exchanged.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

(Celebrant and People)

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-128

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

(traditional)

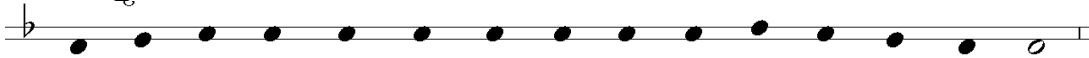
BCP p. 364


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

Celebrant:  Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People:  There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 Communion of the People

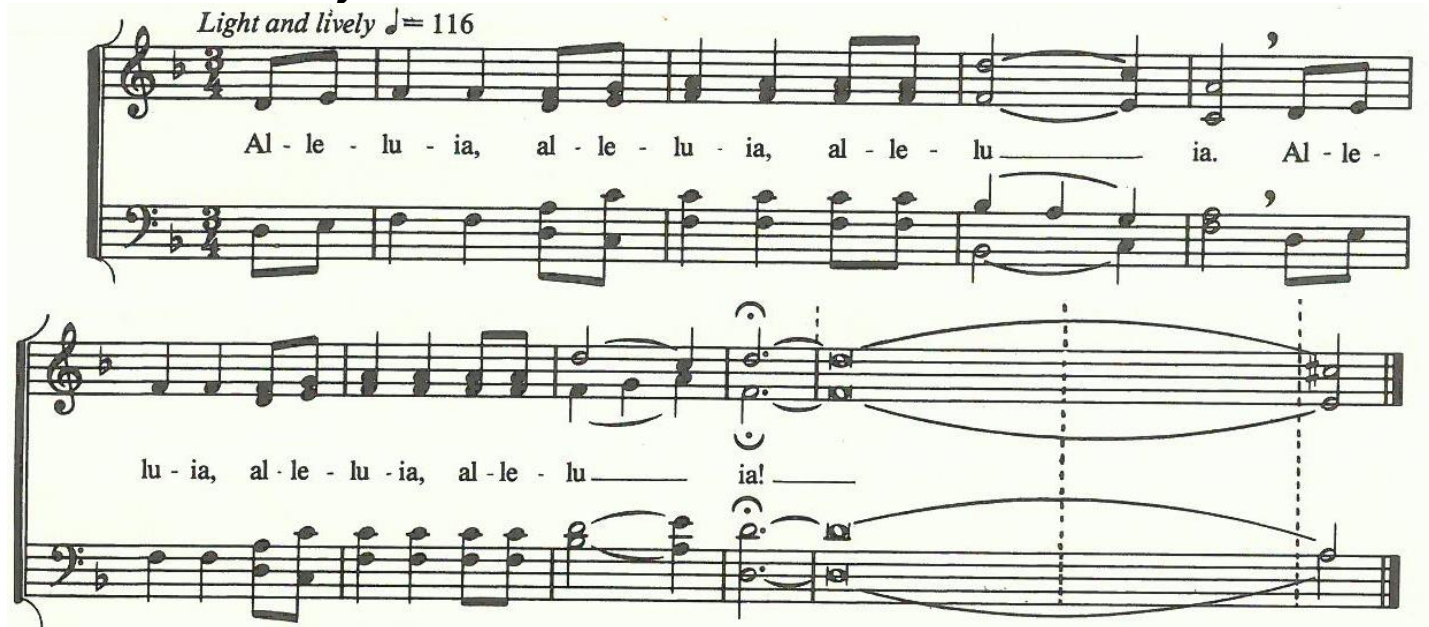
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please form two lines in the center aisle. There are two standing stations. Please come forward immediately to receive communion. Gluten free hosts are available. You may receive just the bread or the wine or both. We offer the chalice to drink from, but due 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 Hymn

Alleluia 7

Taize

Light and lively ♩ = 116



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Post communion Prayer *Standing*

EOW

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal 182

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Canon

by César Franck

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Announcements

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16 - Saturday, April 27: The Rev. Betsy McElroy Out-Of-Town

Wednesday, April 17

12 Noon, Noon-Day Prayer, Historical Chapel

6:30 pm, Choir Practice, Hospitality Room

Sunday, April 21 - Creation Care Sunday

9:30 am, Morning Prayer, Church

Love Lodi - Saturday, April 27: This year Love Lodi is on April 27th. As in past years, we are recruiting a team from St. John's to join in! To learn more about Love Lodi, see <https://lovelodi.org/>. We are encouraging folks to sign up for the library-related projects. If you have registered online, please sign up on the Ministry Table to let us know you are attending.

The Creation Care Team is planning a potluck picnic for Rogation Sunday, May 5th at the church after worship. Tables and chairs will be set up on the patio for "al fresco" dining. Please bring your favorite dishes. To help ensure that we have a variety, we invite you to follow this plan (not mandatory): last name A-F: desserts; G-P: main dishes; Q-Z: sides and salads. Please see the flyer and sign up sheet at the Ministry Table.

Calling All Gardeners! If you would like to tend a plot behind the church, contact our head of Buildings and Grounds, Aleathea Langone at 209-366-3410. Weather permitting, she plans to be at the church on Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 and would love to have company.

Confirmation / Episcopalian 101 Classes Are you interested in being confirmed in the Episcopal Church? Were you confirmed in another denomination, but would like to be received into the Episcopal Church? Would you like to reaffirm your commitment to the Episcopal Church? Do you wonder what these words mean? Or, are you just interested in learning about what it means to be an Episcopalian? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please reach out to Rev. Betsy or Deacon Tom or add your name to the sign-up sheet on the ministry table. We will be hosting a series of classes soon to all who are open to a deeper connection to God through our particular faith expression. These classes will be in preparation for the Rt. Rev. David Rice's visitation on September 8.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed! Don't Bake? No worries! Coffee is provided. It's a wonderful way to meet members and lean into your baptismal covenant of fellowship.

Please Take Note: If you have household items that you no longer need or want, we ask that you donate to charities such as The Lodi House, Salvation Army, Animal Friends (PALS) to name a few. Please do **NOT** bring any items that you no longer want or need to the church. If you are unsure, then please contact the committee head.

Living Into Resurrected Life - At the back of the church on the West Doors, you will find poster paper and markers. Please take a moment to add how you live into your baptismal promises (with your name or anonymously). Here are a few prompts to guide you in your personal reflection:

- How does Jesus continue his ministry through your life?
- Are you inspired to find additional ways after spending time in prayer and self-reflection over Lent? If so, in what way?
- If Jesus stood before you today, what would he ask you to do?

2024 Vestry Members

Margaret Meyers, Senior Warden

Kelly Olds, Junior Warden

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Charlene Martin

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**The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
Presents...**



Saturday, May 11, 2024

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes:

12:00 noon: Doors Open

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: Luncheon

**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm: 10 Bingo Games
2 Bingo Cards**

Space is limited, reservations are suggested

Please RSVP by calling

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