

Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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



Morning Prayer
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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

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Those Who Serve Today

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (B)

Preacher: Candice Gale

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Rebecca Nelson

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

Lectors: Carol Bassett & Christina Soria

Camera Acolyte: Fran Bott (GF)

Crucifer: Stacey Bagnasco (C)

Ushers: Brad Huffman & Tom Gundershaug

Sound: Steve Augusto

Altar Guild: Anne Reeve & Cheryl Nix

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Margaret Meyers/Fran Bott

Designer Guild: Janie Williams & Allison Dooley

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Ruth Diekman

Coffee Hour: Barbara Warburton

Counters: Tom Gundershaug & Sharon Farnsworth

The Rev. Betsy McElroy, Rector

Worship: Sundays 9:30 a.m.

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Welcome:

Deacon Tom Hampson

Prelude

Pastorale on Psalm 23

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Entrance Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen again!

Hymnal 184

Opening Sentence:

Deacon: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

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!

Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7 All together*

Deacon: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

People: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 23

Carol Bassett

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

The Lessons

Reading One:

Carol Bassett

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." (*Acts 4:5-12*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
 O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
 and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Reading Two

Christina Soria

A Reading from The First Letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. *(1 John 3:16-24)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19 *All Stand*

Presider & People

The Song of the Redeemed *Revelation 15:3-4*

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Reading Three

Christina Soria

A Reading from The Gospel According to John

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." (*John 10:11-18*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Candice Gale

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

Beth Elwood

The Prayers

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us pray.

**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.

Suffrages A

Margaret Meyers

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Birthdays & Anniversary's

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Anthem

Shepherd me, O God

Marty Haugen

Collection will be taken during Anthem

Doxology *(as gifts and pledges are brought forward)*

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Creation Care Prayer of the Faithful

Margaret Meyers

Loving God, even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she places her young near Your altar. You are attentive to all you have made. God, who listens to every living thing,
Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, help us provide refuge to every animal and plant with whom we live. Help us be attentive to all you have made. God, in whom all creation subsists,
Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, when Jesus cried out and gave up his Spirit, the earth shook and the rocks split. You are known by the whole of creation that listens to you. God, to whom all creation responds,
Help us respond to you.

Loving God, help us hear and know you just as the earth and rocks do. Help us to learn from the way in which we see creation recognize your glorious beauty. God, to whom all creation responds,
Help us respond to you.

Loving God, you are present in your creation and seek to heal her wounds. You can be found walking in the garden. Open our eyes to see you, the gardener. God, who is present with your creation,
Help us be present too.

Loving God, we often abandon your creation and cause its wounds. Help us to follow in your footsteps and learn to walk in the garden like you. God, who is present with your creation,
Help us be present too.

Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth: teach us to listen. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to the world you have created and not close ourselves off from it. Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat the earth. God, who listens to every living thing,
Help us listen as you do. Amen.

Concluding Collect

The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson

Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving *Deacon and People*

BCP p. 101

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom *Deacon Tom*

BCP p. 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two are three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Deacon Tom: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Concluding Sentence *Deacon Tom*

BCP p. 102

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Recessional

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymnal 708

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arranged by Dale Wood

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Announcements

The Rev. Betsy McElroy Out-Of-Town through the 26th.

The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson Out-Of-Town April 26 – May 1.

Wednesday, April 24

12 Noon, Noon-Day Prayer, Historical Chapel

6:30 pm, Choir Practice, Hospitality Room

Saturday, April 27

9:00 am, Love Lodi Event

Sunday, April 28

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church, Preacher: Rev. Betsy.

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

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Beth Elwood

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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

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