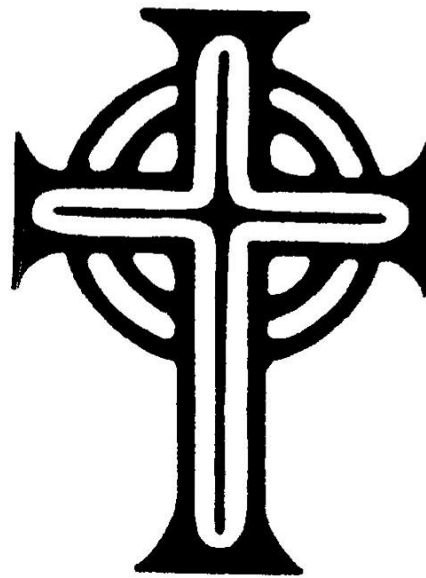


Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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



Morning Prayer The Third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 5

June 9, 2024 ☩ 9:30 am

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) 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.

St. John's wishes to acknowledge and honor the Yokut and Miwok people[s] upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the resilience and strength of all our indigenous siblings around the world.

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

Beth & Jim Elwood in celebration of Beth's sister, Sara Ferry's birthday, June 8

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

Those Who Serve Today

Rector: The Rev. Besty McElroy (Out of town)

Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Elaine Sager

Eucharistic Minister: Anne Reeve

Lectors: Rosemary Cress & Candice Gale

Camera Acolyte: Holly Wilson

Crucifer: Stacey Bagnasco

Ushers: David Diekman & Paula Saubolle

Sound: Corky Kuykendall

Altar Guild: Paula Saubolle & Jim Reeve

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Charlene Martin/Stacey Bagnasco

Designer Guild: Ejae Perry & Mandi Sager

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Ruth Diekman

Coffee Hour: Stacey & Carlo Bagnasco

Counters: TBA /Dee Mayfield

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Welcome:

The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson

Prelude

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Entrance Hymn (*Stand as able.*) *This is the day the Lord hath made* Hymnal 50

Opening Sentence:

Deacon: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. (*Psalm 43:3*)

Confession

BCP p. 79

The Presider says,

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us pause in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All together

**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 Presider says

BCP p. 80

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Invitatory *(All Stand)*

BCP p. 80

Deacon: Lord, open our lips.

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

Presider 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 fore ever, Amen. Alleluia.

Deacon: The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7 All together*

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: The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 130 *Please be seated*

Rosemary Cress

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *

O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *

therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

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

A Reading from the Second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

All are seated.

Rosemary Cress

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – “I believed, and so I spoke” – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*)

Reader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations Will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory. (Isaiah 60:1-3,11a,14c,18-19)

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.

A Reading from The Gospel According to Mark

Candice Gale

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" – for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (*Mark 3:20-35*)

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

Canticle 15 (*All Stand, all together*) **The Song of Mary** *Luke 1:46-55*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
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.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dcn. Tom Hampson

Silence

The Apostles Creed *(All together)*

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

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.

**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. Amen.**

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

Anne Reeve

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

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O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP p. 98

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.**

A Collect For Social Justice

BCP p. 823

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

BCP p. 376

Anthem

O Christ the healer

WLP 772

Collection will be taken during Anthem

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

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Prayers of the People *Form VI* Anne Reeve

BCP p. 388

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and David our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving *Deacon and People*

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**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

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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.**

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Concluding Sentence *Presider*

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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*

Closing Hymn *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

Hymnal 535

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

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office

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

6:00 pm, Vestry Monthly Meeting, Hospitality Room

Wednesday, June 12

10:45 am, People of Faith Study, Hospitality Room

12:00 noon, Noon-Day Prayer, Historical Chapel

June 15 - 23: Penny on Vacation

June 15 - 27: Dcn. Tom on Vacation

Sunday, June 16

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

10:45 am, Episcopalian 101, Hospitality Room

Join us every Wednesday at 12 Noon for Noon-Day Prayer in the Chapel.

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.

Volunteers Needed! For coffee hour, sound persons, ushers, and acolytes. Please see Penny if you would like to be trained or help us out in any way.

Confirmation / Episcopalian 101 Classes - Next Session is June 9 - The book is "Your Faith, Your Life" by Jennifer Gamber. We have a few books available in the church office. A donation of \$18.00 would be greatly appreciated, but not required.

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.

Coming June 27 - 30th - ECCO Family Camp - See the flyer at the back of the church. Ecco's Family Camp Program offers a loving, accepting, and supportive community for all. Games, Art & Crafts, outdoor activities. Questions? Call 559-683-8162. Register at eccoyosemite.org. Registration Deadline is June 17th.

ECCO vs. Fireworks Help: We understand that The ECCO Family Camp and working the Fireworks stand is at the same time. If you want to be back to help with the fireworks booth, you can register for a single night only.



St. John's has been awarded by the City of Lodi one of the slots to sell fireworks around the 4th of July. This has the potential to raise significant funds for St. John's (\$10,000 to \$15,000 or more) - but it will take a strong showing of volunteers in the seven days leading up to the Fourth to make it work.

Fireworks Stand Coverage times:

Friday, June 28:

12 Noon to 3:00 pm, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

June 29 through July 4:

9:00am to 12:00 Noon, 12:00 Noon to 3:00pm, 3:00pm to 6:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Please sign up to help staff the booth by the Ministry Table.

Prayer List Update: Our prayer list that we read aloud in church on Sundays has become quite long. This is because we didn't have a policy for taking people off the prayer list. To manage this better, we will be implementing the following policy. Our new policy will go into effect on June 16. If your name or loved one's name is currently on the list and you would like them to remain on the list, please let us know using the guidelines below.

- Names for the prayer list are best submitted in writing or by email to Carol Foote (cbf1@me.com) or the office (stjohnslodi@sbcglobal.net), but can also be submitted in person and over the phone. Please let us know whether you would like the name on the spoken list and how you would like it spoken (first name only or first and last). Please get permission to add the name before submitting it.

- When a name is placed on the list it will remain on the list for four weeks. After four weeks, they will automatically come off, though they may be renewed to remain for an additional four weeks.

- If you would like us to continue to pray for someone, please renew by sending an additional email letting us know your preference.

Scribble Page

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