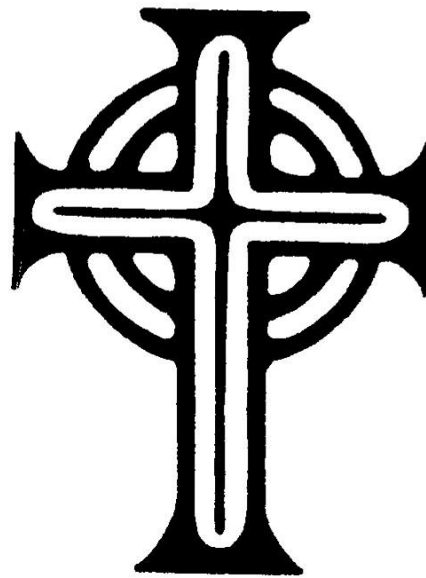


Welcome to
**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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



**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 6**

June 16, 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:

Hannah & Holly Wilson, in loving memory of our dad, Greg Wilson on Father's Day.

Vinita Shinn in loving memory of her parents, Eula & John Coulter, for their wedding anniversary, June 17.

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

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Besty McElroy (B)

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (vacation)

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Elaine Sager

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Elwood (C)

Lectors: Hennie Van Konynenburg & Debby Weberski

Camera Acolyte: Debby Weberski (GF)

Crucifer: Stacey Bagnasco (C)

Ushers: TBA & David Diekman

Sound: Steve Augusto

Altar Guild: Peggy Moos & Stuart Krengel

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Debby Weberski/Christina Soria

Designer Guild: Kathy Girard & Barbara Warburton

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Ruth Diekman

Coffee Hour: Fred Hanson

Counters: Sharon Farnsworth & Corky Kuykendall

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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

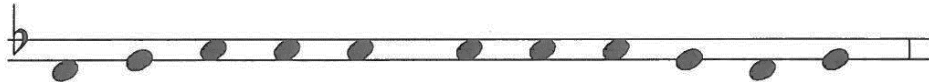
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Entrance Hymn (*Stand as able.*) *The church's one foundation* Hymnal 525

Opening Acclamation

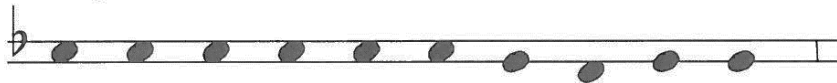
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Celebrant



Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

People



Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

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.**

Kyrie (*All stand*)

BCP p. 356

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy,

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel *All are seated.* Hennie Van Konynenburg

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
 from the lofty top of a cedar;
 I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
 from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
 on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
 I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
 and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
 in the shade of its branches will nest
 winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
 that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
 I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
 and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
 I will accomplish it. (*Ezekiel 17:22-24*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

Hennie Van Konynenburg

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
 and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
 and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
 and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
 and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

A Reading from The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Debby Weberski

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:6-10,11-13,14-17)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *(Sung Acapella in an echo style)*

"I am here in the breath of God"

Leader: I am here in the breath of God,

People: I am here in the breath of God,

Leader: God is here in the breath of me.

People: God is here in the breath of me.

Leader: Like the wind in the springtime and the springtime in the wind.

People: Like the wind in the springtime and the springtime in the wind.

Leader: I am here in the breath of God.

People: I am here in the breath of God.

(Sing through 3 times)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. *(Mark 4:26-34)*

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Betsy McElroy

Silence

**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.**

Prayers of the People *Form VI*

Beth Elwood

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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: 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.**

The Peace is exchanged.

Announcements

Father's Day Collect

Holy God, our first father, advocate, and guide. We give thanks today for the gift of fathers in all their forms, those who have mentored, sacrificed, challenged, and guided their children to achieve their dreams and, those who make their children laugh and giggle, take risks, and appreciate the silence of the night sky. On this Father's Day, we ask for your blessings upon fathers. Grant them wisdom and humility as they love and guide those entrusted to their care. We ask for forgiveness where it is needed and comfort for those who mourn the loss of their father who was gone too soon. Bless all our relationships with the father figures in our lives with generosity, patience, respect, and love. All this we ask, in the name of your first son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God* Hymnal 711

The Doxology *Praise to God (vs. 3 only)* Hymnal 380

The Great Thanksgiving *(Standing)* EOW2

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as parents care for their children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

(Celebrant and People)

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-125

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.



A - MEN.

The Lord's Prayer

(traditional)

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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: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant continues,

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

As We Eat This Bread

As we eat this bread and we drink this cup, we're be -
com-ing the bod - y of Christ. Come and fill our hearts so we'll
dream your dreams and your king - dom will come through our lives.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the words 'eat', 'fill', and 'dream'.

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.*

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

The Lord come and not be slow

Hymnal 462

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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2024 Vestry Members

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Fran Bott, Clerk

Stacey Bagnasco

Beth Elwood

Bob Gorczyca

Charlene Martin

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Debby Weberski

Andee Zetterbaum

Juneteenth Celebration

St. John's celebration of Juneteenth will take place on June 19 at 7:00 PM. Our preacher will be Rev. Curtis Smith, Executive Director of Faith in the Valley. Rachel Salters, our resident award-winning poet, will be reading a poem as well. Join us!

Announcements

June 15 – 23: Penny on Vacation

June 15 – 27: Dcn. Tom on Vacation

Monday, June 17 – Paula Saubolle Office Coverage

Tuesday, June 18 – Barbara Warburton Office Coverage

Wednesday, June 19– Barbara Warburton Office Coverage

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

7:00 pm, Juneteenth Service, Church

Thursday, June 20 - Paula Saubolle Office Coverage

Sunday, June 23

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

10:45 am, Episcopalian 101, Hospitality Room

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.