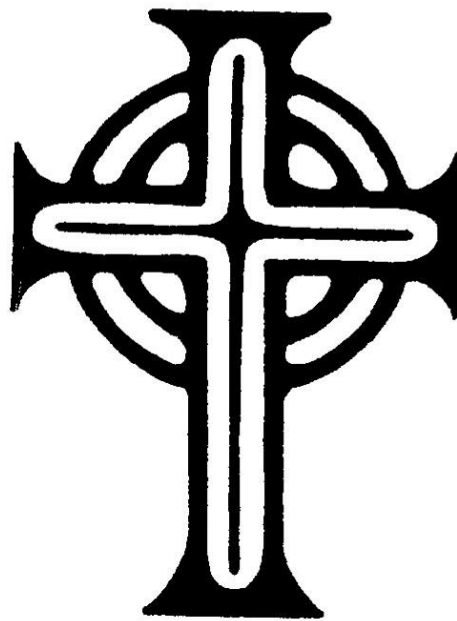


*Welcome to*  
**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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



**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 10**

July 14, 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.

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None.

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

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## *Those Who Serve Today*

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

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

*Choir Director:* Steven Weikle

*Pianist/Organist:*

*Eucharistic Minister:* Anne Reeve (C)

*Lectors:* Rosemary Cress & Candice Gale

*Camera Acolyte:* Carlo Bagnasco (GF)

*Crucifer:* Stacey Bagnasco (C)

*Ushers:* Patsy Gorczyca & Tom Gundershaug

*Sound:* Steve Augusto

*Altar Guild:* Peggy Moos & Jim Reeve

*Vestry Open/Close (Announcements):* Fran Bott/Stacey Bagnasco

*Designer Guild:* Ejae Perry & Mandi Sager

*Nursery Care:* None until further notice

*Sunday School:* Ruth Diekman

*Coffee Hour:* Diane & Robert Elliott

*Counters:* Sharon Farnsworth & Corky Kuykendall

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

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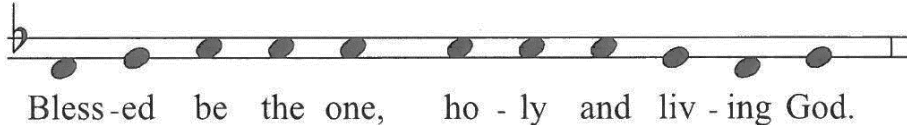
**Entrance Hymn** (*Stand as able.*) *The Church's one foundation*

Hymnal 525

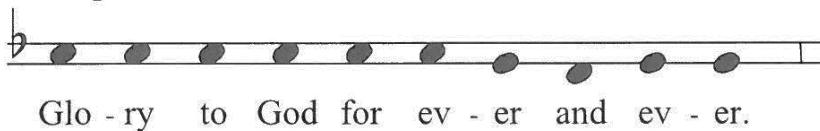
## Opening Acclamation

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*Celebrant*



*People*



## 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.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A Reading from the Book of Amos *All are seated.*

Rosemary Cress

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'" (*Amos 7:7-15*)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 85:8-13

Rosemary Cress

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Candice Gale

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. (*Ephesians 1:3-14*)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

*"I am here in the heart of God"*

*Leader:* I am here in the heart of God,

*People:* ***I am here in the heart of God,***

*Leader:* God is here in the heart of me.

*People:* ***God is here in the heart of me.***

*Leader:* Like the wave in the water and the water in the wave,

*People:* ***Like the wave in the water and the water in the wave,***

*Leader:* I am here in the heart of God.

*People:* ***I am here in the heart of God.***

*(Sing through 3 times)*

# 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.**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. *(Mark 6:14-29)*

*Deacon:* 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*

Anne Reeve

*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.**

## **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.**

*The Peace is exchanged.*

## **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.**



sinner, 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.



## 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:* 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

*Eat This Bread*

NCH 788

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## 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

*Seek ye first*

Hymnal 711

## 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, July 15

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

### Tuesday, July 16

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Office

### Wednesday, July 17

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

### Sunday, July 21

9:30 am, Morning Prayer, 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 - Continues** - 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.

**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](mailto:cbf1@me.com)) or the office ([stjohnslodi@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

**July 27 & 28 Is The 50th Anniversary Celebrating The Ordination of Women To The Episcopal Church** - On July 29, 1974, the feast of St. Mary and St. Martha, eleven women were ordained to the priesthood at the Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia, PA. They were the first women to be ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church, two years before General Convention authorized the ordination of women. Their “irregular” ordinations, along with the ordinations of four additional women in September 1975 were highly contested until General Convention in 1976 when their ordinations were recognized and Convention approved women’s ordination moving forward.

50 years later, we celebrate these women and all the women who have followed in their footsteps, including our very own Rev. Betsy. To honor this momentous occasion, we host a viewing party of the documentary *The Philadelphia Eleven* at 1:00 on Saturday, July 27 at the Lodi Library. Then, on Sunday, July 28, the Rev. Mary Morrison and the Rev. Deacon Jo Weber, both from the Diocese of El Camino Real, will join us for special Sunday liturgy dedicated to the first eleven women and all the women who came after.

We invite you to be there for this weekend of celebration.



Dates for the retreat are August 27-29 at ECCO



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