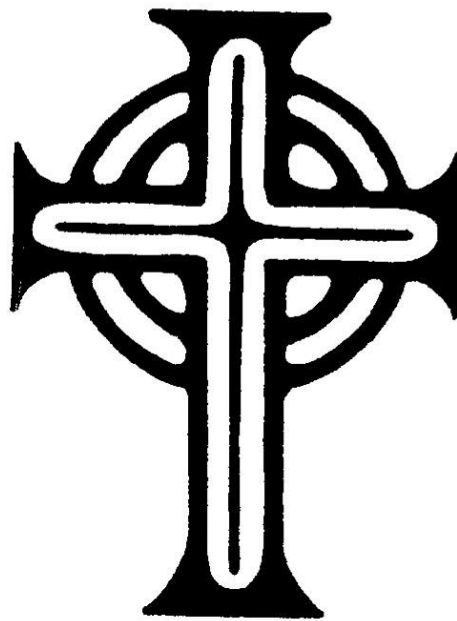


*Welcome to*  
**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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



**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 11**

July 21, 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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**Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:**

Beth & Jim Elwood in loving memory of their mothers, Susan and Mary for their July Birthdays.

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

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## *Those Who Serve Today*

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

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

*Preacher:* Charlene Martin

*Choir Director:* Steven Weikle

*Pianist/Organist:* Elaine Sager

*Eucharistic Minister:* Beth Elwood (C)

*Lectors:* Debby Weberski & Anne Reeve

*Camera Acolyte:* Holly Wilson (GF)

*Crucifer:* Cheryl Nix (C)

*Ushers:* Debby Weberski & Andee Zetterbaum

*Sound:* James Bassett

*Altar Guild:* Cheryl Nix & Anne Reeve

*Vestry Open/Close (Announcements):* Debby Weberski/ Andee Zetterbaum

*Designer Guild:* Kathy Girard & Barbara Warburton

*Nursery Care:* None until further notice

*Sunday School:* Peggy Moos

*Coffee Hour:* Corky Kuykendall

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

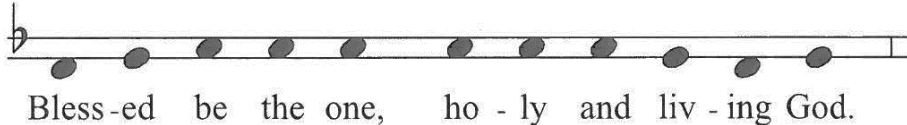
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**Entrance Hymn** (*Stand as able.*) *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness* Hymnal 492

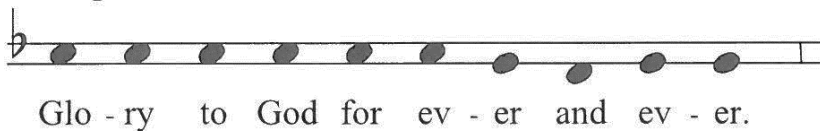
## Opening Acclamation

EOW1

*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.**

**Gloria** (*All stand*) *Glory to God* Hymnal S 278

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 Jeremiah *All are seated.*

Debby Weberski

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*(Jeremiah 23:1-6)*

*Reader:*       The Word of the Lord.

*People:*       **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

Debby Weberski

- 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.

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

Anne Reeve

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. (*Ephesians 2:11-22*)

*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

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

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed. (*Mark 6:30-34,53-56*)

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Charlene Martin

*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 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.**

## Offertory Sentence

### The Liturgy of the Table

#### Offertory Anthem

*Let us break bread together*

LEVAS 152

#### The Doxology

*Praise to God* (vs. 3 only)

Hymnal 380

#### The Great Thanksgiving (Standing)

EOW2

The musical notation is arranged in four staves. The first two staves show the Celebrant and People parts respectively, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The next two staves continue the parts with lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

*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

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 line of the hymn is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry."

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

The second line of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

## 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

*Savior like a shepherd lead us*

Hymnal 708

## 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

### Tuesday, July 23

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Office

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

### Wednesday, July 24

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

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

### Friday, July 26

5:30 pm, Soul Kitchen Dinner, Church Narthex

### Saturday, July 27

11:00 am, Showing the movie "The Philadelphia Eleven", Lodi Library

### Sunday, July 28 - The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrating the Ordination of Women

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

10:45 am, Episcopalian 101, Hospitality Room



**August 5 - 23, Rev. Betsy will be attending the Tutu Travel Seminar with Canon Anna for her continuing education.**

### 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.

**Backpacks for Kids** - St. John's is supporting the Love Lodi campaign to collect backpacks for kids returning to school in the fall. Here's how you can help:

\* Bring 17-18" backpacks for Chromebooks to St. John's this Sunday. Please avoid solid red or blue colors (gang colors). We will take them to the Love Lodi

distribution point.

\* Make a financial contribution toward purchasing back packs in the collection basket indicated for this campaign. Checks should be made out to St. John's noting "Backpacks" in the memo line.

\* Backpacks can also be dropped off at these community collection sites until July 27th: Inspire Coffee, Lodi Chamber of Commerce, and Safelite Auto Glass.

We need all backpacks and money by July 26th. Thanks so much for your generosity.

**In Quest of Questions** - If Jesus walked into St. John's next Sunday, what would you like to ask him? We are inviting folks with questions to join in a conversation, sharing their questions and tentative answers. What have you been wondering about? New members and veterans are all welcome. Sessions will be facilitated by Rev. Betsy and Deacon Tom, but the questions will be provided by the participants. Interested? Sign up at the Ministry Table. We'll be in contact to schedule the first session. Join us!

**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.

Dates for the retreat are August 27-29 at ECCO



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Beth Elwood

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