

Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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



The 50th Anniversary Celebrating the Ordination of Women

July 28, 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:

Elfonda Filomeo in loving memory of her grandson, Brandon Baker, for his birthday, July 28.

Roxy & Steve Woodard in loving memory of his mother, Clem Woodard for her birthday, July 28.

Kathy Girard in loving memory of her brother, Frank Roa, for his birthday, July 29

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

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Betsy McElroy (B)

Deacons: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (B)

The Rev. Deacon Jo Weber

Preacher: The Rev. Mary Morrison

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Becky Nelson

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Elwood (C)

Lectors: Christina Soria & Charlene Martin

Camera Acolyte: Holly Wilson (GF)

Crucifer: Stacey Bagnasco (C)

Ushers: Cheryl Nix & Debby Weberski

Sound: Stephanie Pilcher

Altar Guild: Bunmi Olowoyeye & Aleathea Langone

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Beth Elwood/Stacey Bagnasco

Designer Guild: Janie Williams & Allison Dooley

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Janie Williams

Coffee Hour: Andee Zetterbaum and Megan Harrison

Counters: Eric Goossens & TBA

The Liturgy of the Word

Adapted Eucharist from *Woman Praise Woman Song* and *Enriching Our Worship, Collect & Litany* by The Very Rev. Kay Sylvester, and an Alternative Lord's Prayer from *Prayers at Night's Approaching* by Jim Cotter

Prelude

Andante from No. 2 of *Four Short Voluntaries*

By Kate Westrop

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Entrance Hymn *(Stand as able.)*

Come Labor On

Hymnal 541

Opening Salutation by Presider

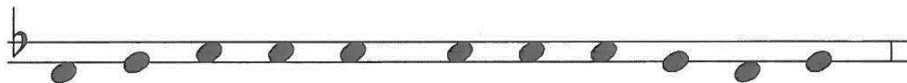
As we come together now, let us settle into stillness. Slowly, ever so slowly, we center our minds and our hearts. Let your cares and your weariness fall away. Enter deeply into silence. We are one with the universe. We are one with the sun and the stars. We are one with the One who is Mystery, who created the heavens and the earth. We are one with the One who is Mystery, who created you and me. O marvelous mystery! I am one with the One who is Mystery, the One who created me, and loves me, and whose Spirit lives in me.

Moment of silence

Opening Acclamation

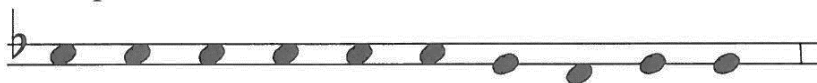
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Celebrant



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

People



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

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.

Holy God, we thank you for the courage of the eleven women who offered themselves to your service as priests 50 years ago in Philadelphia. With gratitude, we honor all those who defended their cause and assisted them in answering your call. Help us, having their bravery in mind, to continue the work of inviting, blessing, and utilizing the gifts of all persons, for the building up of the Body of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Exodus *All are seated.* Christina Soria

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?" The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive." So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. (*Exodus 1:15-21*)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Wisdom of Sirach

Christina Soria

Wisdom was created before all other things,
and prudent understanding from eternity.
The root of wisdom – to whom has it been revealed?
Her subtleties – who knows them?
There is but one who is wise, greatly to be feared,
seated upon his throne – the Lord.
It is he who created her;
he saw her and took her measure;
he poured her out upon all his works,
upon all the living according to his gift;
he lavished her upon those who love him.
The fear of the Lord is glory and exultation,
and gladness and a crown of rejoicing.
The fear of the Lord delights the heart,
and gives gladness and joy and long life.
Those who fear the Lord will have a happy end;
on the day of their death they will be blessed.
To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
she is created with the faithful in the womb.
She made among human beings an eternal foundation,
and among their descendants she will abide faithfully.
and her branches are long life. (1:4-15)

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Galatians

Charlene Martin

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (*Galatians 3:23-29*)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. (*Luke 24:1-11*)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Morrison

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.**

A Litany of Prayer for the Philadelphia Eleven

Beth Elwood

The Leader and People pray responsively

God of our forebears, we remember the first women ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church: Alison, Alla, Betty, Carter, Emily, Jeannette, Katrina, Marie, Merrill, Nancy, and Suzanne. Thank you for calling them to priesthood, and for giving them the resolve to answer.

We thank you, Holy One.

We remember the bishops who acted to ordain them: Daniel Corrigan, Robert DeWitt, and Edward Welles. We thank you for their apostolic service.

We thank you, Holy One.

We give thanks for the leaders of the Church of the Advocate, who embodied hospitality and care.

We thank you, Holy One.

We thank you for the bishops and deputies who acted to break down gender barriers to ordination, opening the way for women to answer your call in this church.

We thank you, Holy One.

Spirit of love, we pray for ears to hear your call, and the strength to answer.

Hear us, Holy One.

Spirit of wisdom, we pray for discerning hearts, so that we may recognize the gifts and ministries for which you equip us.

Hear us, Holy One.

Spirit of justice, we pray for those who are devalued and limited rather than lifted and celebrated; help us to see your glory in every human face.

Hear us, Holy One.

Spirit of love, we pray for your church and for your world. As we strive to bring equity to our church, we pray to serve as models of justice and peace for our neighbors.

Hear us, Holy One.

Presider continues,

Holy and gracious God, we pray to participate each day in the renewal of your church and in the healing of the world. Teach us to value one another, to rely on the breadth of our diverse gifts, and to unite us in bonds of love. We pray because of Jesus, who teaches us to serve. **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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness. Over the waters of creation, you brought light from darkness. Out of the waters of the flood, you brought life from death. Through the waters of the Red Sea, you brought freedom from bondage. In the waters of baptism, you bring communion from isolation.

We thank you for creation, for redemption, and for your love that will reconcile and rule all in all. Especially we thank you for the gift of Jesus, who is one with you and makes us one in him and one in the faith of your Church. May we be strengthened to stand up for justice, offer comfort and forgiveness, and love the world as you love us.

On the night before he suffered death, as Jesus gathered his friends around the table he took bread and, offering thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to all of them saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After all of them had eaten, he again took the cup and, offering thanks to you, he gave it to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim Christ's death until he comes again.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son, his prayer that we may be one, his death and resurrection, his ascension and continual intercession for us, and his sending of the living giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives and the lives of those around us, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit to bless us and these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break may be a communion in the body of Christ, and that the cup we share may be a communion in the blood of Christ.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

In the waters of baptism you have made us one with God; give us unity in faith and love, and enable us to grow in all things in Christ.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now with confidence as children of God, we boldly pray:

**Eternal Spirit,
Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker
Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the people of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope, and come on earth!
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too severe to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. 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

*I want to walk as a child of the light
Take my life and let it be*

Hymnal 490
Hymnal 707

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

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Live without fear: your Creator as made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may the blessing of God, the one who Created us, Redeemed us, and Sustains us, be with you this day now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Closing Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 686

Postlude

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Announcements

Tuesday, July 30

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Office

Wednesday, July 31

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

Friday, August 2

9:00 am, Garth Williams Funeral, Cherokee Memorial Park

Sunday, August 4

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

August 5 - 23, Rev. Betsy will be attending the Tutu Travel Seminar to South Africa with Canon Anna for her continuing education. If you want to know more, go to www.tutseminar.org

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

Presents...



Saturday, August 24, 2024

12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes:

12:00 noon: Doors Open

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: Luncheon

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm: 10 Bingo Games

2 Bingo Cards

Space is limited, reservations are suggested

Please RSVP by calling

Mary Ellen at 209-369-4240 or

St. John's Church at 209-369-3381 or

Sign Up at the Ministry Table at Church

1055 S. Lower Sacramento Road

Lodi, Ca 95242

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.

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.

Dates for the Latino Ministries Retreat are August 27-29 at ECCO - Reflection, Prayer, Discernment and Formation. Join us to dream a plan that we are "Called to be..." as a Diocese, responding to the population in our landscape and their needs. Register here: bit.ly/EDSJlatino2024

Music Notes: Kate Westrop Allender was raised in London and most likely learned to compose, and play the piano and organ, from her father Henry Westrop. In 1879 she succeeded him as organist of the Anglican Church, St. Edmund, King and Martyr, Lombard Street, London. [Music Notes – rhn]

The Rev. Mary Morrison

I am a native California, born and raised in Sacramento. I attended the University of California at Davis with a BA in history, earned an elementary teaching credential, and taught elementary school for 25 years. For most of those years, I also served Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and Episcopal parishes as an organist.

I attended the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and was ordained in 2000. After working at the seminary for two years as the Program Director for the Center for Anglican Leadership and Life, I served St. Luke's, Los Gatos as an Assistant for six years and then was elected Rector of St. James', Paso Robles.

I retired in 2013 and Jo and I moved back to Sacramento in 2018.

I was honored by my seminary, CDSP, with a Doctor of Divinity degree in 2023.

The Rev. Deacon Jo Weber

I was born and grew up in north central Ohio and educated at Vassar College (A.B.), Sacramento State (M.A.), CDSP (C.T.S.) and the School for Deacons (B.D.S. - Diaconal Studies). I was ordained in 2003.

For 27 years, I was employed by UC Davis as a research associate, where I supported teaching labs for medical students, and research in physiology, cardiology, pharmacology, trauma, and AIDS.

My spouse, Mary, and I have been living together since 1987; our relationship was liturgically blessed at St. Luke's, Los Gatos, in August 1997 and we were legally married in July 2008. I have two daughters by a former marriage, three adult grandsons, one granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

I have served as a music minister in several churches and was formerly the Membership Director-Database Manager for the Association for Episcopal Deacons; Instructor of Prayer Book and Liturgical Studies at the School for Deacons, and Archdeacon of the Diocese of El Camino Real.

I especially enjoy traveling, music, and solving electronic jigsaw puzzles.

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