

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

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



**First Sunday of the Season of Creation**  
An Ecumenical Celebration

September 1, 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:

In loving memory of Rose & Chester George on the anniversary of their wedding, Sept. 1.

Ruth Diekman, in loving memory of her parents, Mina B Clark & William Wakeham for their September birthdays.

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

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## A Environmental Reading from Laudato Si', Pope Francis

*Pope Francis (b. 1936) is a Jesuit from Argentina. Laudato Si' (Praise Be To You) is his first original encyclical with the subtitle "on care for our common home". In it, the pope critiques consumerism and irresponsible development, laments environmental Degradation and global warming, and calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action."*

When we speak of the "environment," what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. Recognizing the reasons why a given area is polluted requires a study of the workings of society its economy, its behavior patterns, and the ways it grasps reality. Given the scale of change, it is no longer possible to find a specific, discrete answer for each part of the problem. It is essential to seek comprehensive solutions which consider the interactions within natural systems themselves and with social systems. We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.

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

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

*Veni Creator*

(Come Creator, Traditional 9<sup>th</sup> century based on a Gregorian chant)

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## Entrance Hymn *(Stand as able.)*

*Earth and All Stars*

Hymnal 412

## Opening Acclamation

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*Presider:* This is the day the Creator has made.

*People:* *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

## 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.**

## Song of Praise *(All stand)* *All Creatures of our God & King* (Vs. 1, 2 & 7 only)

Hymnal 400

## The Creation Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Creator be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Lord of all love and glory, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Creation; increase in all true unity; nourish the world with all goodness; and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy *All are seated.* Charlene Martin

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children — (*Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9*)

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.

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

## Psalm 15

Charlene Martin

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## 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.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

*(Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23)*

*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.**

# The Prayers of the People *Form 2 from Season of Creation*

Anne Reeve

*The Leader and People pray responsively. During the silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Presider:* This season we pray with and for God's whole Creation. We pray that humanity might learn to love and honor the rest of the natural world, to grieve and turn away from our selfish and destructive acts, and to work together to transform human hearts and human civilizations so that all living beings might flourish.

*Leader:* Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.  
In the beginning,

*People:* **God was.**

*Leader:* Here and now,

*People:* **God is.**

*Leader:* Confident of God's love, we bring all our prayers before God today.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader:* God, Giver of life,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Creator God, we thank you for the gift of the wonderful world you have given us. Help us to look after it with care and respect.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader:* God, Giver of life,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Creator God, there are many people whose lives are made difficult because of climate change and pollution. May we reach out to them in love and, through our better care for creation, may their lives be improved.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader:* God, Giver of life,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Creator God, your son Jesus gave his disciples a special rule, to 'love one another as I have loved you.' Guided by the Holy Spirit may we see all people as our sisters and brothers and treat them with respect.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader:* God, Giver of life,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Creator God, we pray for all those who work to make the created world a better place to live in. May we follow their example and be true 'stewards' of your gift to us of this beautiful world.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader:* God, Giver of life,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need our presence and help especially, Kelly & Karen Olds, David Lockhart, Kevin & Jeannie Canwell, Richard & Rosemary Cress, The Wilson Family, Katie Long & Annette & Matt Corrin

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader:* God, Giver of life,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

*Leader:* God, Giver of life,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## Confession of Sin

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*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation. (*stand or kneel as able.*)

**Holy and merciful God,  
We confess that we have failed to honor you  
By rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.  
We have walked heavily on your earth,  
Overused and wasted its resources,  
Taken for granted its beauty and abundance,  
And treated its inhabitants unjustly,  
Holding future generations hostage to our greed.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.  
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as  
    You desire and intend,  
With grateful and compassionate hearts,  
Through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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:* Peace with yourself.  
Peace with Creation.  
Peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

*The Peace is exchanged.*

## Announcements

### Backpack Blessing

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, crisp blank pages and computer screens waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.

Today we give you thanks for these your students, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school.

We give you thanks for these your teachers and educators. We ask that you bless them with wisdom, patience, generosity, and love. May their bags be a sign to them that they have everything they need to nurture, teach, and guide the students in their care.

May these students and educators be guided by your example and by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us.

**Amen.** (Prayer adapted from Wendy Claire Barre, *Faith at Home*, p. 92)

## **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**      *O blest Creator, source of light* (Choir Only)      Hymnal 28

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

**The Great Thanksgiving** (*Standing*)      SOC 1

*Presider*    The Creator be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*    Lift up your hearts.

*People*      **We lift them to the Creator.**

*Presider*    Let us give thanks to our loving God.

*People*      **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison

and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life. Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you – for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people. And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus *(Celebrant and People)*

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever. AMEN

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

**All:**        **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by the peoples 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 great 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 for ever. Amen.**

*— A New Zealand Prayer Book*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

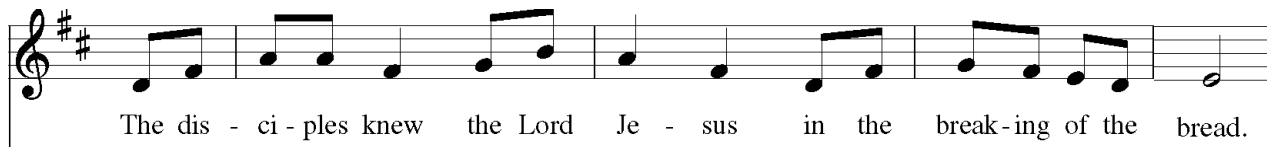
**People:** All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body

# Fraction Hymn

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

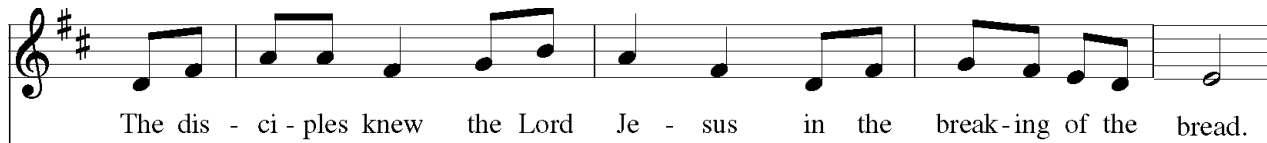
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*Choir/Cantor*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

*Refrain- All Sing*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

*Choir/Cantor*

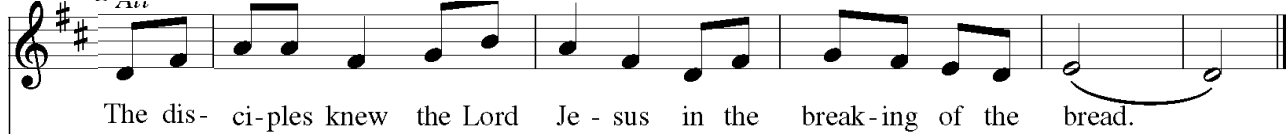
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

*Refrain - All Sing*

*Choir/Cantor*

One body are we, alleluia, though many we share one bread.

*All Sing*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the 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

*Father, we thank thee who has planted*

Hymnal 302

## **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.**

## **Postcommunion Prayer** *Standing*

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*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,  
that the gifts of your Spirit may work  
in us and renew the face of the earth.**

**May we be one with you  
so that our work is yours  
and your work is ours.**

**Lead us to transform our lives  
to reflect your glory in Creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior  
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

May God light in us a holy fire: Light a fire that is worthy of our ancestors. Light a fire that is worthy of our children. Light a fire that is worthy of our fathers. Light a fire that is worthy of our mothers. Light a fire that is worthy of God. Now let us go in peace, lighting a holy fire wherever we go. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

Hymnal 302

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve God's Creation.

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

## **Postlude**

*Glorious Faith in God*

by Rachel Sawyer

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## Announcements

**Season of Creation Message:** The dire predictions of continued global warming have taken a psychological toll on many young people, who fear what they may face in coming decades. According to a recent issue of UC Santa Barbara Magazine, "these days, according to polling data, a majority of young people from countries around the world feel 'very or extremely worried' about the climate crisis, and more than half reported sadness, anger, powerlessness and guilt, and that those feelings negatively impacted their daily lives.

"The new challenge is addressing these anxieties ... 'Honestly, that's now job number one. Since the climate crisis may well be the greatest existential threat that our species has ever collectively faced, we need this new generation to be mobilized -- not petrified into inaction.'"

To help students deal with these fears, eight University of California campuses have launched a course on Climate Resilience to "build a durable mindset against the often debilitating anxieties tied to climate change." The course was designed by scholars and psychiatrists to help prepare students for the challenges to come. In the meantime, we must do all we can, here and now, to slow the warming of our planet, for the sake of generations to come.

*Quotations from "Fostering climate activism, and building resilience to climate anxiety" by Keith Hamm, as appeared in UC Santa Barbara Magazine, Spring/Summer 2024.*

## Calendar

**Monday, September 2 – Labor Day – Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 3**

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office

**Wednesday, September 4**

10:30 am, People of Faith Meeting, Nursery

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

6:30 pm, Choir Practice, Hospitality Room

**Thursday, September 5**

8:00 pm, Compline Prayer via Zoom

**Sunday, September 8 – Bishop Rice and Dcn. Terry Van Huss Visitations**

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Reception, Church 10:45am, Coffee Hour, Special presentation about creation care from Dcn. Terry

**Compline Prayer Thursday's @ 8:00 pm:** You are all very familiar with Morning and Noon Day Prayer, which have been offered at St. John's for quite some time. We will also add in Compline, which is a short service that comes at the very end of the day. If you are interested in leading one of these, please let me know. Keep an eye out for the schedule.

**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.

**St. John's booth at SJ Pride Festival Oct. 5** - The biggest Pride festival in San Joaquin County will be held in Stockton on Saturday, Oct. 5. Because there's no pride festival in Lodi this year, St. John's will have a booth at this one, to continue to spread the word that God loves everyone. Sign up to help staff the booth at the Ministry Table, or talk to Brad Huffman or Andee Zetterbaum.





From Ephesians 5:2: ... "Walk in love, as Christ loved us."

A pivotal moment in our liturgy as we move from the reading of and response to the Word, into the sacrament of Holy Communion. It is poignant to observe that we mark this moment of transition with an invitation to walk in love.

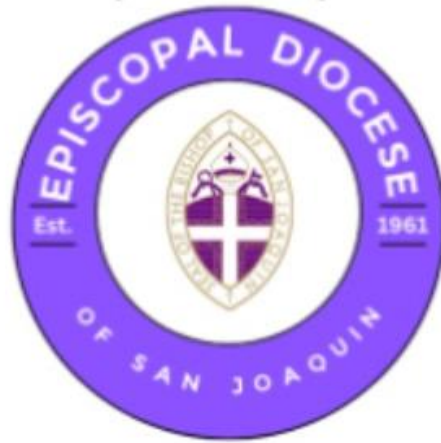
When we walk in love, there is clarity and purpose. We move in alignment with each other and with our values. Walking in love is also something we cannot do alone – by definition, it implies connection, community. Our journey is one made by millions, over thousands of years. *A cycle of invitation and of sharing.*

**When we gather in love, bless, break, and share our gifts and ourselves with the world, we bring healing and transformation to our world.**

St. John's invites you to join in the timeless call to "Walk in Love," as you share your wealth, works, and wisdom with a world in need. Our 2025 Fall Pledge Campaign kicks-off in October.

**This is a journey we make together; won't you join us?**

## Bishop Search Update



### **Mark your calendars for your local Listening Session!**

September 14, 10:30am: St Anne's Stockton (in-person)

September 19, 6:30pm: St Paul's Bakersfield (in-person)

September 26, 6:30pm: ZOOM for Spanish speakers only

October 3, 6:30pm: ZOOM for St Michael's Ridgecrest & St Sherrian's  
Kernville

October 10, 6:30pm: ZOOM for anyone in the diocese not able to attend in  
person events

October 17, 6:30pm: St James Cathedral Fresno (in-person)

October 19, 10:30am: St Paul's Modesto (in-person)

The Listening Sessions are set up by deanery, so please plan to attend the  
event closest to you!

If you are unable to attend an in-person event in your deanery, please plan to  
attend the October 10 ZOOM event.

These gatherings, along with the online survey, will help form the Bishop  
Search Profile, so please plan to participate and have your voice heard!

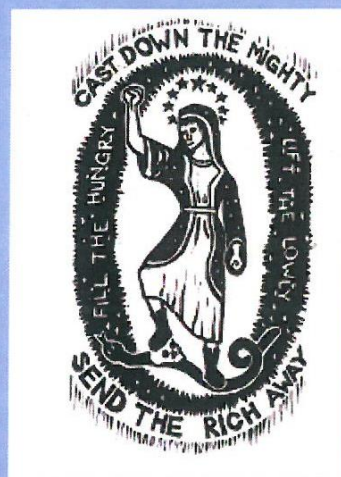
ZOOM information will be forthcoming!



You're invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women's Retreat!!

# Hangin' with Mary

(the BVM)



October 4-6 @ ECCO

Register at: <https://eccoyosemite.org/womens-retreat-registration/>

You must be at least 21 years old and woman-identified to attend

*Activities include: yoga, rosary making, Marian spiritual practices, arts & crafts, paint & sip, wine tasting, time for reflection, relationship building*



Registration closes September 20<sup>th</sup>

Single: \$300.40 \* Double \$258.40 \* Quad \$234.40 \* RV rate: \$143.20

(prices include all supplies and activities related to the retreat)

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

*Those Who Serve Today*

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

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

*Choir Director:* Steven Weikle

*Pianist/Organist:* Michael Tompkins

*Eucharistic Minister:* Anne Reeve (C)

*Lectors:* Charlene Martin & Beth Elwood

*Camera Acolyte:* Holly Wilson (GF)

*Crucifer:* Beth Elwood (C)

*Ushers:* Brad Huffman & Andee Zetterbaum

*Sound:* Dick Williams

*Altar Guild:* Anne Reeve & Jim Reeve

*Vestry Open/Close (Announcements):* Debby Weberski/Charlene Martin

*Designer Guild:* Kathy Girard & Barbara Warburton

*Nursery Care:* None until further notice

*Sunday School:* Janie Williams

*Coffee Hour:* Creation Care Team

*Counters:* Sharon Farnsworth &