

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

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



**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 23
Indigenous Peoples Day**

October 13, 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!

These prayers are being offered to the congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin to honor Indigenous Peoples Day. The language and prayer style is authentic and reflective of the deep and abiding relationship between God's people on this land and God our Creator. You are invited to use this liturgy in its entirety or to incorporate prayers into your Sunday worship order.

Tomorrow much of this country, still after all these years, will celebrate Columbus Day. It is no secret at this point that Columbus Day, in 1492, was just the beginning of a terrible and brutal history of violence and oppression toward indigenous peoples of North America. Columbus and those who followed were obsessed with conversion, brought over diseases the natives had no way to cure, and ultimately desecrated entire peoples and cultures. Today we want to acknowledge this history. We want to be honest about the ways our faith tradition has been used to colonize, to abuse, and to oppress people. And we seek to reclaim the truth of the Gospel. That Christ came to love and to serve, not to conquer and enslave.

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:

Arron & Heather Wied, in loving memory of Arron's mother Christine Wied,
whose birthday was Oct. 13

John Nieman in remembrance of his beloved Fran's memorial service on Oct. 13, 2018.

Dr. Elliott L. Adams in loving memory of his grandparents, Dr. Samuel R. & Lillian Arthur & their
son, Dr. Richard Arthur Jr.

Ruth Diekman in loving memory of Richard Diekman's parents, Marie & Herman Diekman.

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

Those Who Serve Today

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

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (on vacation)

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Elwood (C)

Lectors: Debby Weberski & Bob Gorczyca

Camera Acolyte: Brad Huffman (GF)

Crucifer: Margaret Meyers (C)

Ushers: Debby Weberski & Greg Soligan

Sound: Dick Williams

Altar Guild: Anne Reeve & Aleathea Langone

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Debby Weberski / Bob Gorczyca

Designer Guild: Kathy Girard & Barbara Warburton

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Janie Williams

Coffee Hour: Janie Williams & Anne Reeve

Counters: Eric Goossens & Corky Kuykendall

The Liturgy of the Word

Welcome

The Rev. Betsy McElroy

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land:

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Yokut and Miwok, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

Prelude

Be Thou my Vision

traditional Irish

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Entrance Hymn (*Stand as able.*) *O God, our help in ages past*

Hymnal 680

Opening Acclamation

IPD

Celebrant: Blessed be the Creator, the one who spoke new life, and the one who fills us with the Spirit of God.

People: **And blessed be the three in one, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together

The Gathering Prayer (*Celebrant continues*)

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Song of Praise *(All stand)*

Thank you for this day, God,*

Thank you for this day*, God,
Thank you for this day.
Thank you for this day, O God,
Thank you for this day.
This healing, healing, healing day.
This healing, healing, healing day.

Thank you for your word*, God,
Thank you for your word.
Thank you for your word, O God,
Thank you for your word.
Your healing, healing, healing word.
Your healing, healing, healing word.

Thank you for your song*, God,
Thank you for your song.
Thank you for your song, O God,
Thank you for your song.
Your healing, healing, healing song.
Your healing, healing, healing song.

**Additional verses will change this word throughout our procession.*

This song from The Native American Church Movement awakens a powerful sense of openness and thanksgiving. It is inspired by the Native American ritual of greeting the morning sun – a time for acknowledging the daily renewal of creation and connecting with God, The Great Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah *All are seated.*

Debby Weberski

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (*Isaiah 40:25-31*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

Debby Weberski

Reader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;*

People: **and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

Reader: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.*

People: **There is no speech, nor are there words;**

Reader: their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth,*

People: **and their words to the end of the world.**

Reader: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,*

People: **and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

Reader: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;*

People: **and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

Reader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;*

People: **the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Reader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;*

People: **the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Reader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever;*

People: **the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

Reader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;*

People: **sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Reader: Moreover by them is your servant warned;*

People: **in keeping them there is great reward.**

Reader: But who can detect their errors?*

People: **Clear me from hidden faults.**

Reader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent;*

People: **do not let them have dominion over me.**

Reader: Then I shall be blameless,*

People: **and innocent of great transgression.**

Reader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,*

People: **O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Bob Gorczyca

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians *All are seated.*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. (*Philippians 4:4-9*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Many and great, O Lord are thy works

Hymnal 385

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

(John 1:1-18)

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Betsy McElroy

Silence

Stewardship Testimony Campaign Launch

Beth Elwood

Native American Creed *All stand as able.*

By The Rev. Roger Scott

I believe in God, Creator of our unique native languages,
Who gifted us this identity as a distinct people through
our native tongues, so that our native spiritual leaders could relay
God's love to our native
people who could not understand that foreign tongue called English.
I believe in Jesus Christ, our relative,
Who talked of us when he said, "I have other sheep out there, besides those I
have here."
I believe in Jesus Christ who knew the pain of our native people who
were forced from their homeland and had no place to lay their head.
I believe in Jesus Christ as our Chief Cornerstone as we begin to build
a new generation of native spiritual leaders.
I believe in Jesus Christ who does not say "goodbye" in any
language, but says "I will come again."
I believe in the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire
lighting upon our native people to witness to their people and to the
world, through the native song and dance.
I believe in the Holy Spirit as our guide and the driving force for
our native people to do a new
thing as we walk a new journey, toward perfection for all humankind.

Prayers of the People

Beth Elwood

Grandfather we know you hear us when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore,
in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Specific intercessions offered

Grandmother, enliven the Church for its mission
We are the salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Through our humility we reveal Christ in word and action

We pray for the world

Specific intercessions offered

Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it
So that we might understand how we show honor and respect for You and all that you made.

We pray for those we hold close in our hearts

Specific intercessions offered

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
That all may act with integrity and courage

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us

We pray for those in need

Specific intercessions offered

God of hope, comfort and restore to wholeness all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.
That balance be restored to all of creation.

We remember those who have died

Specific intercessions offered

Our hearts cry out in pain at their passing
We commend them back to you.

Bring peace to those who mourn
We feel their loss because we are all connected

We pray for ourselves

Specific intercessions offered

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Christ our true and only Light: receive our prayers and songs, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. **Amen.** *(source: Gelasian Sacramentary)*

Confession of Sin *(stand or kneel as able.)*

IPD

Celebrant: Let us now remember our sins.

Silence

O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe, we come to you as your many children, to ask for your forgiveness and guidance. Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own. Heal us of this history. Remind us that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community.

Guide us through your wisdom to restore the truth of our heritage. Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family.

Celebrant: The circle of love is repeatedly broken because of the sin of exclusion. We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of despair, the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

People: **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

Celebrant: The circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity and hardening of the heart.

People: **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

Celebrant: The circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.

People: **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us. Call us to kinship. Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace, respecting the dignity of every person, tribe, language and nation.**

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution:

May God, our Creator have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace and grace of our Creator be with you all.

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

Be thou my vision

Hymnal 488

The Doxology

Praise to God (vs. 3 only)

Hymnal 380

Prayer Before Communion

Let us now move into a time of offering.


Let us pray.

We thank you, Great Spirit, for the resources that made this food possible; we thank the Earth for producing it, and we thank all those who labored to bring it to us. May the wholesomeness of the food before us, bring out the wholeness of the Spirit within us. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *(Standing)*

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Celebrant *People*




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*



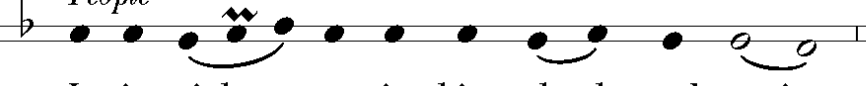
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

(Celebrant and People)

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-125

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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



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.

Fraction Hymn

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

WLP 877

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

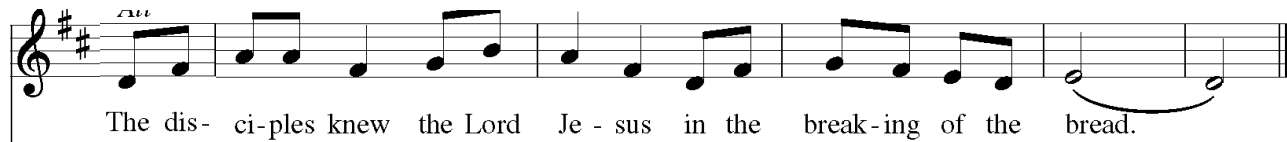
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain - All Sing

Choir/Cantor

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

All Sing



Celebrant continues,

This is Christ's table of love and forgiveness. 'The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation' provide food for our souls. All are welcome to draw near and share these holy mysteries. Take Christ within your bodies and become the Body of Christ.

(Invitation, St. Gregory of Nyssa)

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

Let us break bread together

Hymnal 325

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*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Jesus Christ, our leader, you are the Son of the Creator. Today we became your children today we became your grandchildren. We will live as you have taught us. We will follow your commandments. Watch over us. Speak to us from the trees, from the grass and herbs, from the breeze, from the passing rain, from the passing thunder and the deep waters. Before us there is beauty, behind us there is beauty. Allow us to walk a long life in happiness completed in beauty. Amen.

(From the Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN)

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

(Blessing attributed to The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong)

Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hymnal 460

The Dismissal

Go now into the four Sacred Directions, the east, south, west, and north. Go into your communities, into unknown lands and places. Go where God's name is well known and where it has yet to be known. Go to those who welcome you and those who reject you. Go and share the Gospel with all who will hear.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Little Prelude in F major

J.S. Bach

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

Walk in Love 2025 Pledge Campaign

Sunday, October 13th – Campaign Kick-Off
Our Goals and Aspirations from Beth Elwood

Sunday, October 20th
Personal Testimonial from Christina Soria

Sunday, October 27th
Personal Testimonial from Stacey Bagnasco

Sunday, November 3rd – All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 10th
Personal Testimonial from Stephanie Pilcher and Eric Goossens

Sunday, November 17th – Blessing of our Pledges
Celebration Pancake Breakfast Immediately Following Worship Service

~ Thank You for Joining Us As We Walk in Love ~

Announcements

Deacon Tom Hampson on Vacation October 1-21

Sunday, October 13

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

10:45 am, Coffee Hour & Guest Speaker, *Destiny Rivas

Monday, October 14

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

Tuesday, October 15

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office

Wednesday, October 16

10:30 am, People of Faith Bible Study, Nursery

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

6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, October 17

8:00 pm, Compline Prayer via Zoom

Sunday, October 20

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

11:00 am, Question Class, Hospitality Room, Following coffee hour

Join us every Wednesday at 12 Noon for Noon-Day Prayer in the Chapel.

Compline Prayer Thursdays @ 8:00 pm: Here's the link for the **Thursday, 8:00 PM, Compline service.** Topic: Compline Time: 8:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82473384767?pwd=7xJY6MbaOLFjrnlnWm41nZPDJIT87T.1> Meeting ID: 824 7338 4767 Passcode: 168908

* **Destiny Rivas (Cahulla)** is an honored product and next-generation leader of the Native community in the Central Valley. After attending San Francisco State University, Destiny returned to Stockton and continued to be mentored by the founders of the Native American Indian Center, Dale Fleming, and Caroline Wilson. Destiny carries the values and vision of our Indigenous elders into the next generation of local leadership through the Stockton Powwow Committee, San Joaquin Urban Native Council, Woman's Drumming group, Native American Scholarship Foundation, Native American Indian Center, and is raising awareness on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People. Destiny sits on various boards across the county representing Native American interests.

MYSTERY AND DINNER



OCTOBER 26TH, 5:30PM

\$85 PER PERSON

PURCHASE TICKETS

<http://tiny.cc/StJohnSpeakeasy>



**DRESS IN THE 1920'S SPEAKEASY ENCOURAGED
(COMPLETELY OPTIONAL)**

“The Murder at the Speakeasy” - Saturday, October 26 - Tickets are \$85.00

Join us for a fundraiser at St. John's. Enjoy a savory dinner of Honey Garlic Chicken with Rosemary, Roasted Vegetable with Garlic Butter Sauce, Salad of Mixed Greens, pears, cranberries, Feta cheese with Pear Vinaigrette... Death by Chocolate Trifles. This is a Dinner and a Show. Dress up in the 1920's Speakeasy costume encouraged, but is completely optional. If you want to purchase a ticket, please use QR Code or contact Penny in the office.



The Last Soul Kitchen of the Year - October 25 @ 5:30 pm

Join us on Friday, October 25 for the Last Soul Kitchen of the Year. They will return after the Holidays On Friday, January 31, 2025.

We want to hear from you! – Bishop search listening sessions are now underway throughout the Diocese and by Zoom On Thursday, October 10, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8369687704?omn=85777547672>

Meeting ID: 836 968 7704

Plan to attend. More information available at EDSJ Bishop Search Webpage:



Reflections from South Africa: Sunday, October 27 -

In August, Rev. Betsy spent two weeks traveling in South Africa learning from the life and legacy of Archbishop Desmond Tutu through the Tutu Travel Seminar. Join Besty after Church on Sunday, October 27 to hear about her experiences and takeaways from her journey.

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.

How to help with Hurricane Helene Relief - The damage, destruction, and loss of life caused by Hurricane Helene last week is devastating. You can help support those affected through Episcopal Relief and Development.



Exploring Social Justice Through the Arts - November 3 at 11:00 am

Get ready for an electrifying journey of creativity and activism! Join us for *Exploring Social Justice Through the Arts*, a dynamic workshop designed to empower community members. This is your chance to harness the transformative power of visual art, poetry, and music as tools for advocacy and social change.

Imagine a world where your passion for creativity drives action and ignites social justice. In this engaging session, we'll show you how to elevate your artistic talents into powerful forms of expression that resonate emotionally and inspire community engagement. While traditional activism often involves organizing and protests, the arts offer a unique avenue for addressing pressing issues and fostering meaningful dialogue.

Led by the California 4-H J.E.D.I. Committee youth members, this workshop will introduce you to artists who are making waves in social justice advocacy. You'll explore their work and gain inspiration to tackle social and political issues. Together, we'll discover how art can reach people's hearts, provide comfort, and provoke the reactions necessary for real change.

Join us and unleash your creativity to make a difference in your community!

Getting Ready for All Saints Day 2024 - November 3 - Please see the sign up sheet on the Ministry Table. We are adding **NEW** names of those who have died to last year's ribbons. Only those who have passed from October of 2023 to October of 2024.