

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-third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25**

October 27, 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:

The Furey family in loving memory of James Armand Furey on the anniversary of his death, Oct. 30

Kathy Girard, in memory of my sister Marlene Roa, for her birthday on Oct. 28

Beth & Jim Elwood in loving memory of her mother, Susan Lindsley and in celebration of Jim's father, Lee Elwood's birthday.

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 (B)

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

Eucharistic Minister: Margaret Meyers (C)

Lectors: Hennie Van Konynenburg & Jim Reeve

Camera Acolyte: Fran Bott (GF)

Crucifer: Stacey Bagnasco (C)

Ushers: David Diekman & Brad Huffman

Sound: Stephanie Pilcher

Altar Guild: Jim Reeve & Stuart Kregel

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Christina Soria / Margaret Meyers

Designer Guild: Ejae Perry & Mandi Sager

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Ruth Diekman

Coffee Hour: TBA

Counters: Eric Goossens & TBA

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Trio on Azmon

by David Lasky

(O, for a thousand tongues to sing)

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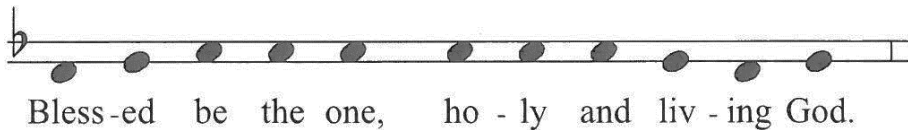
Entrance Hymn *(Stand as able.)* *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

Hymnal 7

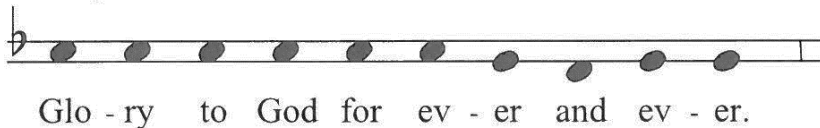
Opening Acclamation

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 280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Hennie Van Konynenburg

All are seated.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn. (*Jeremiah 31:7-9*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

Hennie Van Konynenburg

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews *All are seated.* Jim Reeve

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. (*Hebrews 7:23-28*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Eternal light, shine in my heart* Hymnal 465

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.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. (*Mark 10:46-52*)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Betsy McElroy

Silence

Stewardship Personal Testimonial

Stacey Bagnasco

Nicene Creed *All stand as able.*

BCP p. 358

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*

Margaret Meyers

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, Sean our Presiding Bishop Elect, 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 especially Ken Warburton, Jack Christy and family, Yvonne M and family, Michael G, Brenda M, Greg S., Katie Long, the Canwells, Rosemary and Richard Cress, the Wilson family

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 especially Joyce.. ?

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant 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

The Cry Of The Poor

J. Foley

The Doxology

Praise to God (vs. 3 only)

Hymnal 380

The Great Thanksgiving *(Standing)*

EOW2

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.



A - MEN.

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

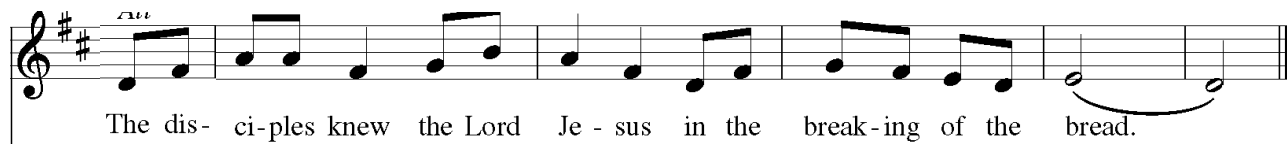
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain - All Sing

Choir/Cantor

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

All Sing



Celebrant continues,

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.

Communion Hymn

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

Hymnal 567

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

Thou, whose almighty Word

Hymnal 371

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lauda Anima

by John Goss
arr. Christa Rakich

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Announcements

Sunday, October 27 - Bring pictures of loved ones who have passed.*

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

11:00 am, Reflections from South Africa, Hospitality room

Tuesday, October 29

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office

Wednesday, October 30

10:30 am, People of Faith Study, Nursery

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

6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, October 31 - Penny Out of the Office

8:00 pm, Compline Prayer, Zoom Meeting

Sunday, November 3 - All Saints Day Observed

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

11:00 am, Exploring Social Justice Through the Arts, Hospitality Room

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=7xJY6MbaOLFjrnINWm41nZPDJIT87>

[T.1](#) Meeting ID: 824 7338 4767 Passcode: 168908

Today, Sunday, October 27 - Setting up our Ofrenda display.

You are invited to bring a photograph of a loved one who has passed away. We will be getting ready to celebrate together on All Souls Day, November 3 and through the weeks.

Reflections from South Africa: Today, Sunday, October 27 – After Coffee hour in the Hospitality room. 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.

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.

How to help with Hurricane Helene & Milton Relief - The damage, destruction, and loss of life caused by Hurricane Helene & Milton is devastating. You can help support those affected through Episcopal Relief and Development by using this QR code.



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!



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 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 ~

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

What to know for the investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe

As Episcopal congregations and dioceses across the church plan local watch parties to celebrate the Nov. 2 investiture service of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe, **all are invited to tune in to [the event webpage](#) for the livestream link.**

The 11 a.m. ET service will also be livestreamed to [The Episcopal Church's Facebook page](#).

Downloadable materials are now available to support children's involvement in the churchwide virtual ceremony, among other [online resources](#). The worship booklet will be posted the morning of Nov. 2.

[Announced in June](#), the simpler, scaled-down service to welcome the 28th presiding bishop is ordered around a smaller carbon footprint and increased churchwide virtual participation. Nearly all dioceses sent in video greetings for a special "roll call" that will precede the service at 9:30 a.m. ET and be livestreamed on the [event webpage](#) and [The Episcopal Church's Facebook page](#)

A recording of the service inside the Chapel of Christ the Lord in The Episcopal Church Center in New York City – which will include limited in-person attendees will be posted after the event and shared churchwide

"This will be the first time in our history that we have installed a presiding bishop in this way," Presiding Bishop Michael Curry notes in a [video invitation](#) to the church. "We learned through the pandemic how to be the church embodied physically and how to be the church embodied in cyberspace."

Congregations, dioceses, and individuals are encouraged to hold watch parties. Customizable invitations are available for download on the [resource page](#), which also includes a media kit with photos, biography, and statements by Bishop Rowe, as well as [FAQs](#).

"Episcopalians and friends can join together wherever they are via the internet," Bishop Curry said. "We are the church because the Spirit of God can move wherever the people of God are."