

*Welcome to*

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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



## **All Saints' Sunday Observed**

November 3, 2024 ☩ 9:30 a.m.

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:

Penny, Holly & Hannah in loving memory of Greg. Devoted husband and father.  
You are missed everyday. GP♥HH

Dr. Elliott L. Adams in loving memory of my parents, Dr. Elliott & Grace Adams & their son,  
Richard Arthur Adams

Elfonda Filomeo in loving memory of her mother, Maybelle Reddell for her birthday on November 5

Jan and Amanda in loving memory of Joe Cariati

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

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## 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:* Beth Elwood (C)

*Lectors:* Christina Soria

*Camera Acolyte:* Fran Bott (GF)

*Crucifer:* Holy Wilson (C)

*Banners:* Naomi Salters & Jonathan Salters

*Ushers:* Tom Gundershaug & Andee Zetterbaum

*Sound:* Corky Kuykendall

*Altar Guild:* Bunmi Olowoyeye & Cheryl Nix

*Vestry Open/Close (Announcements):* Bob Gorczyca / Charlene Martin

*Designer Guild:* Kathy Girard & Barbara Warburton

*Nursery Care:* None until further notice

*Sunday School:* TBA

*Coffee Hour:* Kelly & Karen Olds

*Counters:* Tom Gundershaug & TBA

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

*Sh'ma Yisrael*

by Tzvika Pik

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## Entrance Hymn *(Standing)*

*For all the Saints* (vs. 1-4 only)

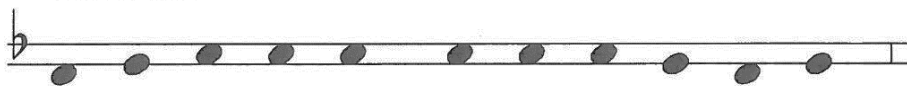
Hymnal 287

*The ribbon banner this morning is inscribed with the names of the Saints of God who have gone before us. We are surrounded by their witness and love.*

## Opening Acclamation

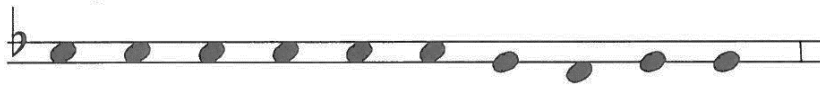
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*Celebrant*



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

*People*



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

## 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.**

## The Gloria

*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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## A Reading from The Song of Solomon *All are seated*

Christina Soria

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect. (*Wisdom 3:1-9*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 24

Christina Soria

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*

and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*

"The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

## Sequence Hymn

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

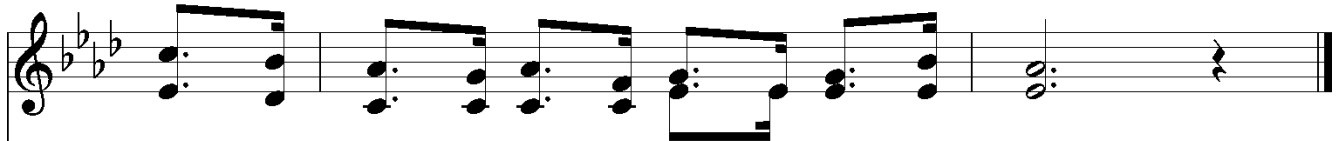
LEVAS 222



Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren, All the chil - dren of the  
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world; Red and yel-low, black and white, They are pre - cious in His sight,  
world; Stranger friend and neighbor too, he loves them as He loves you,



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## A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

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

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I

have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (*John 11:32-44*)

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Betsy McElroy

*Silence*

## **Nicene Creed** *All stand as able.*

Deacon Tom Hampson

**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**

Beth Elwood

Loving God, help us to recognize the wisdom of Jesus as we pray for the needs of our World. We pray for the church, remembering Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for David, our Bishop, for Betsy our priest, for Tom our deacon, and for all who serve and worship in this congregation. Bless the church with the gifts of compassion and understanding.  
**Make us to be numbered with your saints.**

Guide this nation in the search for justice and peace. We pray for the earth, the poor, for the oppressed, for those who suffer in anyway. Help us to take action where we can.  
**Make us to be numbered with your saints.**

We ask you for forgiveness from all our sins, for things known and unknown, things done and left undone. Help us to amend our lives.  
**Make us to be numbered with your saints.**

Nurture our parish family, especially those who have asked for our prayers, and for those who we name now. *Especially, Marilyn & Jack Cook, Ken Warburton, Jack Christy & Family, Yvonne M & Family, Michael G. Branda M. Greg S., Katie Long, The Canwells, Rosemary & Richard Cress, The Wilson Family and Vanessa Jones.* We pray for all who need our prayers.  
**Make us to be numbered with your saints.**

## **A Rite of Remembrance**

*Deacon:*

Let us pray for those beloved members who have died this past year. Peter Burkett, Kristen Alicia Lobb, Michael Lobb, Marion Wegner, Maundy Childe Cress Keogan, Kathleen Wiegant, Patricia Ann Fehling, Garth Williams, Dolores Martin and The Canon Rev. Bill Moorhead, Malachi DeLanoy, Allison Murphy, Joyce Ahart, Lupe Santana & Larry Jetton. We pray for all those buried in our columbarium and memorial garden. Let us now pray for all who are in the nearer presence of God, especially those whom we name now.

*The congregation may say aloud those whom they wish to remember.*

*Celebrant:* Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

*People:* **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*The people pray together:*

**Blessed are you, Lord, surrounded by the saints in glory. Grant us the light of love which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light around us, until we come to you and your saints in everlasting light, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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.

## **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**     *Who Are These Like Stars Appearing*     Linda Cable Shute

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

**The Great Thanksgiving**     Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

*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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** (*Celebrant and People*)     *Holy, holy, holy Lord*     Hymnal S 125

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand

before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*(Celebrant and People)*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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,

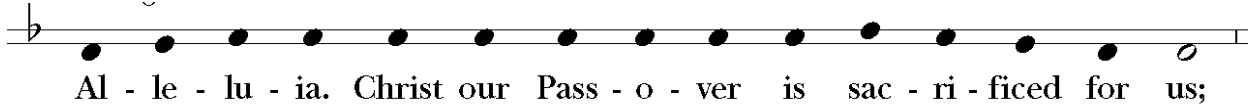
**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those**

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.

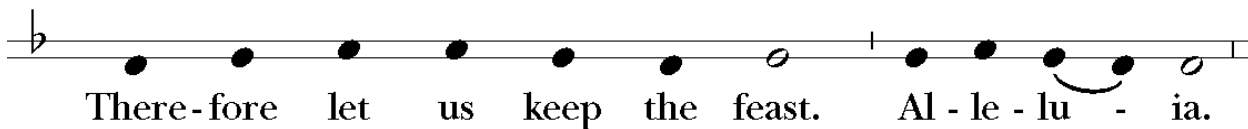
## The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S 152

*Celebrant:*



*People:*

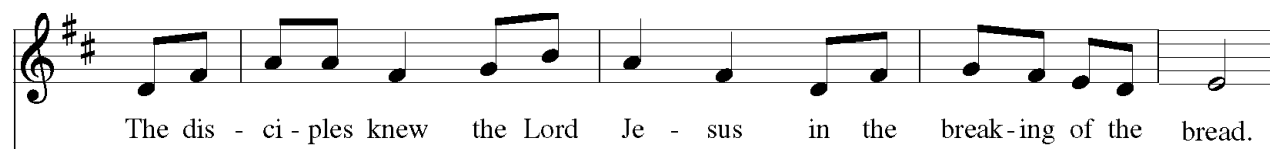


## Fraction Hymn

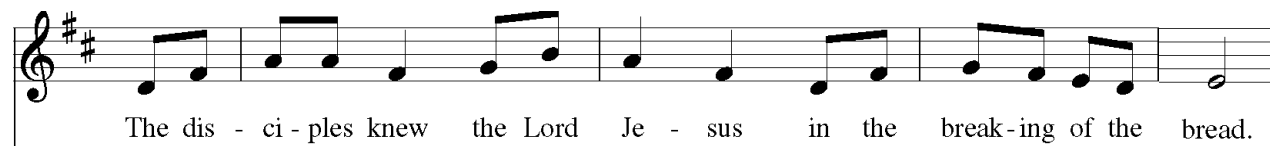
*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

WLP 877

*Choir/Cantor*



*Refrain - All Sing*



*Choir/Cantor*

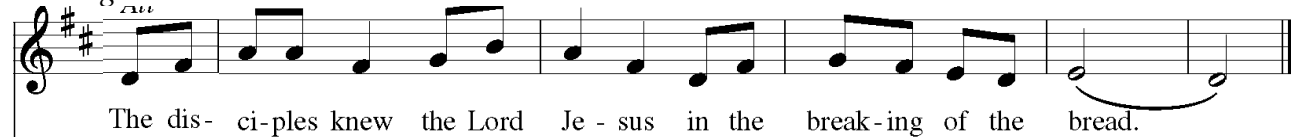
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

*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.

## **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 Music**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Hymnal 460

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### **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)*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

*I sing a song of the saint's of God*

Hymnal 293

### **The Dismissal**

*Go Now In Peace*

Sung – Rev. Betsy to Instruct

# Postlude

*For All the Saints*

by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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## **Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Day Observed**

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

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

## **Monday, November 4**

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

## **Tuesday, November 5**

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office

## **Wednesday, November 6**

10:30 am, People of Faith Study, Nursery

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

6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Church

**November 6 & 7: Rev. Betsy out of the office.**

## **Thursday, November 7**

8:00 pm, Compline Prayer, Zoom Meeting

## **November 8 & 9 - EDSJ Annual Convention**

## **Saturday, November 9**

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

## **Sunday, November 10**

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

1:00 pm, Valley Community Orchestra, Church

**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=7xJY6MbaOLFjrn1NWm41nZPDJIT87T.1> Meeting ID: 824 7338 4767 Passcode: 168908

**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, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

Personal Testimonial from Stephanie Pilcher and Eric Goossens

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 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."