

Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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



Fill those jars with water

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025 ☩ 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.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Jim Kuykendall in loving memory of their daughter, Angela Dawn Kuykendall, and granddaughter, Amanda Dawn Klaff, for their shared birthday on January 18.

Bob & Donna Hoffman in loving memory of their granddaughters, Tessara and Smantha Crespi.

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

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Betsy McElroy (B)

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (B)

Preacher: Candice Gale

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Reeve (CW) & Charlene Martin (CJ)

Lectors: Hennie Van Konynenburg & David Lujan, Jr.

Camera Acolyte: Joey Soria (GF)

Crucifer: Beth Elwood (CW)

Ushers: David Diekman & Carol Foote

Sound: Dick Williams

Altar Guild: Charlene Martin & Peggy Moos

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Fran Bott / Bob Gorczyca

Designer Guild: Allison Dooley & Janie Williams

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Ruth Diekman

Coffee Hour: Fran Bott

Counters: Sharon Farnsworth & Eric Goossens

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Meditation on "Ubi Caritas" arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

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Entrance Hymn *(Standing)*

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal 440

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Opening Acclamation

EOW1

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.**

Song of Praise *(Celebrant & people)*

God is Love (vs. 1&2)

Hymnal 379

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Martin Luther King Day

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Hennie Van Konynenburg

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. (*Isaiah 62:1-5*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10

Hennie Van Konynenburg

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

(1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

How wondrous and great thy works

Hymnal 532

A Reading from the Holy Gospel John

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then

the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (*John 2:1-11*)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

Candice Gale

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 – Form III

Anne Reeve

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant 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 surranted 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

EOW

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God. (*stand or knee as able.*)

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of our 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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

LEVAS 120

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The Doxology

Praise to God (vs. 3 only)

Hymnal 380

Offering envelopes may be found in the pews.

The Great Thanksgiving EOW Payer 1 (Standing)

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.

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy god, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Proper Preface of the Season/Chosen by Celebrant

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

(Celebrant and People)

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-129

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Celebrant and People)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John the Baptist our patron, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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)

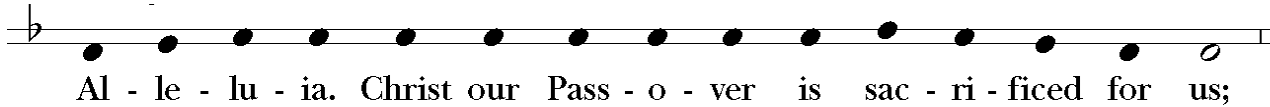
Celebrant: And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

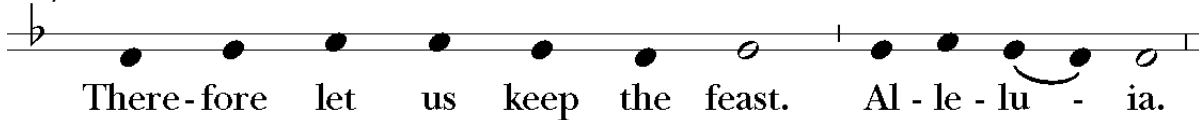
The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S152

Celebrant



People

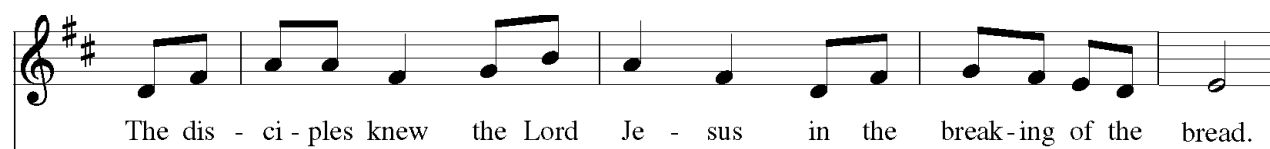


Fraction Hymn

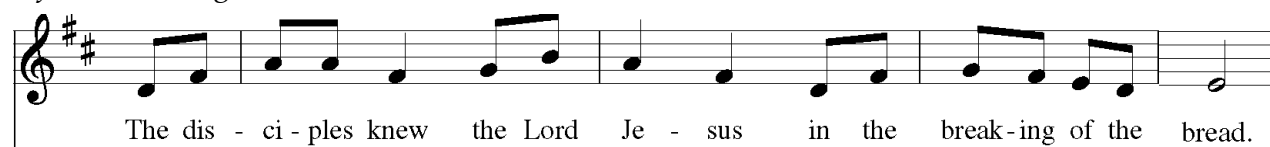
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

WLP 877

Choir/Cantor



Refrain- All Sing



Choir/Cantor

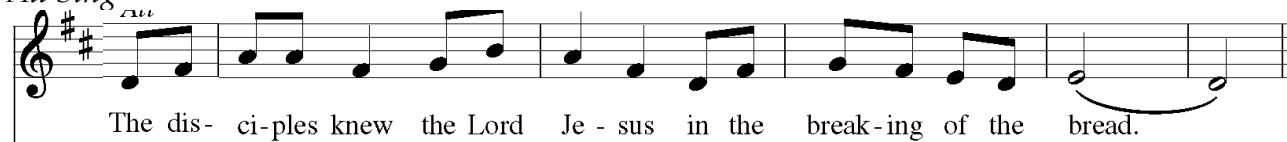
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain - All Sing

Choir/Cantor

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

All Sing



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

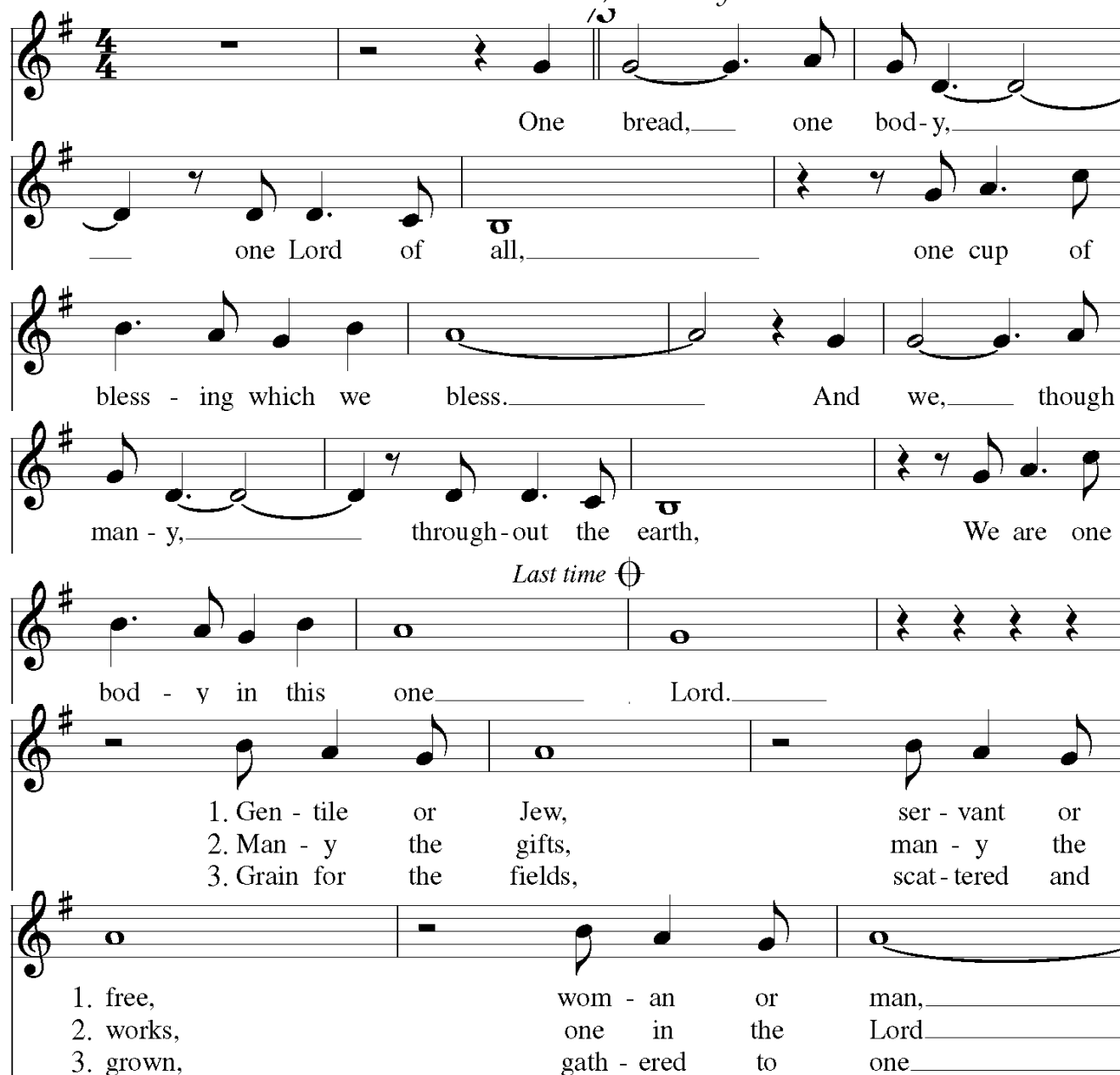
Celebrant continues,

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.

Communion Music

One bread, one body

LEVAS 151



One bread, one body,
 one Lord of all, one cup of
 bless - ing which we bless. And we, though
 man - y, through-out the earth, We are one
Last time ⊕
 bod - y in this one Lord.
 1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and
 1. free, wom - an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

1. — no more. _____ One
 2. — of all. _____ One
 3. — for all. _____ One

⊕ CODA

Lord. _____

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

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.

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymnal 135

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in the peace of the word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Come, Let Us Sing

by David Paxton

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Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, January 19

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church
5:00 pm, Men's BBQ, Church

Monday, January 20 - 10:00 am, Parkinsons Care Meeting, Hospitality Room

Tuesday, January 21

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office
6:00 pm, Monthly Vestry Meeting, Hospitality Room

Wednesday, January 22

10:30 am, People of Faith Study, Nursery
12:00 Noon, Noon-Day Prayer, Historic Chapel
6:30pm, Choir Practice, Hospitality Room

Thursday, January 23

4:00 pm, Beyond Bias Team Meeting, Hospitality Room
8:00 pm, Compline Prayer, Zoom

January 24 & 25: The Rev. Betsy & Deacon Tom in ECCO

Sunday, January 26 - Annual Meeting following coffee hour

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church
11:30 am, Annual Meeting, Church Nave
1:30 pm, New Vestry Information Meeting, 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=7xJY6MbaOLFjrnINWm41nZPDJIT87T.1>
Meeting ID: 824 7338 4767 Passcode: 168908

Labyrinth in the Historic Chapel - During the season of Epiphany, a labyrinth will be available for your use in the Historic Chapel. Walking a labyrinth is one of the oldest forms of contemplative prayer in which one weaves themselves inward toward the center and then back out again. Descriptions and ideas for prayer when using it will be

available. The labyrinth will be available on Sunday mornings and during office hours. Please see Penny, Rev. Betsy, or Dc. Tom for access to the chapel. Note: this labyrinth is on generous loan from St. Raphael's in Oakhurst. Please remove your shoes prior to walking on it.

Men's BBQ - Today, Sunday January 19 at 5:00pm - Please check out the ministry table and sign up if you plan on attending the 1st Men's BBQ of 2025. Bring a friend. If you have questions, please see John Ledbetter and/or Dick Williams. It is a great time for good food, wine and fellowship!

Annual Church Meeting - Sunday, January 26, 2025 following the Church Service. Budget will be presented and voted on. We will thank outgoing Vestry Members, volunteers and welcome the new Vestry Members and volunteers.

Coffee Hour for Sunday, January 26 - A potluck is planned for coffee hour for our Annual Meeting. Please bring your favorite snack to share. We are looking for a couple of people to cover the kitchen to help keep things moving smoothly. Let us know if you would like to volunteer! See Penny in the office (209) 369-3381.

Vestry Nominations are Open . . . Feeling Called? - We are in the process of gathering names for our 2027 Vestry Class. The vestry serves as the board for St. John's. Please read the November Newsletter for a detailed description. If you are feeling called to serve, please let any of our current vestry members, Rev. Betsy, or Dc. Tom know and we will put your name forward (or if you know someone who'd serve well in this ministry).

Fun and easy ways to get involved! - I know you're thinking, I would like to help out at church but it needs to be easy and fit in my schedule. Think about doing one of the following items just ONCE a month or every other month...

Counter: Help count the collection plate and take a deposit to the bank. You will be buddied up with another person.

Sound Person: You will be trained.

Coffee Hour: Find a friend to buddy up with or Penny can help you find someone.

Camera Acolyte: You will be trained.

Usher: We will find a person to Usher with you. Easy and a fun way to say "Hi" to everyone.

Altar Guild: These ladies and gentlemen set the altar with everything needed for our Sunday Services. You will be trained and partnered.

Designers Guild: Ever wonder who puts together all the flowers and extra decorations in the church for each Sunday? You will be trained and buddied up with someone. No special skills required.

Eucharistic Ministers and Crucifer: These are the robed people who serve with Rev. Betsy and Dcn. Tom during the service. You will be trained.

There are many more ways to help, just talk to Penny in the office if you are interested. You can email at stjohnslodi@sbcglobal.net or call 209-369-3381 and leave a message.

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

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
Presents...



Saturday, February 22, 2025
12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes:

- 12:00 noon: Doors Open
- 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: Luncheon
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm: 10 Bingo Games
2 Bingo Cards



SOUPER SUNDAY

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Calling all chefs and lovers of soup! On Feb 9th St. John's Lodi will hold the first Souper Sunday. Not to be confused with that football game on the same day! This Souper fundraiser will help support church ministries and is a perfect way to build community through food. All are welcome to participate by making or buying soup.

Soup Makers:

- Sign up to provide soup between Jan 5 and Jan 26
- The sign-up sheet will be on the Ministry table along with quart containers
- On Feb 9, plan to donate 4-8 qts of soup in the containers provided (may be frozen or chilled)

Soup Buyers:

- Soups for sale will be posted on "Soup Sheets" in the hallway to the Hospitality Room
- Anyone can sign up to purchase a soup by putting your name on the Soup Sheet
- Soups are \$15 per quart to be picked up on Feb 9 at coffee hour
- Bring checks made out to St. John's or cash to pick up your soup on Feb 9