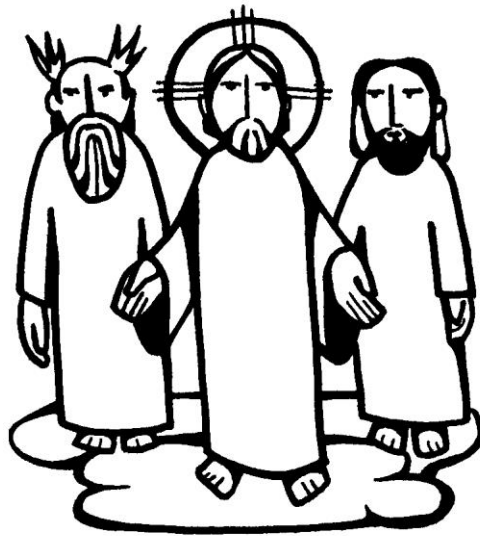


Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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



He was transfigured before their eyes

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 15, 2026 ☩ 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:

David and Diana Martin in loving memory of her grandmother, Beatrice Martinez on her birthday, February 12 and in celebration of their children, Hannah and Joseph for their birthday, February 15.

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)

Preacher: The Rev. Richard Lundgren (B)

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Greg Masztal

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Reeve (CW) & Beth Elwood (CJ)

Lectors: Carol Foote & Beth Elwood

Camera Acolyte: Fran Bott (GF)

Crucifer: Charlene Martin (CW)

Ushers: Brad Huffman & Diane Elliott

Sound: Stephanie Goossens

Altar Guild: Jim & Anne Reeve

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Beth Elwood/Christina Soria

Designer Guild: Ejae Perry & Mandi Sager

Nursery Care: Ally Johnson

Sunday School: Peggy Moos & Janie Williams

Coffee Hour: Creation Care Team

Counters: Sharon Farnsworth & Eric Goossens

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2026 Vestry Members: Beth Elwood, Senior Warden; Eric Goossens, Junior Warden; Rosemary Cress, David Diekman, Phyllis Duarte, Robert Elliott, Bob Gorczyca, Katie Howard, Christina Soria & Dani Wilson

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

arranged by C.S. Lang

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Entrance Hymn *(Standing)*

Song of thankfulness and praise

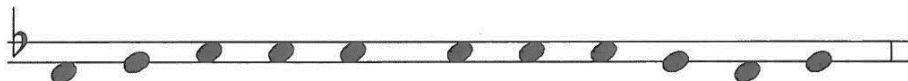
Hymnal 135

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Opening Acclamation

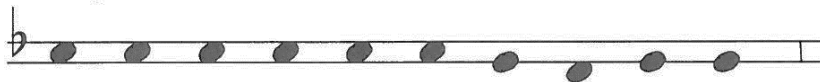
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Celebrant



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.**

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.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children Process to Sunday School

A Reading from the Book of Exodus *All are seated*

Carol Foote

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. (*Exodus 24:12-18*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

Carol Foote

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

A Reading from The Second Letter of Peter *(All seated)* Beth Elwood

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. *(2 Peter 1:16-21)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *We sing of God, the mighty source* (vs. 1 & 2) Hymnal 386

A Reading from the Holy Gospel Matthew

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be

afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (*Matthew 17:1-9*)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Richard Lundgren

Nicene Creed *All stand as able.*

**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 – *(Hear Our Prayer-Jon White & Lisa Grave)* Anne Reeve

Heavenly Father in gratitude for the message of love you sent to us in the word made flesh, Jesus, your Son, we offer you the longings of our hearts as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, for all who find you there, for those who love you and for those who long to love you more. Give us a spirit of invitation, and the courage to find new ways to be good news to all your people.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nation and for all who govern. We pray for our future and the future of all nations and peoples, that we may be united in the desire for peace and life for everyone.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the world and its needs, for the state of our oceans and soil; the survival of your creatures and the safety of all people, those who have been impacted by natural disasters, and that those who are able will work diligently for liberation and sustenance.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the needs of the communities we call home and our neighbors, for those we know and those who are strangers to us. We give you thanks for our adoption, which makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill or injured, and for those who are depressed and anxious, that they may know the comfort of your healing love and the joy of each new day.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the dying, for those who labor to leave this world, that their departing may be peaceful and fearless. We pray also for those who weep this day and those who mourn the dead.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The celebrant continues,

Offering you these prayers and praises we acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Uphold us this day and every day and to bless our endeavors as we strive to bring about your kingdom vision for this world. We ask all this in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God. *(Stand or knee 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 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.)

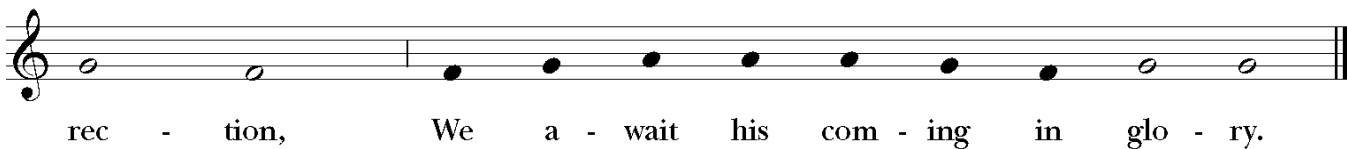
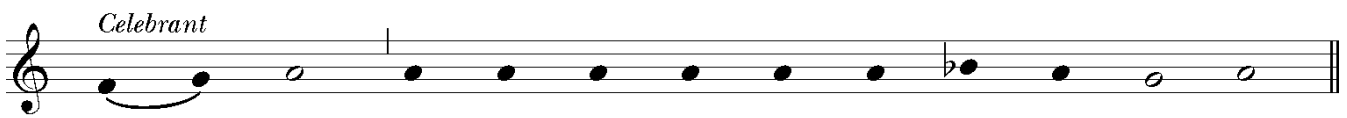
Announcements

The people stand or kneel. Then 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."



The Celebrant continues

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 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

(Traditional)

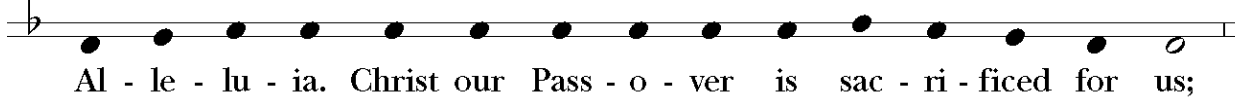
Celebrant: And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

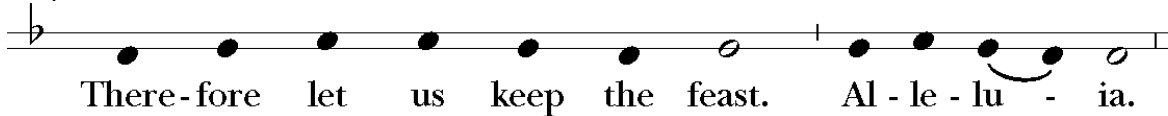
The Breaking of the Bread

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Celebrant



People

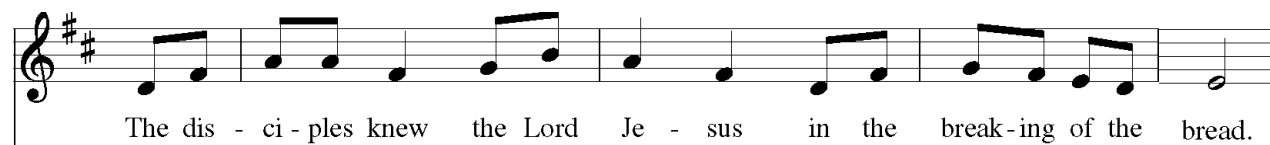


Fraction Hymn

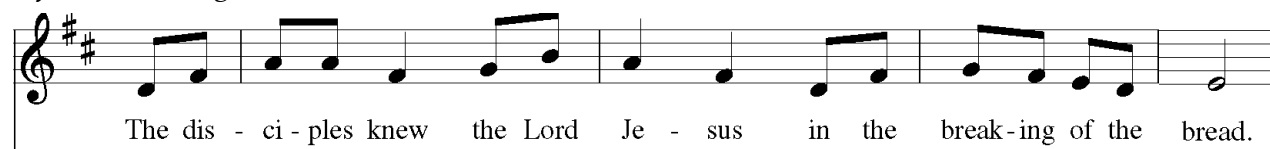
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

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Choir/Cantor



Refrain- All Sing



Choir/Cantor

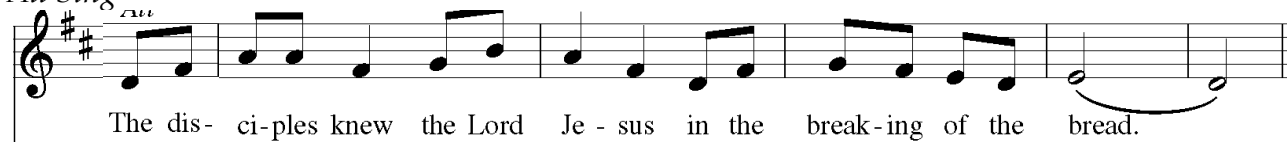
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

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.

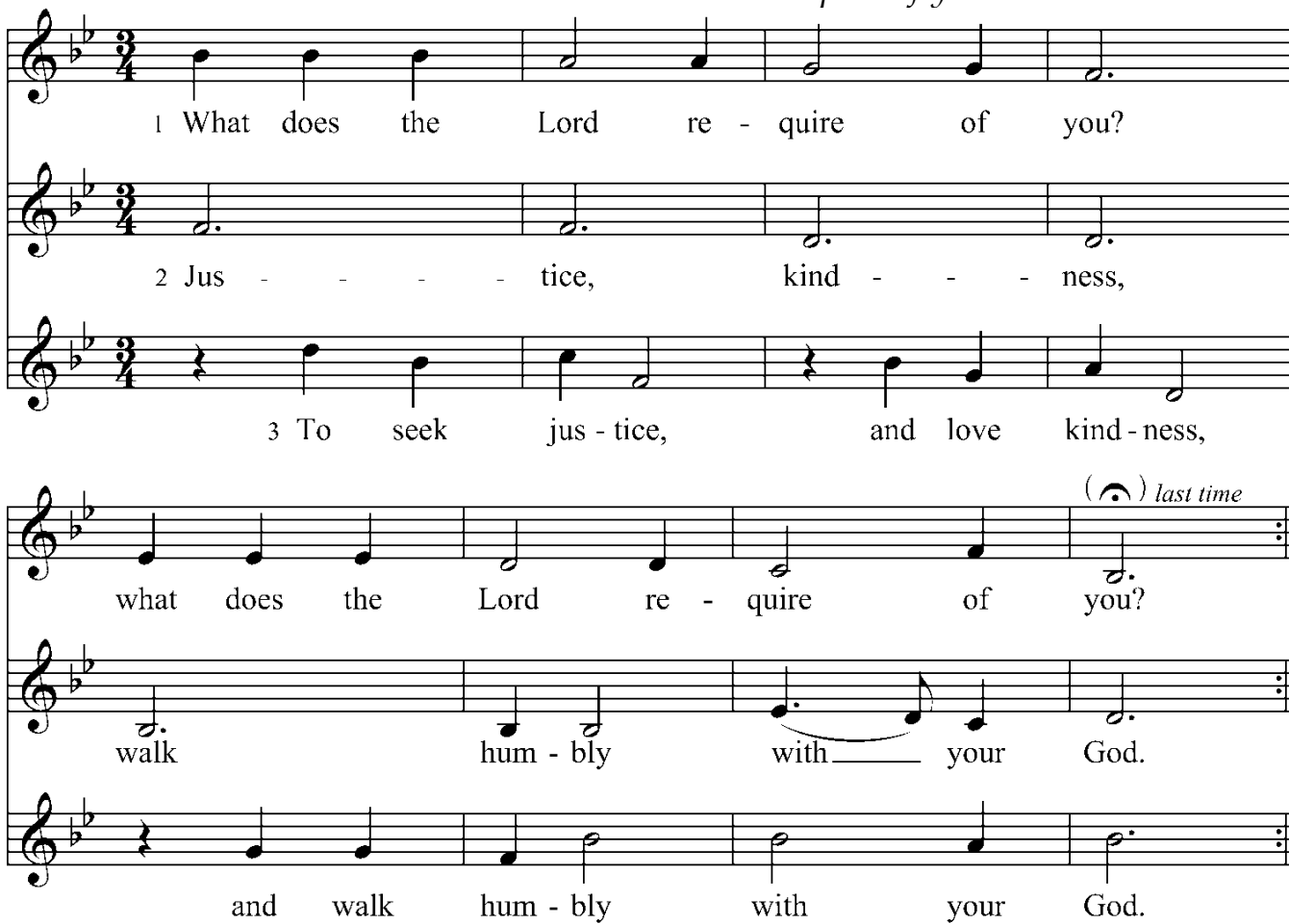
Communion Music

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymnal 383

What does the Lord require of you

MHSO 153



1 What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2 Jus - - - - - tice, kind - - - - - ness,

3 To seek jus - tice, and love kind - ness,

what does the Lord re - quire of you? () last time

walk hum - bly with your God.

and walk hum - bly with your God.

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)*

BCP p. 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Hymnal 137

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Maker of the Earth and Heaven

by Charles Heaton

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Stay in the Pews after the Postlude for a group video "Farewell" to Bishop David.

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Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, February 15

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

12:30 pm, Vestry Meeting, Hospitality Room

5:00 pm, Family Eucharist (aka Pizza Church) and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Monday, February 16

10:00 am, Parkinsons Care Group, Historic Chapel

Tuesday, February 17

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office

Wednesday, February 18

12:00 Noon, Ash Wednesday Service, Historic Chapel (No Eucharist)

4:00 pm, Children's Ash Wednesday Service, Historic Chapel

6:00 pm, Ash Wednesday Service, Historic Chapel, (With Eucharist)

Thursday, February 19

7:00 pm, Compline Prayer Service, Zoom

Friday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 21

12:00 pm, Bingo Luncheon, Church Narthex

Sunday, February 22

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

11:00 am, Ector Oliveras Speaking,

Hosted by Creation Care

Tonight: Family Eucharist (aka Pizza Church) "Shrove Tuesday" Sunday Pancake

Supper. Sunday, February 15 -

5:00 pm to 5:30 pm: Family Eucharist Open to all!

5:45 pm to 7:00 pm: "Shrove Tuesday" Pancake Supper

Men's BBQ Group News - The Men's BBQ Group invites the women of St. John's to a combined Men's & Women's BBQ on Sunday, March 8th, at 5:00 pm. Please see the Ministry Table to sign up if you plan on attending. If you have questions, please let Penny in the office know 209-369-3381.

Coffee Chat after Service

Creation Care Ministry
invites you to a
presentation by
Ector Olivares

Ector is the Program Manager of
the Environmental Justice Program
for Catholic Charities, Diocese of
Stockton
He will be speaking about healthy
environments for all Lodi
neighborhoods.

Feb 22nd
10:30 AM



**ASH WEDNESDAY
February 18, 2026**

12:00 p.m.

No Music or Eucharist
Historic Chapel

4:00 p.m.

Children & Family Service
Historic Chapel

6:00 p.m.

Music & Eucharist
Historic Chapel



Saturday, February 21, 2026

Starting at 12:00 Noon

**Tickets are \$25.00 per person
which includes:**

12pm-1pm Lite lunch

*1pm-3pm - 8 Bingo Games with cash
prizes*

2 Bingo cards

Additional Bingo cards \$2 each

Raffle drawing - \$1 per ticket

**Space is limited, reservations are suggested
Please RSVP by calling**

St. John's Church at 209-369-3381 or
Sign Up at the Ministry Table at Church

St. John's Invites You To

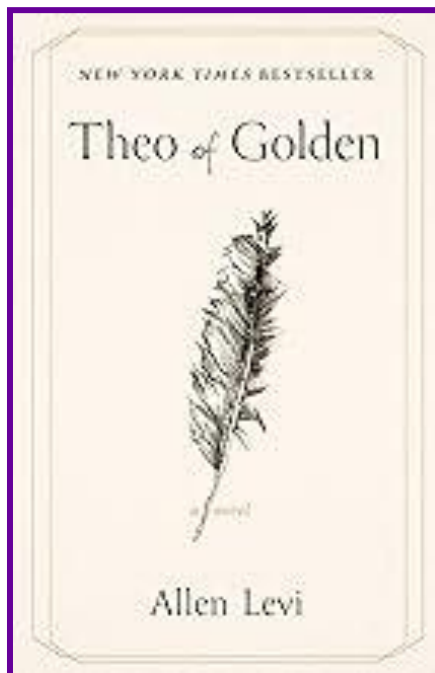


5:15 pm to 7:00 pm

February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

5:15 p.m. Soup Supper — Church Narthex

6:00 p.m. Lenten Class — Hospitality Room



*Please consider bringing a can of soup for the food basket.
If you would like to provide a soup, please sign up at the ministry table.*