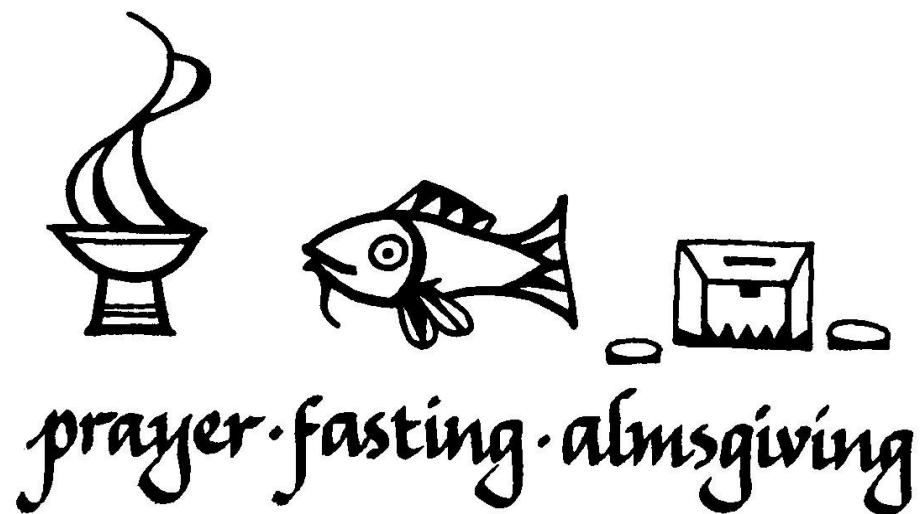


*Welcome to*

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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



## The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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), Enriching Our Worship 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 life styles, 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 Sanctuary Light is given to the glory of God by:**

None.

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## *Those Who Serve Today*

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Betsy McElroy (B)

*Deacon:* The Rev. Deacon Greg Masztal (B)

*Preacher:* Candice Gale

*Choir Director:* Steven Weikle

*Pianist/Organist:* Michael Tompkins

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Charlene Martin (CW) & Margaret Meyers (CJ)

*Lectors:* Margaret Meyers & Christina Soria

*Camera Acolyte:* Holly Wilson (GF)

*Crucifer:* Candice Gale (CW)

*Ushers:* Andee Zetterbaum & Dani Wilson

*Sound:* Dick Williams

*Altar Guild:* Aleathea Langone & Margaret Meyers

*Vestry Open/Close (Announcements):* Rosemary Cress/Christina Soria

*Designer Guild:* None

*Nursery Care:* Allyssa Johnson

*Sunday School:* Janie Williams & Peggy Moos

*Coffee Hour:* Jade & Lauren San Juan

*Counters:* Sharon Farnsworth & TBA

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## Welcome

### Prelude

*Lamb of God, to Thee I Come*

by James D. Kimball

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### Entrance Hymn

*(Standing)*

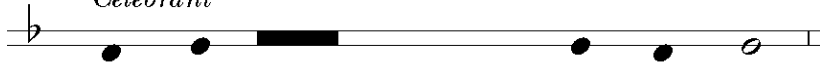
*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Hymnal 686

### Opening Acclamation

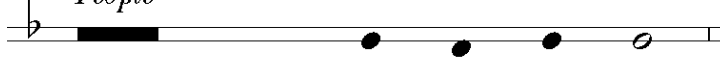
Hymnal S82

*Celebrant*



Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*



His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

### Confession of Sin *Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

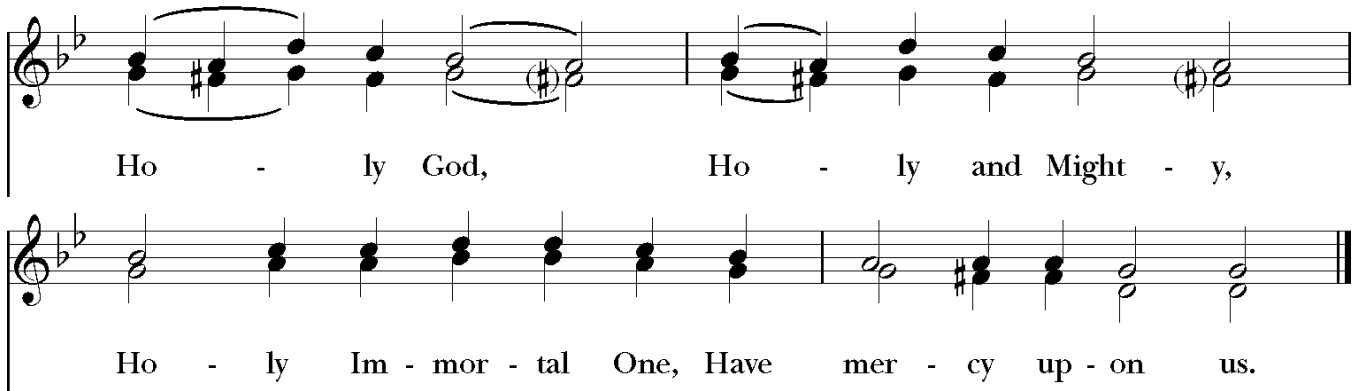
**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the 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.**

*Celebrant continues,*

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**

## Trisagion *Stand as able, all together. Repeat 3 times.*

Hymnal S102



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Children Process to Sunday School

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Exodus *All are seated*

Margaret Meyers

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the

elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" (*Exodus 17:1-7*)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 95**

Margaret Meyers

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

## **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

Christina Soria

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast

in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (*Romans 5:1-11*)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*O love of God, how strong and true*  
(Vs. 1 & 2 Only)

Hymnal 455

## 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.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world." (*John 4:5-42*)

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Candice Gale

*Silence*

## **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

*Deacon,*

Behold, children of God, it is the Lord who watches over you. As people sent forth into the world, let us pray, praying, "Lord, bless us, so that we may bless others."

*Intercessor continues,*

Charlene Martin

Lord, preserve your Church from all evil. May we, who have been born of water and the Spirit, proclaim the Kingdom of God in all the world. *Silence*

Lord, bless us,

*So that we may bless others*

O God, may the leaders of the nations ever seek the truth. Open their hearts to true conversion and divine guidance. We pray especially for ... *Silence*

Lord, bless us,

*So that we may bless others*

Maker of heaven and earth, you have blessed us with a wondrous and dynamic creation. Protect us from its rage; comfort us by its tranquility. Give us eyes to see your handiwork in the world around us. *Silence*

Lord, bless us,

*So that we may bless others*

Lord, your eyes never close on your people. We thank you for your mindfulness of us and our community. Be our help and our safety. *Silence*

Lord, bless us,

*So that we may bless others*

You did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world may see and experience your salvation. Bring wholeness to those who look to your Son for their help. We pray for those on our St. John's Prayer List ... *Silence*

Lord, bless us,

*So that we may bless others*

O God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, keep the dying and the dead from this time forth and for evermore. Give eternal life to all those who trust in you, especially Betty Bandelin. *Silence*

Lord, bless us,

*So that we may bless others*

*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.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## Announcements

### A Prayer for 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

*Wondrous Love*

Austin Lovelace

### The Doxology

*Praise to God* (vs. 3 only)

Hymnal 380

### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A (Standing)

Hymnal S120

*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.

*Proper Preface of the Season/Chosen by Celebrant*

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 S130

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

*Celebrant*

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and

peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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)*

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 S153

*Celebrant:* Musical notation for 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;' consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People:* Musical notation for 'There - fore let us keep the feast.' consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

There - fore let us keep the feast.

## Fraction Hymn

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

Hymnal S 164

*Celebrant:* 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 of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please place hands crossed over your heart if you wish to receive communion in one kind, or a blessing.

## Communion Hymn

*As longs the deer for cooling streams*

Hymnal 658

*Eat this bread*

Taize I



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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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.

**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.**

# Prayer Over The People

BOS p.13

*Celebrant:* Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant continues,*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Recessional Hymn

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Hymnal 690

## The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to prepare for the Pascal Feast

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*What Wondrous Love is This*

by Anna Laura Page

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## Upcoming Calendar

### Sunday, March 8 - Lent III

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

5:00 pm, Men's & Women's BBQ, Narthex

### Monday, March 9

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

### Tuesday, March 10

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church

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

### Wednesday, March 11

12:00 noon, Noon-Day Prayer, Historical Chapel: **Every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon**

5:15 pm, Soup Supper, Narthex

6:00 pm, Lenten Study, Hospitality Room: Chapters 28-42 of *"Theo of Golden"*

7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Church

## **March 11 - 15: Rev. Betsy Out-Of-Town: Conference**

### **Thursday, March 12**

6:00 pm, Compline Prayer Service, Zoom: See Zoom Link on page 15.

### **Saturday, March 14**

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

### **Sunday, March 15 - Lent IV**

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

5:00 pm, Pizza Church, Church

**TONIGHT! MEN'S BARBEQUE - SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** - *We invite the Women of St. John's to join the men on: SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Let us do the cooking. RSVP by: signing up at the Ministry Table or call the Church Office at 209-369-3381*

**Compline Prayer Thursdays @ 6:00 pm:** Here's the link for the **Thursday, 6:00 PM, Compline service.** Topic: Compline Time: 6:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82473384767?pwd=7xJY6MbaOLFjrnINWm41nZPDJIT87T.1>  
Meeting ID: 824 7338 4767 Passcode: 168908

**Wednesday Lenten Book Study - Theo of Golden** *By Allen Levi* - This Lent, we will travel with Theo, a mysterious stranger who arrives in the fictional southern city of Golden. After visiting a coffee shop with portraits on the wall, he embarks on a mission to find and gift them to the rightful owners. As we work our way through this beautifully crafted story, we will explore the Lenten themes of attention (seeing and being seen), generosity, compassion, transformation and hope shaped by pain, and resurrection and new life.

**Soup dinner begins at 5:15. The book study will be from 6-7.**

### Sessions

March 11: Chapters 28-42

March 18: Chapters 43-53

March 25: Chapters 54-Epilogue

We have a few copies still available in the office for purchase (\$15). They may also be found online and in bookstores.

## **Holy Week - March 29 - April 5, 2026**

### **Sunday, March 29**

9:30 am

### **Palm & Passion Sunday**

Procession & Passion Reading

### **Tuesday, March 31**

11:00 am

### **Chrism Mass & Renewal of Vows**

St. James Cathedral, Fresno

**Wednesday, April 1**

12:00 Noon

**Noon-Day Prayer**

Historic Chapel

**Thursday, April 2**

6:00 pm

7:00 pm to Midnight

**Maundy Thursday Foot washing**

Eucharist, Stripping of Altar

Garden of Gethsemane Watch

**Friday, April 3**

12 Noon

4:00 pm

**Good Friday**

Ecumenical Service at First United Methodist

Way of the Cross – All Age Interactive Service

**Saturday, April 4**

7:00 pm

**Easter Vigil**

Historic Chapel & Church

**Sunday, April 5**

9:30 am

**Easter Sunday**

Holy Eucharist, Reception & Children's Egg Hunt

**Eggs & Toys Needed for Easter Egg Hunt on April 5** - Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for elementary school age children and younger will be held on the West lawn after the 9:30 am service on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The office would appreciate donations of small toys and wrapped candy for the hunt. Thank you!

**More Easter Help Needed** - We are in need of 2 to 3 people to oversee, set up and run the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5. Please let Penny in the office know if you are interested in this fun job.

**Garden of Gethsemane Watch Thursday, April 2 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.** - After the Maundy Thursday Eucharist on April 2, you are invited to sign up for "The Watch." The Garden of Gethsemane, created by the Designers Guild, will be set up in the church Narthex. Everyone is invited to sign up to pray for one hour, reminiscent of Jesus' invitation to "watch and pray." Sign up at the Ministry Table.

**Special Music & Flowers at Easter** - Our Easter liturgies are adorned with memorial flowers and special guest musicians. If you remembered loved ones and blessings last year at this time and would like to repeat your memorial message, please initial the list on the ministry table and put your donation of \$25 or more in the plate during the offering. See Ministry Table for details.

**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