

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 of Easter Day
April 19, 2026 ☩ 9:30 am

The Rev. Betsy McElroy, Rector
Worship: Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Church Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday
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Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist!

This bulletin will guide you through the liturgy (worship service). The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are used throughout this service.

We are a school for transformation, as we seek to become a more diverse community of people, a kaleidoscope of different 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.

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

Diane Burkett, in loving remembrance of Peter and our wedding anniversary, April 21.

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

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Besty McElroy (B)

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Greg Maszta (B)

Preacher: Charlene Martin

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

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

Lectors: Debby Weberski & Rosemary Cress

Camera Acolyte: Holly Wilson (GF)

Crucifer: Beth Elwood (CW)

Ushers: Andee Zetterbaum & Debby Weberski

Sound: James Bassett

Altar Guild: Dee Mayfield & Stuart Krengel

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Bob Gorczyca/Christina Soria

Designer Guild: Ejae Perry & Mandi Sager

Nursery Care: Allyssa Johnson

Sunday School: Janie Williams & Peggy Moos

Coffee Hour: Carol Foote

Counters: Sharon Farnsworth & Joey Soria

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

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Entrance Hymn (*Stand as able*) *We know that Christ is raised* Hymnal 296

(The following is said three times)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen. BCP 355

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Gloria *Canticle 20* Hymnal S278

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Children Process to Sunday School *Seek ye first* Hymnal 711

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Debby Weberski

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save

yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. (Acts 2:14a,36-41)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3,10-17

Debby Weberski

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Rosemary Cress

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. (*1 Peter 1:17-23*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

All who believe and are baptized

Hymnal 298

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke

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

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see

him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. *(Luke 24:13-35)*

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

Sermon

Charlene Martin

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of the Earth and every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant "Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?"

People **I will, with God's help."**

The Celebrant concludes

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Asperging Hymn *We know that Christ is raised*
(Asperging of the People)

Hymnal 296

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Peace is exchanged.

(Celebrant and People)

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

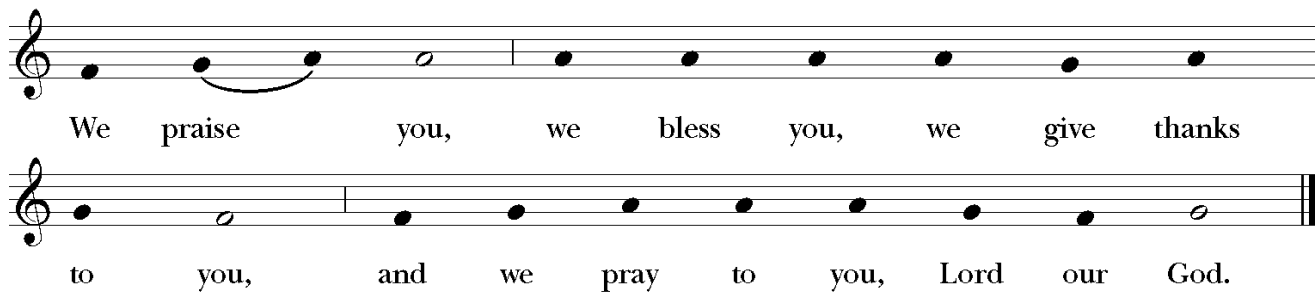
And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

(Celebrant and People)

Hymnal S 140



We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks
to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

The Deacon Continues,

Remember David, our Retired Bishop, Greg, our Bishop Elect, Betsy, our Priest, Greg, our Deacon and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all those on St. John's Prayer list, especially...

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, (especially...,) and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

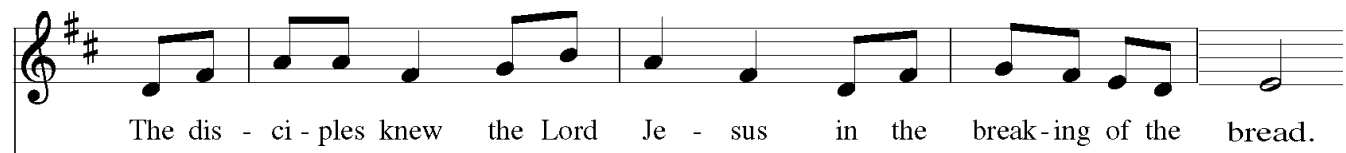
In our Diocesan cycle of prayers we pray for The ordination, consecration and installation of our new Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Greg Kimura.

Fraction Hymn

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

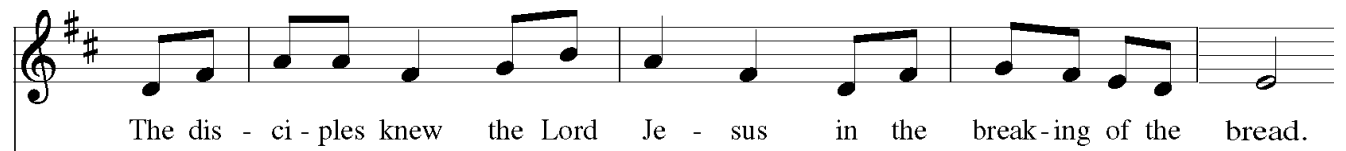
WLP 877

Choir/Cantor



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

Refrain- All Sing



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

Choir/Cantor

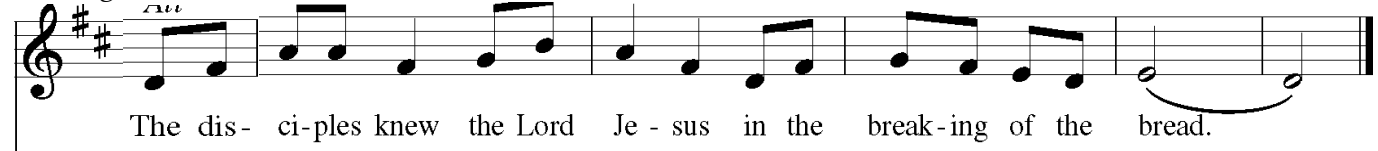
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain - All Sing

Choir/Cantor

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

All Sing



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

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.

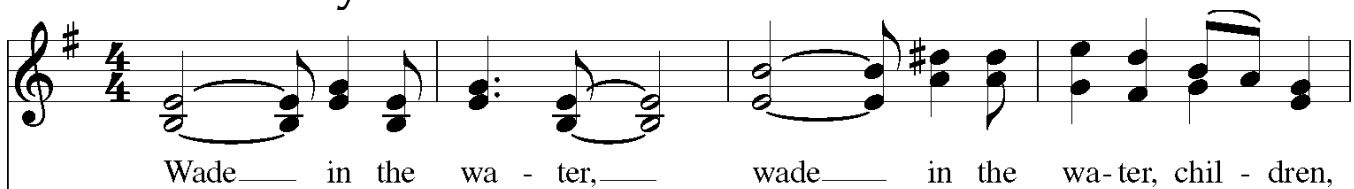
The Communion of the People

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 Hymn

Wade in the water

LEVAS 143



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Fine

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 wa - ter. 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

D.C.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

Alleluias VII

Taizé Volume II

Light and lively ♩ = 116

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia!

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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.

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.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Bless now, O God, the journey

VF 142

1 Bless now, O God the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way—
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path thru noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
whose hope burns through out the ter - rors whose love sus - tains the day.
We wait for land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom, while of - ten we are bound.
But wait - ing not for pla - ces— you meet us all a - round.

1. 2.

C G Am Dsus4-3 G

then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 To - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

3.

G

found.
 found.
 found.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

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Announcements

Sunday, April 19

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

12:15 pm, Vestry Meeting, Hospitality Room

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Bike Church - Happy Earth Day - See Flyer on Ministry Table

Monday, April 20: Office Closed

April 20 - 22: Rev. Betsy's Days off

April 20 - 27: Penny Wilson on vacation

April 21 - 23: Office Hours are 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Wednesday, April 22

12:00 pm, Noon-Day Prayer, Chapel

6:30 pm, Choir Practice, Hospitality Room

Friday, April 24

5:30 pm, Soul Kitchen Dinner, Church Narthex

Sunday, April 26

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Larson Piano Recital, Church

Taize Healing Service - Wednesday, April 29 - 6:00 pm

Join us for an Easter Season Taize Healing Service here at St. John's Lodi. Taize is a style of meditative repetitive prayer set to music. An opportunity will be provided during the service to receive individual laying of hands anointing with holy oil.

St. John's High Tea - May 2 2026 - 12 pm to 3 pm: Purchase your tickets Now! \$45 per person; \$20 for youth 10 - 17; \$300 for tables of 7. Purchase your tickets from Penny in the office, Fran Bott or Beth Elwood. See the flyer at the Ministry Table.

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