Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

All Saints' Sunday

November 01, 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 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 peoples 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:

Donna Hoffman in loving memory of her husband Bob Hoffman.

If you would like to donate flowers, please contact the church office at 209-369-3381.

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Betsy McElroy (B)
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Greg Masztal
Choir Director: Steven Weikle
Pianist/Organist: Luke Colbert
Eucharistic Minister: Margaret Meyers (CW) & Candice Gale (CJ)
Lectors: Bob Gorczyca & Robert Elliott
Camera Acolyte: Carlo Bagnasco (GF)
Crucifer: Stacey Bagnasco (CW)
Ushers: Tom Gundershaug & TBD
Sound: Jim Bassett
Altar Guild: TBD & TBD
Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Rosemary Cress/Robert Elliot
Designer Guild: Barbara Warburton & Kathy Girard
Nursery Care: Payton Christy
Sunday School: Carol Bassett & Barbara Krengel
Coffee Hour: Debby Webersky & Margaret Meyers
Counters: Eric Goossens & Tom Gundershaug

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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

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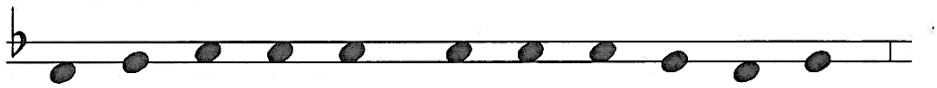
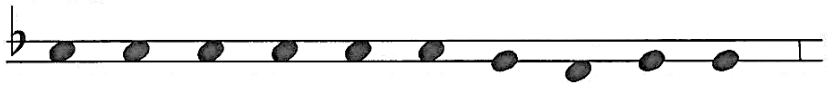
Entrance Hymn *(Stand as able)* *For all the Saints* (vs. 1-4 only) Hymnal 287

Opening Acclamation EOW1

Celebrant



People



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.**

Gloria

Glory to God

S 280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

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

A Reading from the Revelation to John *All are seated.* Bob Gorczyca

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." *(Revelation 7:9-17)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All repeat the antiphon after the choir and as marked.

Psalm 34: 2-9

I will bless the Lord at all times,
God's praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (Ant.)

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise God's name.
I sought the Lord and was heard;
from all my terrors set free. (Ant.)

Look towards God and be radiant;
let your faces not be ashamed.
When the poor cry out, the Lord hears them
and rescues them from all their distress. (Ant.)

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear God, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
They are happy who seek refuge in God. (Ant.)

A Reading from the first letter of John

Robert Elliott

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

(*1 John 3:1-3*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Lo! What a cloud of witnesses (V 1-3) Hymnal 545

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." *(Matthew 5:1-12)*

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

Sermon

The Rev. Betsy McElroy

Silence

Plenty Good Room – Fall Stewardship Testimony Justin Ehrenberg

Blessing of Chalice and Paten

Presider & People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

Presider: The cup of blessing which we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.

People: The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Grant that all who receive the holy Mysteries from these vessels, which we now consecrate for use in your Church, may be sustained by his presence and enjoy for ever his heavenly benediction; who lives and reigns in glory everlasting. Amen.

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."**

Prayers of the People

Margaret Meyers

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

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

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

Nurture our parish family, especially those who have asked for our prayers, and for those who we name now, *(Silence)*
We pray for all who need our prayers.
Make us to be numbered with your saints.

A Rite of Remembrance

Celebrant: Let us pray for those beloved members who have died this past year. Lois Lilley, Donald Robert Smith, Betty Bandelin, John Ledbetter, Colleen Walton, Marilyn Cook, Jeffery Lobb, Robert Hoffman Sr. We pray for all those buried in our columbarium and memorial garden. Let us now pray for all who are in the nearer presence of God, especially those whom we name now.

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

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
People: **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**
The people pray together:
Blessed are you, Lord, surrounded by the saints in glory. Grant us the light of love which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light around us, until we come to you and your saints in everlasting light, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**
The Peace is exchanged.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings *All together,*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

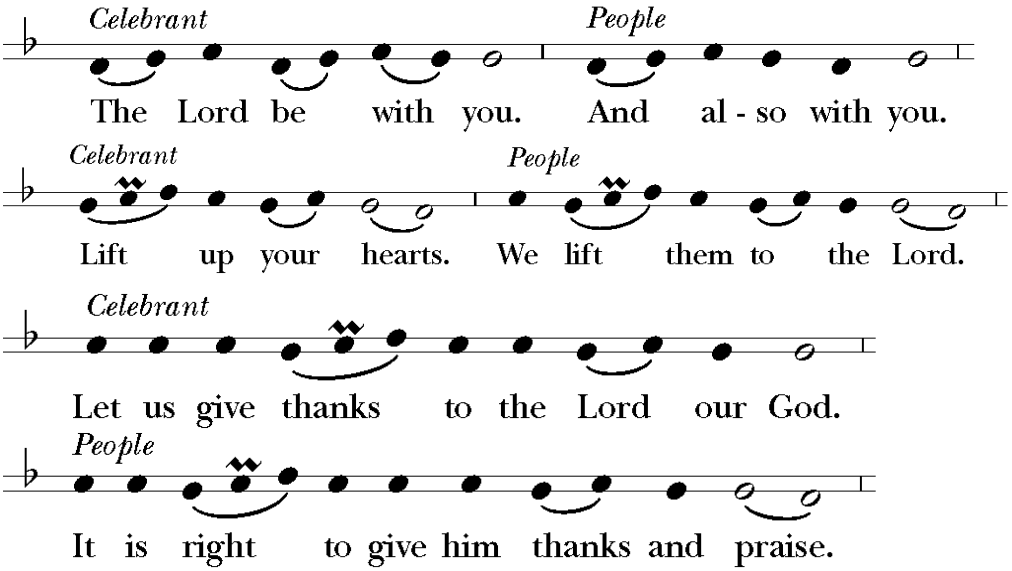
Offertory Sentence

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem *Who Are These Like Stars Appearing* Linda Cable Shute

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

The Great Thanksgiving *(Standing)* EOW3

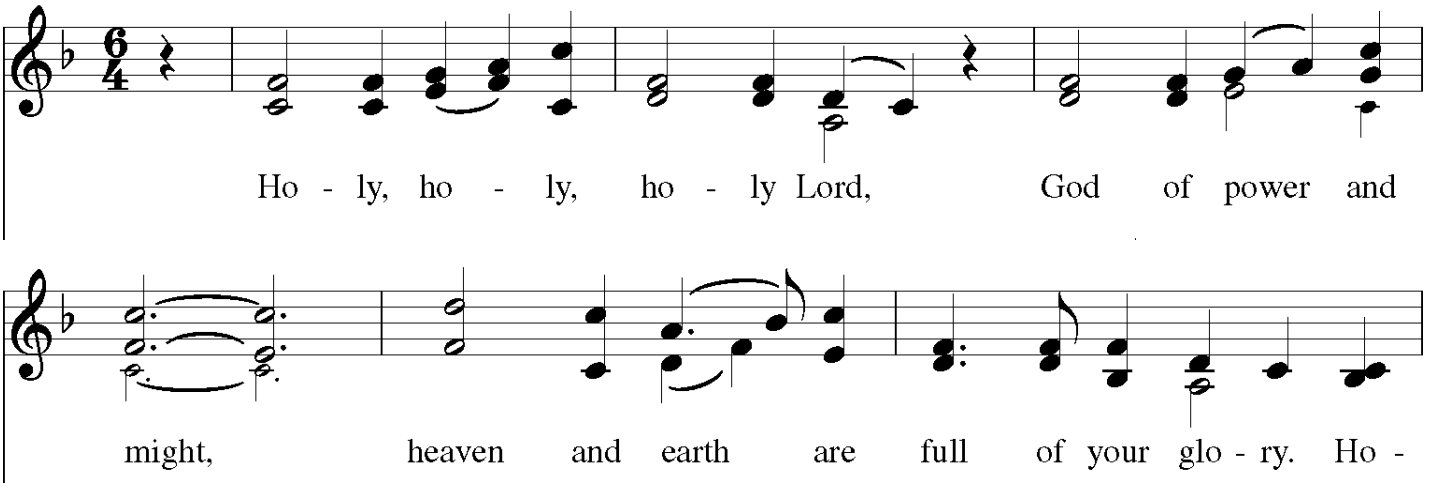


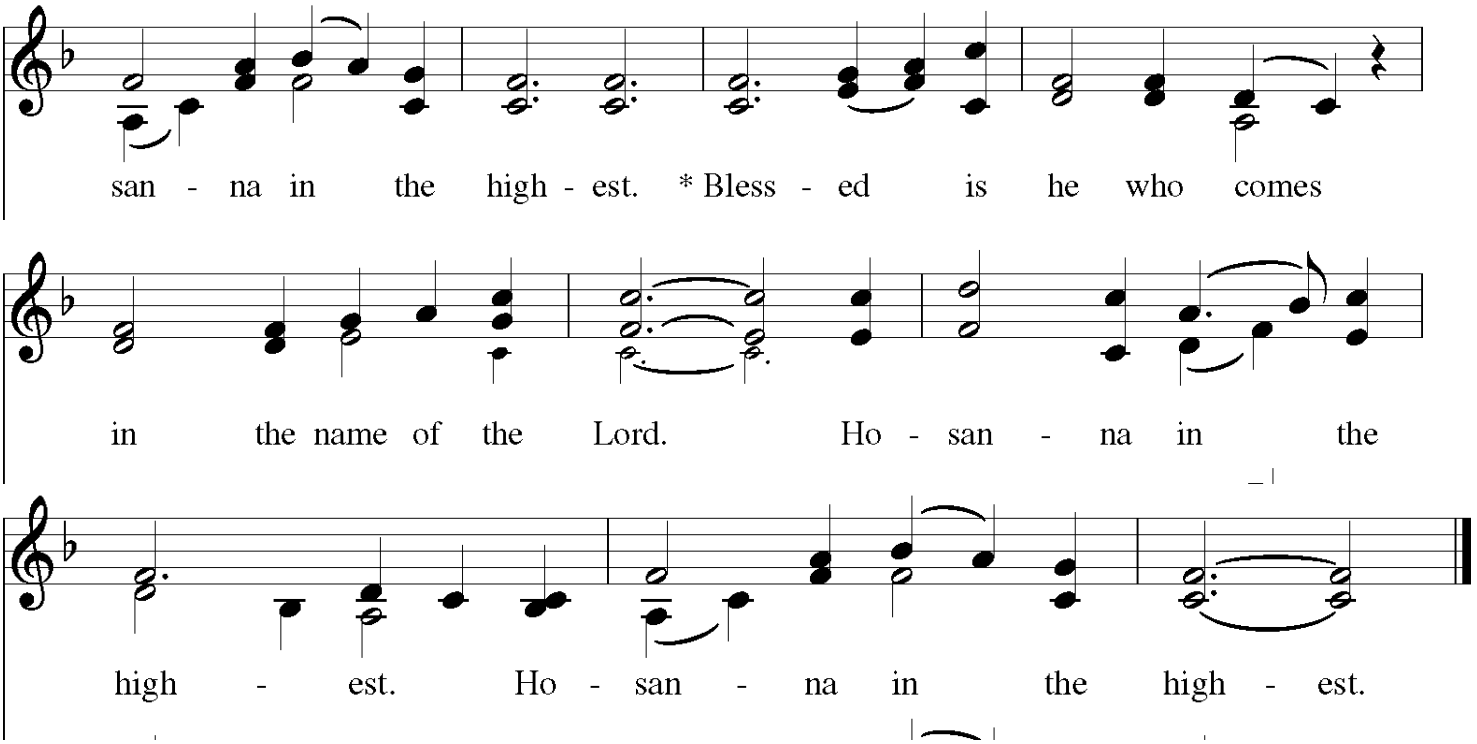
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so, as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

(Celebrant and People)

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord* WLAP 858





The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave us your son Jesus, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

(Celebrant and People)
Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. John the Baptist and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer *(traditional)*

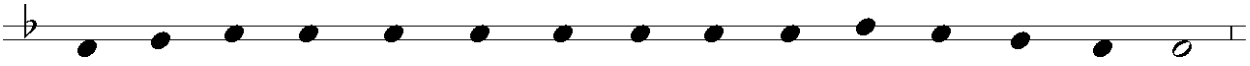
Celebrant: And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

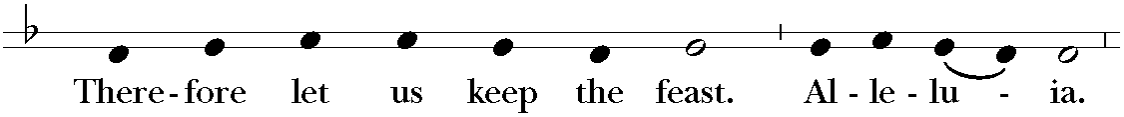
The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S 152

Celebrant:



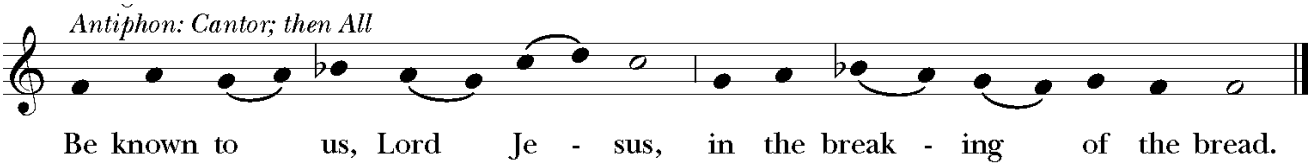
People:



Fraction Hymn

Hymnal S 171

Antiphon: (1st time through, cantor sings then we all sing together once through. Sing after each verse)



Cantor:

1. The bread which we break, alleluia,
   is the communion of the body of Christ. *(Antiphon)*
2. One body are we, alleluia,
   for though many we share one bread. *(Antiphon)*

Celebrant continues,

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free host is 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 Hymns

Lord, make us servants of your peace Hymnal 593

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*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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, give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *I sing a song of the Saints of God* Hymnal 293

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Postlude on "Sicilian Mariners"* by Luke Colbert

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Announcements

Calendar

Sunday, November 01
9:30am, Holy Eucharist, Church

November 02 – 07: Rev. Betsy will be Out of Office

Monday, November 02
4:00 pm, Warden's Meeting
4:15 Hope Harbor Volunteer Dinner Service

Wednesday, November 04
11:00am Bibe Study, Chapel
12:00pm, Noonday prayer, Chapel
6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, November 05
4:30pm, Daughters of the King, Hospitality Rm.

Join us every Wednesday at 12pm for Noonday prayer in the Chapel.

Altar Guild - will be meeting **today, Sunday, November 1st** after the service. Members of the congregation are invited to attend.

What are we waiting for? - Have you ever thought that advent gets shadowed by the busyness and commercialization of Christmas? What would it look like to lengthen advent so that it lasts 7 weeks instead of the traditional 4 so that we could really lean into the meaning of the season? For our 2nd Sunday Formation in November **(November, 8)**, Rev. Betsy will walk us through the theological arguments for an extended advent and whether we should consider doing this next year here at St. John's.

Greet the Holidays November 14th at our Annual Holiday Bazaar! This year has a crafting theme, and several local vendors are sure to help you check off your holiday gift list. Vendors will offer jewelry, stained glass art, cookie decorating kits and other sweet treats, yarn art, and more. You'll find holiday decor, a selection of items handmade by your fellow parishioners, a plant section, and make-and-take tables for all ages. While you shop, enjoy live holiday music, a cocoa-and-cookies corner, and raffle giveaways every half-hour. This event, which runs from 10 am to 2 pm, is being advertised to the public this year, so please spread the word. And thank you for supporting St. John's.

As we continue our Fall stewardship efforts, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12, 9am - 12pm, for a St. John's building and grounds, "Spruce up and care day!" More details to follow. All helping hands appreciated!

Bible Study Returns –This lay led study will focus on the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. It will be held every Wednesday from 11:00 - 11:50 finishing in time for those who want to attend Noonday Prayer. There is no cost, and all are welcome.

Sunday School – We are still registering children so that we know who may be joining us from week to week. Our Sunday School now has two separate classrooms separated by age. The registration will help us determine the split between the two rooms. If you have questions, please ask Justin Ehrenberg or Barbara Krengel for further details.

Bring on the Plastics! Plastic collection has begun again at St. John's. Through an effort led by Jennifer Glass of the Stockton Lyons Club, donations of clean, dry stretchy plastics are repurposed into attractive durable benches. Deposit plastics in the bin at

the back of the narthex. You can find a list of yes and no plastics on the church fellowship table. Any questions? Contact Barbara Krengel or Charlene Martin

Quarterly Donation Statements –
Please pick up your statement at the Ushers table. Thank you.

Sacred Places of Remembrance Here at St. John's

There are several holy and beautifully tended spaces at St. John's where families may honor those who have entered God's eternal care. Each location is designed to reflect the peace, dignity, and hope of our faith—places where remembrance becomes an act of love, and where the promise of resurrection gently meets our grief.

Now through the end of the year, all remembrance locations will remain at current pricing.

- ✓ Niches located in the Church Nave and the Chapel - $1,500
- ✓ The outdoor Memorial Wall - $600
- ✓ Burial of Ashes in our Memorial Garden - $300
- ✓ Memorial Plaques in the Church Nave - $100

Available niches and memorial options are displayed near the ministry table, where you'll also find diagram copies, pricing, and columbarium applications for your convenience.

This season offers families a meaningful opportunity to make thoughtful, prayerful decisions about memorial arrangements. For more information about a resting place for your loved ones, please contact Beth Elwood or Karen Olds.

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

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SOMETHING MORE?

Discover the Daughters of the King

Women of EDSJ: Are you seeking a deeper relationship with Christ?

If the answer is yes, Daughters of the King might be for you.

All are invited to discernment classes at St. John's, Lodi.

FREE CLASSES | THURSDAYS

4:30–6:00 p.m.

November 5 & 19, 2026 • December 3, 2026
January 14 & 28, 2027 • Final meeting: To be determined

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THE MOTTO OF THE ORDER

For His Sake…
I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?

REGISTER OR ASK A QUESTION

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