



# St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

September 17, 2017

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
called to be... a safe place for all people!

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PRELUDE                      Morning Has Broken                      arr. Herbert Colvin

*Please stand as you are able until the Lessons.*

OPENING HYMN              #390 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)  
Praise to the Lord                      *Lobe den Herren*

***The Holy Eucharist: Rite II*** begins on page 355 in *The Book of Common Prayer* (red book).

## The Word of God

*Celebrant*              Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*                      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**              *Gloria in excelsis Deo*              Robert Powell  
The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 280.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

### Old Testament: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

### Psalm 114

*In exitu Israel*

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

### Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,  
'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'  
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

*Please stand as you are able for the hymn and the Gospel.*

GRADUAL HYMN            #410 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)  
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

*Lauda anima*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:21-35

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**, page 358 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Prayers of the People**, the page number in *The Book of Common Prayer* will be announced

**Confession of Sin**, page 360 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Peace**, *The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.*

## **Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings**

OFFERTORY HYMN            #325 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)  
Let us break bread together on our knees

*Let Us Break Bread*

*Pledgers, please place your offering in an envelope and write your name on it so the treasurer can easily identify your giving. Thank you.*

## **Doxology** (*sung*)

*Old 100th*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*, page 361 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

*Sanctus*

*Robert Powell*

The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 129.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The service then continues on page 362 in The Book of Common Prayer*

## The Breaking of the Bread

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**Post Communion Prayer**, page 365 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

CLOSING HYMN #493 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)  
O for a thousand tongues to sing

*Azmon*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Jubilate Amen

Norton Charles

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join in the coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Exit the door on the front left of the church, the Parish Hall is the next building over.

St. John's offers a service of Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at 12:10.

### HUB (*Helping Urban Bicyclists*)

The HUB needs your financial support. Checks marked "HUB" may be mailed to the church office, 316 N El Dorado St., Stockton, CA 95202.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

<p><b>St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church</b> 316 N El Dorado Street Stockton, CA 95202</p> <p>Stockton's historic Episcopal Church, founded in 1850 on land donated by Captain Weber, the founder of Stockton.</p> <p><b>Part of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin</b> The Rt. Rev. David C. Rice, Bishop The Rev. Linda Huggard, Priest The Rev. Steve Bentley, Deacon Brother Dunstan Townsend, OSB, Organist</p>	<p>Church Office: (209) 466-6916 episcopalangel@outlook.com www.stjohnsstockton.org diosanjoaquin.org www.anglicancommunion.org</p> <p>St. John the Evangelist on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnstocktonca</p> <p>The HUB (<i>Helping Urban Bicyclists</i>) on Facebook: www.facebook.com/STOCKTONHUB HUB Phone: (209) 663-9955 Tues &amp; Thurs 10:00-4:00, Wed 1:00-4:00</p>
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## Coming Events

### **Pre-Convention Northern Deanery Meeting**

Saturday, September 30, 10:00 AM  
St. John the Evangelist

### **The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention**

October 27-28, 2017  
Episcopal Conference Center Oakhurst (ECCO)

### **Revival, Diocese of San Joaquin, with Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry**

Friday, November 17, 4:00 PM  
University of the Pacific

### **Installation of The Rt. Rev David Rice as Bishop of San Joaquin**

Saturday, November 18, 1:00 PM  
St James Cathedral, Fresno

## Episcopal Evangelism

**We seek, name & celebrate  
Jesus' loving presence  
In the stories of all people  
- Then invite everyone to more.**

".. We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, to be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20

