

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

September 24, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

called to be... a safe place for all people!

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PRELUDE Organ Processional for Manuals

Jan Bender (1909-1994)

Ton-y-Botel

Please stand as you are able until the Lessons.

OPENING HYMN #527 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Singing songs of expectation

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." 'And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; * continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *

his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 - O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *

in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
 - because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *

and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *

and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word *

and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *

his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *

and they took the fruit of others' toil, 45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 #523 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Glorious things of thee are spoken Abbot's Leigh

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

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

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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 #343 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

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

Old 100th **Doxology** (sung)

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

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 #690 in The Hymnal (blue book)

> Guide me, O thou great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

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

POSTLUDE Cwm Rhondda Paul Manz

(1919-2009)

Robert Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Anna Carmichael, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of San Joaquin.

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.

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Stockton's historic Episcopal Church, founded in 1850 on land donated by Captain Weber, the founder of Stockton.

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Tues & Thurs 10:00-4:00, Wed 1:00-4:00

Coming Events

Pre-Convention Northern Deanery Meeting

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

The 58th 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

