

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

November 12, 2017

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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

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PRELUDE	Air from Overture in D Major	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Please stand as	you are able until the Lessons.	(
opening hymi	N #7 in <i>The Hymnal</i> (blue book) Christ, whose glory fills the skies	Ratisbon
The Holy Eucl	harist: Rite II begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer (red book).	
The Word	of God	
Celebrant People	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.	
	D IN THE HIGHEST Gloria in excelsis Deo und in <i>The Hymnal</i> , in the front section with "S" numbers, S 280.	Robert Powell
	o God in the highest, peace to his people on earth.	
almight we v	od, heavenly King, y God and Father, vorship you, we give you thanks, vraise you for your glory.	
Lord Go you tak have you are	sus Christ, only Son of the Father, od, Lamb of God, e away the sin of the world: e mercy on us; e seated at the right hand of the Father: ive our prayer.	
you alo you alo Jesu with	alone are the Holy One, ne are the Lord, ne are the Most High, s Christ, the Holy Spirit, e glory of God the Father. Amen.	
THE COLLECT	OF THE DAY	

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78:1-7

Attendite, popule

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
- I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
- and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
- and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
- and the children yet unborn; *
- that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God,
 - but keep his commandments;

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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	#324 in The Hymnal (blue book)
	Let all mortal flesh keep silence

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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Matthew 25:1-13

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 the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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 #620 in *The Hymnal* (blue book) Jerusalem, my happy home

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

Richard Proulx

Land of Rest

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 125. **NOTE: This a new setting.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. 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	#608 in <i>The Hymnal</i> (blue book) Eternal Father, strong to save	Melita
The Dismissal Deacon People	Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
POSTLUDE	America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)	Robert J. Powell (1932-)

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.

HUB (Helping Urban Bicyclists)

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Coming Events

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

Friday, November 17, 4:00 PM University of the Pacific Revival Registration - https://diosanjoaquin.org/2017-revival-registration/

Installation of The Rt. Rev David Rice as Bishop of San Joaquin, by Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry Saturday, November 18, 1:00 PM St James Cathedral, Fresno