



St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

November 19, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
called to be... a safe place for all people!

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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

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

Old Testament: Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."'

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

Psalm 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

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

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy

slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

Offering

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

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD *Sanctus*

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*

The Dismissal

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

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

<p>St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church 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>Part of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin 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 & Thurs 10:00-4:00, Wed 1:00-4:00</p>
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Coming Events

Christmas Handbell Concert

Sunday, December 10th, beginning at 2:00 PM.

Presented by the San Joaquin Ringers Community Handbell Ensemble, under the direction of Br. Dunstan.

No admission charge.

Christmas Service

Sunday, December 24th, at 10:30 AM we will offer Morning Prayer for the Fourth Sunday in Advent.

At 5:00 PM on the 24th, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist of Christmas Eve. Come early to join in singing carols.

There will not be a service on Christmas Day.

