



St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Called to Be... A Safe Place for All of God's People!

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PRELUDE Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as you are able until the Lessons.

OPENING HYMN #193 in *The Hymnal* (blue book) *Puer nobis*
That Easter day with joy was bright

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

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

Cum invocarem

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

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.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

#365 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Come, thou almighty King

Moscow

Gospel

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying
People*

Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN #306 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest *Sursum Corda*

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* *Richard Proulx*
The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 125.

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 #180 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
He is risen, he is risen!

Unser Herrscher

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Alec Wyton
(1921-2007)

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.

Rev. Linda is retiring at the end of this month. There will be a reception in her honor after the service next week, April 22nd. Her last Sunday at St. John's is April 29th. Beginning in May, Deacon Steve will be leading us in Morning Prayer on Sundays, with a visiting priest celebrating the Holy Eucharist once a month. Note: This is not a "downsizing" of St. John's, just a temporary measure while a new priest is selected who will be with us every week. Bishop David has emphasized the importance of our parish and what we do in the community and is looking at ways to increase our visibility and outreach. He will also partially fund the new priest! Mark next Sunday on your calendar for Rev. Linda's reception.

Noonday Prayer

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

Recovery International (RI) Stockton Group Meetings

RI gives people the tools to lead more peaceful and productive lives. It offers a cognitive behavioral training method (CBT) developed by the late psychiatrist Dr. Abraham A. Low. (*Mental health through will training.*) For over 80 years, this method has helped members learn to identify and manage negative thoughts, feelings, beliefs and behaviors that can lead to emotional distress and related physical symptoms. All are welcome to attend, free of charge. The meetings are held every Friday, 6:30-8:30 PM, in the office conference room. See Todd or Br. Dunstan for brochures or more info.

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 Message Phone: (209) 466-6916, or call the HUB when it's open. See below.</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> <p>www.stjohnsstockton.org diosanjoaquin.org www.anglicancommunion.org</p> <p>St. John the Evangelist on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnstocktonca</p>
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Called to be...

We are Easter People and Alleluia is our song!
