



# St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

March 12, 2017

PRELUDE                      Ich Ruf Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ (*I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*)                      J. S. Bach

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

OPENING HYMN                      #401 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)  
The God of Abraham praise                      *Leoni*

## Morning Prayer: Rite II

*Today's service begins with one of the Lent sentences on page 76 in The Book of Common Prayer (red book). Morning Prayer has a number of options, but the service will generally continue forward in the book. An exception is the Prayers of the People that are later in the book, following which we return to Morning Prayer.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Page 79 in The Book of Common Prayer.*

### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Page 80 in The Book of Common Prayer.  
(The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.)*

### THE ANTIPHON FOR LENT

*Officiant:* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

### VENITE

*Page 82 in The Book of Common Prayer, read by all.*

### THE ANTIPHON FOR LENT IS REPEATED

*All:* **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.**

### THE PSALM

#### Psalm 121

*Levavi oculos*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

## **THE LESSONS**

*The people sit.*

### **Genesis 12:1-4a**

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **CANTICLE**

*Please stand as you are able for the Canticle, then be seated for the reading.*

### **Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **CANTICLE**

*Please stand as you are able until after the Gospel*

GRADUAL HYMN

#449 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

*Deo gracias*

## **John 3:1-17**

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.*

*People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## **The Sermon**

**The Apostles' Creed**, page 96 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

## **THE PRAYERS**

Page 97 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

## **The Peace**

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

OFFERTORY HYMN #473 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Lift high the cross

*Crucifer*

*If you place your offering in one of the envelopes provided in the pews, then the parish can track your giving and provide you with a report at the end of the year.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

Page 101 in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

*Officiant: A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

## The Dismissal

Page 102 in The Book of Common Prayer.

POSTLUDE

Le Prie-Dieu

George Oldroyd

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's offers a work-day Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:10.

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.

The HUB distributes food and clothing in addition to bicycles. Donations are welcome! See Deacon Steve for additional information.

## 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-in-Charge 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>The HUB (<i>Helping Urban Bicyclists</i>) is on Facebook. www.facebook.com/STOCKTONHUB</p>
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