



St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

February 25, 2018

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

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PRELUDE	My Faith Looks Up to Thee (<i>Olivet</i>)	Karl Osterland (1956-)
OPENING HYMN	#401 in <i>The Hymnal</i> (blue book) The God of Abraham praise	<i>Leoni</i>

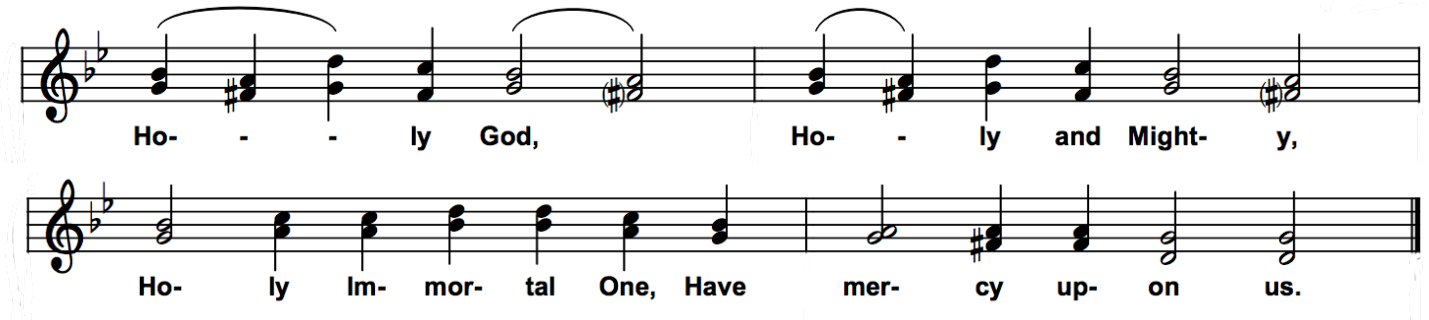
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II begins on page 355 in *The Book of Common Prayer* (red book).

The Word of God

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

TRISAGION (*Thrice Holy*, *The Hymnal* S 102)

Please sing three times.



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 LESSONS

The people sit.

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

Psalm 22:22-30

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Epistle: Romans 4:13-25

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 #707 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Take my life, and let it be consecrated

Hollingside

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying
People*

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

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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 #328 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Song 46

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*)
*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.*

Old 100th

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

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted.

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Post Communion Prayer, page 365 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

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

The Dismissal

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

POSTLUDE Ich ruf'zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (*I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ*) J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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.

Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent, after enjoying some coffee and fellowship, you may return to the church to join in the Lenten devotion of *Stations of the Cross*. Stations of the Cross refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The object of the stations is to help Christians make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. A series of 14 images are arranged in numbered order around the church, and we travel from image to image, in order, stopping at each station to say selected prayers and reflections. This will last about 15 minutes.

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.

Visit by Bishop David Rice for Confirmation. Sunday, March 4, 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist.

Holy Week 2018

- Palm Sunday, March 25, 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
- Maundy Thursday, March 29
- Good Friday, March 30
- Easter Sunday, April 1, 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Seder Supper, Monday, April 2, 5:30 PM

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, O.S.B., Organist</p>	<p>Church Message Phone: (209) 466-6916, or call the HUB when it's open. See below.</p> <p>The HUB (Helping Urban Bicyclists) 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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