

# St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

March 18, 2018

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

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PRELUDE In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

OPENING HYMN

#441 in The Hymnal (blue book)

In the cross of Christ I glory

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

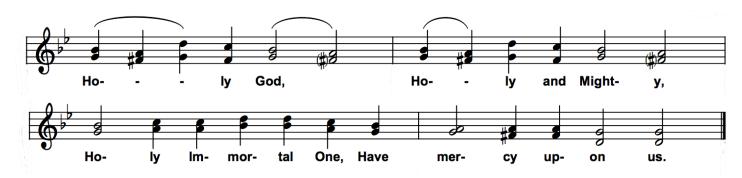
# The Word of God

Celebrant 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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### THE LESSONS

The people sit.

#### Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 51:1-13 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness  $\ensuremath{^*}$ 

and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions,  $\ast$ 

and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned \*

and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak \* and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*

a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \* and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  $^{\ast}$ 

wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins \*

and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*

and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence \*

and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \* and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

#### **Epistle: Hebrews 5:5-10**

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son,

today I have begotten you';

as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 #474 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

When I survey the wondrous cross Rockingham

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 12:20-33

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those

who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 #495 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

In Babilone

Richard Proulx

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 (sunq) 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

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 #473 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Crucifer

The Dismissal

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

POSTLUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Robert Buckley Farlee (1950- )

# **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.

# **Noonday Prayer**

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

# **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.

# Holy Week 2018

Palm Sunday March 25 10:30 AM

There are two parts to this Sunday: We begin with re-enacting Jesus' welcome into Jerusalem with a joyous procession of palms and end with a forewarning of events to come.

Maundy Thursday March 29 6:00 PM

At the last supper, Jesus models his humility and love by washing the feet of his companions. We also commemorate the first communion, "do this for the remembrance of me".

Good Friday March 30 Noon

The day of the Crucifixion. We honor the ancient custom of the 3 hours. The service tells the story of Jesus' betrayal, trial, and crucifixion and, following that, we follow the Stations of the Cross, a traditional movement devotional, in which the people symbolically participate in Jesus' path to the cross.

Easter Sunday April 1 10:30 AM

We celebrate the empty tomb, Jesus' glorious Resurrection!

**Seder Supper**, Monday, April 2, 5:30 PM A celebration with members of Temple Israel.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

316 N El Dorado Street Stockton, CA 95202

Stockton's historic Episcopal Church, founded in 1850 on land donated by Captain Weber, the founder of Stockton.

## 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 Church Message Phone: (209) 466-6916, or call the HUB when it's open. See below.

**The HUB** (*Helping Urban Bicyclists*) on Facebook:

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