



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
316 N EL DORADO STREET
STOCKTON, CA 95202
APRIL 27, 2025 – 10:30 AM
MORNING PRAYER
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

ORGAN PRELUDE Little Prelude & Fugue in B^b Major Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

OPENING HYMN **Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks** *Alleluia No. 1*
 Hymn 178

OPENING SENTENCE PAGE 76, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

CONFESSION OF SIN PAGE 79, BCP

INVITATORY AND PSALTER PAGE 80-83, BCP

PSALM 118:14-29 *Confitemini Domino*

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
 and he has become my salvation.
15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
 in the tents of the righteous:
16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
 the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
 the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
17 I shall not die, but live, *
 and declare the works of the LORD.
18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
 but he did not hand me over to death.
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the LORD.
20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
 he who is righteous may enter."
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
 and have become my salvation.

- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON, ACTS 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

THE FIRST CANTICLE

FROM PAGE 85-95, BCP

The Canticle will be announced, please stand as you are able, then be seated for the reading.

THE NEW TESTAMENT, REVELATION 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

THE SECOND CANTICLE

FROM PAGE 85-95, BCP

The Canticle will be announced, please stand as you are able until after the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN **Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!** *Gelobt sei Gott*
 Hymn 205

THE GOSPEL, JOHN 20:19-31

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY Rev. Stephen Bentley, Deacon

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE PRAYERS

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AS ANNOUNCED, FROM PAGES 383-393, BCP

Today in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St Anne's Episcopal Church in Stockton, their priest, the Rev. Rebecca Blair, and their assisting priest, the Rev. Christian Hagan.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN **Alleluia! O sons and daughters** *O filii et filiae*
 Hymn 206
 (Hymn for the Second Sunday of Easter, and St. Thomas' Day)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

PAGE 102, BCP

THE DISMISSAL

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ORGAN POSTLUDE

Christ ist erstanden
(Christ is Risen)

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

All are welcome at the Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the service.

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church is a community church in an urban setting. Some of our neighbors are unhoused individuals, and those experiencing mental health or addiction issues. On occasion, someone may enter the church during a service and cause a distraction. We consider this an opportunity to share God's love for all people. Everyone is welcome at St. John's, and we offer whatever assistance we can provide.



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COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 28 (TRANSFERRED): **Zita of Tuscany**, Worker of Charity, 1271.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29: **Catherine of Siena**, Mystic and Prophetic Witness, 1380.

THURSDAY, MAY 1: **The Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James**

FRIDAY, MAY 2: **Athanasius of Alexandria**, Bishop and Theologian, 373.

SATURDAY, MAY 3: **Elisabeth Cruciger**, Poet and Hymnographer, 1535.

The Official Commemorations observed by The Episcopal Church are published in the book *Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2022*. This book is now available as a free PDF download.

https://www.episcopalcommonprayer.org/uploads/1/2/9/8/129843103/lesser_feasts_and_fasts_2022_final.pdf

"I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA," SAYS THE LORD GOD,
WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY.

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ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Praying for the 855 dioceses and 42 provinces of the Anglican Communion September 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026.

Sunday 27 April 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Monday 28 April 2025

The Diocese of Meridional – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Tuesday 29 April 2025

The Diocese of Meru – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Wednesday 30 April 2025

The Diocese of México – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Thursday 1 May 2025

The Diocese of Del Norte de México – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Friday 2 May 2025

The Diocese of Michigan – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 3 May 2025

The Diocese of Eastern Michigan – The Episcopal Church

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, May 4 – Cinco de Mayo Parade, beginning at 10:00 AM at the Weber Institute on Weber Street and then going North up El Dorado Street past the church. Access to our parking lot will be from Hunter Street, through the Cancun Restaurant parking lot. Plan to allow extra time due to traffic and street closures.

Sunday, May 11 – Good Shepherd Sunday, Holy Eucharist with Canon Anna (and Mother's Day)

Sunday, May 18 – Bishop's Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 29 – Ascension Day

Sunday, June 8 – The Day of Pentecost, Holy Eucharist with Canon Anna

ST. JOHN'S SERVICES ARE ON YOUTUBE!

<https://www.youtube.com/@StJohnsEpiscopalChurchStockton>

Take a look, and Subscribe!

WEEKLY MINISTRIES OF ST. JOHN'S

The HUB, (Helping Urban Bicyclists) Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

The HUB sponsors the **Mercy Pedalers**. A ministry of presence based on the Works of Mercy and powered by people who pedal three-wheel bicycles through the streets of Stockton connecting with people who are experiencing homelessness, sharing with them hot coffee, socks, hats, gloves, and toiletries. See Deacon Steve for additional information on this ministry.

UPLIFT ALL FOUNDATION: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

In the parking lot from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Mon-Fri, first come, first served, no charge.

- Loads of Hope Laundry Service
 - Splash of Hope Showers & Restrooms
 - Hope Connection Mobile Office
 - Haircuts on Tuesday
 - Hope Medical on Wednesday, ECM Provider HPSJ
 - Prescription Pick-up, 2:30-5:00 on Wednesday
 - San Joaquin County Services, Every 2nd Wednesday and 3rd Friday
 - Food and Clothing
 - Classes, Events and Festivals as announced
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Charities where donations may be made for world relief:

Episcopal Relief and Development
The United Nations Refugee Agency
The United Nations Children's Fund
World Central Kitchen

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>
<https://www.unhcr.org/>
<https://www.unicef.org/>
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call the HUB when it's open. See below.

The HUB

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