



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

316 N EL DORADO STREET

STOCKTON, CA 95202

MARCH 16, 2025 – 10:30 AM

MORNING PRAYER

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

ORGAN PRELUDE *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*
(I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

OPENING HYMN **The God of Abraham praise**
Hymn 401

Leoni

OPENING SENTENCE

PAGE 76, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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PAGE 79, BCP

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

PAGE 80-83, BCP

PSALM 27

Dominus illuminatio

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
 above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
 with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
 have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
 Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
 cast me not away; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
 the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
 lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
 for false witnesses have risen up against me,
 and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed
 that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
 in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
 be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
 wait patiently for the LORD.

**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 OLD TESTAMENT, GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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, PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 **Hail, thou once despised Jesus!**
Hymn 495

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THE GOSPEL, LUKE 13:31-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

Today in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Madera, their lay leaders and supply priests, the Rev. Kathie Galicia and Rev. Keith Brown.

Deacon Beloved siblings in Christ, wait patiently for the Lord. Trusting our merciful God to hear us, we pray, "Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; have mercy on us and answer us."

Almighty God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us citizens of your heavenly kingdom. Show us your ways, O Lord, and give us the strength to stand firm.

Silence

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

Forgive us, gracious God, for the violence and anger in our own hearts. Open our ears and hearts to listen to your prophets and heed their call to repentance.

Silence

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

We long, O God, to behold your fair beauty. Open our eyes to the beauty all around us. Inspire our hearts to sing out and make music to you.

The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

We pray, O God, for all those who have no place to call home. In their day of trouble keep them safe in your shelter; hide them in your dwelling. May they find housing in this life and find their home in your heart forever.

Silence

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

**All are welcome at the Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the service.
Today we have the opportunity of listening to and conversing with
Representative Josh Harder.**

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- **Palm Sunday**, April 13, Holy Eucharist with Rev. Kathie Galicia
- **Bishop's Committee Meeting**, April 13
- **Maundy Thursday**, Service at 5:30 PM – Including the Washing of Feet, and the Stripping of the Altar.
- **Good Friday**, Service at 12:10 PM – The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, which includes reading the Passion story from the Gospel of John, and ends with Stations of the Cross.
- **Easter Sunday**, April 20



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COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 17: **Patrick of Ireland**, Bishop and Missionary, 461.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18: **Cyril of Jerusalem**, Bishop and Theologian, 386.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19: **Saint Joseph**.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20: **Cuthbert**, Bishop, 687.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21: **Thomas Ken**, Bishop, 1711.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22: **James De Koven**, Priest, 1879.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

Sunday 16 March 2025, 2nd Sunday in Lent

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Monday 17 March 2025

The Diocese of Malek Rup – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tuesday 18 March 2025

The Diocese of Malindi – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Wednesday 19 March 2025

Te Pihopatanga o Te Manawa o Te Wheke – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Thursday 20 March 2025

The Diocese of Manchester – The Church of England

Friday 21 March 2025

The Diocese of Mandalay – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Saturday 22 March 2025

The Diocese of Manicaland – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

JOSH HARDER REPRESENTS CALIFORNIA'S 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, COVERING SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AS WELL AS PARTS OF STANISLAUS AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES.

Josh Harder knows his job is to fight for every day families. Josh first ran for office to stand up to politicians threatening to take his brother's healthcare away. Now, Josh proudly represents California's 9th Congressional District, covering San Joaquin County as well as parts of Stanislaus and Contra Costa counties.

Josh's family has been in San Joaquin County for five generations, since his great-great grandfather joined a wagon train in search of gold and stopped just short to start a peach farm in Manteca. Josh grew up in our community, seeing how working people are constantly left behind by politicians in Washington and Sacramento. Now, he's fighting to finally make our voices heard by working to lower the cost of gas and housing, making our community safer, and protecting our water. This is personal for Josh - he wants his daughters Lillian and Karina to grow up in our community feeling safe and getting a world-class education.

Josh serves as a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee which controls the federal budget. He is the first Democratic member of Congress from the Central Valley to serve on the committee in almost 50 years and uses his role to advocate for more federal funding for water infrastructure, healthcare, agriculture, veterans, and other local priorities.

Josh started his career in the private sector where he focused on creating jobs and growing businesses. After receiving a public policy and business degree, he taught business at a local junior college before entering public service.

Josh lives in Tracy with his wife Pam and their daughters, Lillian and Karina.

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

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

The United Nations Refugee Agency

<https://www.unhcr.org/>

The United Nations Children's Fund

<https://www.unicef.org/>

World Central Kitchen

<https://wck.org/>

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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. Canon Anna Carmichael, PhD

The Rev. Stephen Bentley, Deacon

Brother Dunstan Townsend, OSB, Organist

Skylar Carlson, PhD, Senior Warden

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The HUB

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