



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
316 N EL DORADO STREET
STOCKTON, CA 95202
MAY 4, 2025 – 10:30 AM
MORNING PRAYER
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

OPENING HYMN **Alleluia! sing to Jesus!**
 Hymn 460, verses 1-4 *Hyfrydol*

OPENING SENTENCE PAGE 77, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

CONFESSION OF SIN PAGE 79, BCP

INVITATORY AND PSALTER PAGE 80-83, BCP

PSALM 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
 will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
 O LORD, be my helper."
 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
 you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
 O LORD my God, I will give you thanks 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 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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 **We sing the glorious conquest** *Munich*
 Hymn 255

THE GOSPEL, JOHN 21:1-19

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

HOMILY Rev. Stephen Bentley, Deacon

THE APOSTLES' CREED PAGE 96, BCP

THE PRAYERS PAGE 97, BCP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AS ANNOUNCED, FROM PAGES 383-393, BCP

Today in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St Clare's Episcopal Church in Avery, their lay leaders and supply priest, the Rev. Lyn Morlan.

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 **Now the green blade riseth** *Noël Nouvelet*
 Hymn 206

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS PAGE 98-100, BCP

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

PAGE IOI, BCP

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

PAGE IO2, BCP

THE DISMISSAL

PAGE IO2, BCP

ORGAN POSTLUDE The Strife is O'er

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, MAY 5: **Martyrs of the Reformation Era**

TUESDAY, MAY 6 (TRANSFERRED): **Monica**, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387.

THURSDAY, MAY 8: **Julian of Norwich**, Mystic and Theologian, c. 1417

FRIDAY, MAY 9: **Gregory of Nazianzus**, Bishop and Theologian, 389.

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

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

Sunday 4 May 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

The Church of Ireland

Monday 5 May 2025

The Diocese of Northern Michigan – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 6 May 2025

The Diocese of Western Michigan – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 7 May 2025

The Missionary District of Micronesia – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 8 May 2025

The Diocese of Milwaukee – The Episcopal Church

Friday 9 May 2025

The Diocese of Minna – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 10 May 2025

The Diocese of Minnesota – The Episcopal Church

IMPORTANT DATES

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/>
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