



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
316 N EL DORADO STREET  
STOCKTON, CA 95202  
MAY 11, 2025  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ORGAN PRELUDE

The Good Shepherd  
*Le Bon Pasteur*

Dom Paul Benoit, OSB  
(1893-1979)

OPENING HYMN

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us**  
**Hymn 708**

*Sicilian Mariners*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The following is sung, all standing*

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Robert Powell

**The music is found in The Hymnal, in the front section with “S” numbers, S 280.**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.  
*People*       **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS \_\_\_\_\_

### THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT: REVELATION 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"  
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

*Please stand as you are able until the conclusion of the Gospel.*

GRADUAL HYMN

**My Shepherd will supply my need**  
**Hymn 664**

*Resignation*

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:22-30

*Deacon*  
*People*

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Deacon*  
*People*

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Anna Carmichael, PhD

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER We pray for St James Episcopal Church in Sonora, their priest, the Rev. Karen Matthews and their deacon, the Rev. Amy Larsen.

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! The good shepherd is faithful and true; therefore, let us pray with confidence: "Shepherd, keep us; Jesus, lead us.

Good Shepherd, you know your sheep: give us the ears to hear you call our names and the strength to follow where you lead.

*Silence*

Shepherd, keep us;  
**Jesus, lead us.**

For those killed, injured, or traumatized because of human violence, we pray: God, wipe away every tear from their eyes. We pray again for an end to the violence. We pray again for peace.

*Silence*

Shepherd, keep us;  
**Jesus, lead us.**

Creator God, by the victory of your Son, turn the valleys of death into green pastures where living waters flow. Bless and renew your creation.

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

Shepherd, keep us;  
**Jesus, lead us.**

O Lord, we pray for those who work for justice and peace in our community. Flood this city with goodness and mercy. Extinguish from our region the fear of evil.

*Silence*

Shepherd, keep us;  
**Jesus, lead us.**

Mighty God, we look for the day when hunger is no more, and thirst is no more. We look for the day when the souls of the downcast are revived, and the displaced find a home in your shelter. In this Easter season, we pray in faith for all those in need.

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

Shepherd, keep us;

**Jesus, lead us.**

Good Shepherd, your gift is eternal life; those who belong to you never perish. Bring us, and those who have died, into your heavenly home where we may worship you forever and ever.

*Silence*

Shepherd, keep us;

**Jesus, lead us.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Minister* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

**Shepherd of souls**  
**Hymn 343**

*St. Agnes*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Preface for Easter*

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

*Sanctus*

Richard Proulx

**The music is found in The Hymnal, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 125.**

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*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.



And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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*All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's Table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Eucharist, you are welcome. Come forward and simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference.*

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Victimae paschali laudes

Wilbur Held  
(1914-2015)

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all the mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way--those who have been our substitute mothers

and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

CLOSING HYMN

**Now the green blade riseth  
Hymn 204**

*Noël nouvelet*

THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Wilbur Held

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

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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

**Sunday, May 18** – Bishop's Committee Meeting

**Thursday, May 29** – Ascension Day

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

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Take a look, and Subscribe!

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## COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 12 (TRANSFERRED): **Johann Arndt and Jacob Boehme**, Mystics, 1621 and 1624.

TUESDAY, MAY 13: **Frances Perkins**, Social Reformer, 1965.

THURSDAY, MAY 15: **Pachomius of Tabenissi**, Monastic, 384.

SATURDAY, MAY 17: **Thurgood Marshall**, Public Servant, 1993.

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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 11 May 2025 – 4th Sunday of Easter

**The Nippon Sei Ko Kai**

Monday 12 May 2025

**The Diocese of Mishamikoweesh – The Anglican Church of Canada**

Tuesday 13 May 2025

**The Missionary District – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil**

Wednesday 14 May 2025

**The Diocese of Mississippi – The Episcopal Church**

Thursday 15 May 2025

**The Diocese of Missouri – The Episcopal Church**

Friday 16 May 2025

**The Diocese of West Missouri – The Episcopal Church**

Saturday 17 May 2025

**The Diocese of Mityana – The Church of the Province of Uganda**

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## 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.

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### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/>  
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Stockton's historic Episcopal Church, founded in 1850.

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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

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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[www.stjohnsstockton.org](http://www.stjohnsstockton.org)  
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[www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org)

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