



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

**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

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### THE OLD TESTAMENT, MALACHI 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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





A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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THE DISMISSAL

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ORGAN POSTLUDE      Fanfare

C.S. Lang  
(1891-1971)

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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.

The stained glass image on the cover is from Canterbury Cathedral, a photo by Lawrence OP.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- **Bishop's Committee Meeting**, Next Sunday, February 9. The committee meets on the second Sunday of the month.
- **Bishop and Canon Visitation** (Holy Eucharist on the Third Sunday this month), Sunday, February 16. Also filling of the "Yellow Bags."
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, March 4. Mark the date! More info to follow.
- **Ash Wednesday**, March 5 (The beginning of Lent). Liturgy of Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes, 5:30 PM in the church. There will also be Ashes to Go offered on Janet Leigh Plaza (in front of the movie theatres).



**Visit our Tithe.ly site** to make online donations to St. John's. Scan this code with your phone or tablet, or enter the following in your browser. <https://bit.ly/3mswoLS>

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### COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3: **Anskar**, Bishop and Missionary, 865.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4: **Cornelius the Centurion** and **Manche Masemola**, Martyr, 1928.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5: **The Martyrs of Japan**, 1597, and **Agatha of Sicily**, Martyr, c. 251.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8: **Bakhita (Josephine Margaret Bakhita)**, Monastic, 1947.

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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 2 February 2025 – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
**The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia**

Monday 3 February 2025  
**The Diocese of London – The Church of England**

Tuesday 4 February 2025  
**The Diocese of Long Island – The Episcopal Church**

Wednesday 5 February 2025  
**The Diocese of Los Angeles – The Episcopal Church**

Thursday 6 February 2025  
**The Diocese of Louisiana – The Episcopal Church**

Friday 7 February 2025  
**The Diocese of Western Louisiana – The Episcopal Church**

Saturday 8 February 2025  
**The Diocese of Luapula – The Church of the Province of Central Africa**

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## TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

St. John's is now streaming our live service on YouTube! (Previously, this was only available on Facebook.) Afterwards, the recorded service is also available to watch.

For those who prefer Facebook, the video will be listed there and will automatically link you to YouTube. If you don't already have YouTube on your computer, TV, or cell phone, it is available for free wherever you get your software.

(YouTube link)

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

(Facebook link)

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnstocktonca>

The videos are also linked from the church Website by clicking on the "Video Streams" tab.

(Website link)

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

## 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/>  
<https://www.unhcr.org/>  
<https://www.unicef.org/>  
<https://wck.org/>

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