



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

316 N EL DORADO STREET
STOCKTON, CA 95202

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 – 10:30 AM

MORNING PRAYER

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

ORGAN PRELUDE Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen arr. Gilbert M. Martin
(b. 1941)

OPENING HYMN **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** *Lobe den Herren*
Hymn 390

OPENING SENTENCE PAGE 76, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

CONFESSION OF SIN PAGE 79, BCP

INVITATORY AND PSALTER PAGE 80-83, BCP

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42 *Noli aemulari*

- 1 **D**o not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
 you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
 they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
 he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
 he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
 because they seek refuge in him.

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 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with 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, I CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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 **Love divine, all loves excelling**
Hymn 657

Hyfrydol

THE GOSPEL, LUKE 6:27-38

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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 Paul's Episcopal Church in Visalia, and their priest, the Rev. Suzy Ward and their deacon, the Rev. Terry March.

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 **Before the Lord's eternal throne**
Hymn 391

Winchester New

Offering placed in the basket will go towards our monthly collection for Oaxaca.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE (FEB 24)

Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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THE DISMISSAL

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ORGAN POSTLUDE Concerto on "Praise to the Lord"

Paul Fey
(b. 1998)

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- **LGBTQ(QIP2SA+) – say WHAT?** *An introduction to the many ways of being human* Next Saturday, March 1, 9 AM – Noon, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Lodi. Pre-registration required. See flyer on table by exit to Parish Hall.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, March 4, 5:30 PM. Come and join in a traditional Shrove Tuesday supper of pancakes and sausages. All are welcome!
- **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) from 9 AM to 2 PM.
- **Holy Eucharist**, Sunday, March 9, with Rev. Kathy Galicia
- **Upcoming Bishop's Committee Meetings**, Sunday, March 9 and April 13
- **Easter Sunday**, April 20



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COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24: **St. Matthias the Apostle.**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25: **Emily Malbone Morgan**, Lay Leader and Contemplative, 1937.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26: **Photini**, The Samaritan Woman, c. 67.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27: **George Herbert**, Priest and Poet, 1633.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28: **Anna Julia Haywood Cooper**, Educator, 1964.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1: **David of Wales**, Bishop, c. 544.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

Sunday 23 February 2025, 2nd Sunday before Lent, (The 7th Sunday after The Epiphany),
Sexagesima

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Monday 24 February 2025

The Diocese of Madras – The Church of South India (United)

Tuesday 25 February 2025

The Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad – The Church of South India (United)

Wednesday 26 February 2025

The Diocese of Magwi – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Thursday 27 February 2025

The Diocese of Mahajanga – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Friday 28 February 2025

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

Saturday 1 March 2025

The Diocese of Maine – The Episcopal Church

HELP SPREAD THE WORD! (IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!)

Let your friends and neighbors know that they can watch our services live on YouTube, or view the recording afterwards. If you use any form of online media, post a note!

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

For those who prefer Facebook, the video is listed there and will link users to YouTube.

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

The videos are also displayed on our Website.

<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.

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/>
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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

Church Message Phone: (209) 466-6916 or call the HUB when it's open. See below.

The HUB

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