

8:00 SERVICE

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Welcome, Visitors!

We are glad you joined us for this online service. Please fill out our [Online Welcome Card](#) so we can get to know you. Visit our website www.st-john-aptos.org, for more information about our community.

Announcements

An asterisk () denotes in-person events or activities.*

***Celebration Honoring Mary Haynes, TODAY, 1-3 p.m., Front Courtyard.** Mary Haynes (a long-time parishioner at St. John's) is being honored by the Parkinson's community of Santa Cruz for her vision and tenacity in the creation of the non-profit organization EASE PD, Inc. (Exercise, Activities, Support, and Education for Parkinson's Disease). An ice cream social will be held today at St. John's from 1-3 p.m., with a special presentation at 2 p.m. Everyone from St. John's is welcome to join the gathering.

***Pick-Up Hand Chime Choir, Next Sunday (7/18), 9:30 a.m., Front Courtyard.** Director of Music Ministries Andrew Carter is inviting any and all people to participate in a very low-key and beginner-friendly hand chime choir next Sunday. They will meet at 9:30 a.m. to learn one piece of music and perform it for the offertory that same day. This is a great opportunity to experience making music with a group without any prior experience necessary. Please let Andy know if you plan to participate so he can choose music appropriately: music@st-john-aptos.org.

Parade Thanks. Thanks to Brian Raney for organizing St. John's participation in the Aptos 4th of July Parade this year, to Larry Moorman for covering our entry fee, and to Bart Coddington, Nelson Crandall, Nancy Goehring, Tina Grubbe, Brody Lucchesi, Brian Raney, Heather & Thomas Richardson, and Nancy Shephard & Einstein for marching in the parade and representing St. John's last Sunday!

Beach Clean-Up Thanks. Thanks to Bart Coddington for organizing St. John's beach clean-up at Seacliff State Beach on Monday, July 5, and to Laura Caldwell, Nelson Crandall, Janet Duncan, Eileen & Win Fernald, Jan & Leonard Foreman, Robin Gaither, Nancy Goehring, Bill Kell, Diane Scofield, Matt, Sarah, Cora & Henry Simms, Ann Thiermann and Mother Tracy for participating in the clean-up. Save the date for our next beach clean up on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Opening Sentence

Philippians 1:2

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept to allow time to confess specific sins to God.

All 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.

Absolution

BCP 80

Officiant 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 Invitatory & Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

BCP 80

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. (*Psalm 51:16*)

All 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. Alleluia.

Jubilate

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 85:8-13

BCP Translation

The Server leads the psalm in the style of their choice.

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

All **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

Introduction to the First Lesson

In our reading from the Hebrew scriptures, the prophet Amos (from the southern kingdom, Judah) delivers a word of judgment against the northern kingdom, Israel, for the ways their king, Jeroboam, has disobeyed God's instructions to the Israelites, including setting up a place of worship at Bethel as a substitute for the Temple in Jerusalem.

Amos 7:7-15

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

BCP 89

The Officiant leads the canticle in the style of their choice.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

 I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

 and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

 from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**All 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.**

Introduction to the Second Lesson

Our second reading is the beginning of a 1st-century letter to the church at Ephesus (in modern-day Turkey). We'll be reading sequentially through the book of Ephesians for the next seven weeks.

Ephesians 1:3-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

Canticle 12: A Song of Creation

BCP 88-89

The Officiant leads the canticle in the style of their choice.

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Introduction to the Gospel Reading

Our Gospel reading is the story of the death of John the Baptist.

Mark 6:14-29

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever

you wish, and I will give it.” And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A bell is rung. The preacher waits until they cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the sermon.

Sermon Mother Tracy Wells Miller, Rector

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

The Apostles’ Creed

BCP 96

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Server The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Server Let us pray.

All **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.
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.**

Suffrages B

BCP 98

Server Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.** (*Psalm 28:11*)

Server Day by day we bless you;

People **We praise your Name for ever.**

Server Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.** (*Psalm 123:4a*)

Server Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People **For we put our trust in you.**

Server In you, Lord, is our hope;

People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Collect of the Day

Server O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

Server O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

BCP 99

Server O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

BCP 100

Server Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Cycles of Prayer

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Benedict's in Los Osos and for the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and Daughters of the King.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Suzanne Baumhefner and Eliza Linley. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Beth Jennings, Dwight and Sarah Simms.

We also pray for those participating in the "Episcopal Essentials" and "I Will, With God's Help" classes at St. John's, deepening their knowledge of the Episcopal Church and reflecting on the Baptismal Covenant: Blythe Bertrand, Lise Crowley, Nancy Goehring, Maureen McKenzie, Sarah Simms, Jill Talvensaari, Judy Verbeck, and Phill Williams.

Community Prayers

The Officiant leads the Community Prayers.

For Birthdays:

BCP 830

Watch over _____ O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Baptism Anniversaries:

BCP 421, modified

Almighty God, through baptism you unite us to the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and commission us for ministry in his name. As your servants **Nancy Goehring (13)** and **Gina Muller (14)** celebrate the anniversaries of their baptisms, give them courage, patience, and vision, and strengthen them in their Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Wedding Anniversaries:

BCP 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; send therefore your blessing upon your servants **John** Melvin & **Rick** Becton (15) and **Don** Zimmerman & **Trink** Praxel (15), that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Travelers:

BCP 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular _____; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Closing Versicle & Response

BCP 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

Ephesians 3:20,21, BCP 102

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Serving Today at 8 a.m.

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller

Scripture Introductions: The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller

Server: Nelson Crandall

Lesson: Margy Cottle

Epistle: Bart Coddington

Gospel: Barb Raney

Virtual Usher: Bart Coddington