

8:00 SERVICE

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Loaves and Fishes Mosaic in Capernaum, Israel

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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.*

ACYP School Supply Drive. The Aptos Community Youth Program (ACYP), a ministry of St. John's, is holding a school supply drive again this year for students in need in the Pajaro Valley United School District. The flyer on the bulletin table has information about ways to donate and specific items that are needed. Donations of money or actual supplies need to come in by Wednesday, August 4 at 7 p.m. The ACYP youth will distribute the school supplies to their peers in early August. Thanks for your support of this important youth service project.

“Mean Old Testament God vs. Nice New Testament God?” A Series with Dr. Emily Filler, Sunday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 29, 9 a.m., Zoom. Dr. Emily Filler, Assistant Professor of Religion in the Study of Judaism at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, will be back in August for a two-class series during our Sunday adult formation hour. (Emily met with our Sunday morning adult formation class on back in March on Palm Sunday /Passover to talk about antisemitism in the Passion Narratives.)

***Save the Date: Community Dinner Celebrating Regathering and Resilience During the Pandemic, Sunday, Aug. 29, 4 p.m. Gathering & Informal Conversation, 5 p.m. Dinner & Facilitated Discussion.** This event, sponsored by the Stewardship Committee, will be similar in format to the Gratitude Dinner held in October 2019. Table leaders will facilitate discussion around a different question during each course of the meal (salad, soup, and dessert), and we'll finish the evening with some large-group sharing of the insights we've gained. Parishioner Antonette Wood will be catering the meal. Look for an invitation and RSVP card in the mail in a few weeks.

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 145:10-19

BCP Translation

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

- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

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 Elisha feeds a large crowd with a small amount of food.

2 Kings 4:42-44

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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 15: The Song of Mary

BCP 91-92

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

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

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 conclusion to the introduction of the Letter to the Ephesians, where the author, writing in the tradition of Paul, prays for the community to which he writes.

Ephesians 3:14-21

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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 17: The Song of Simeon

BCP 93

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
 to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
 whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
 and the glory of your people Israel.
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 Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus feeds a large crowd with a small amount of food and walks on water.

John 6:1-21

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down."

Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 Guidance

BCP 100

Server Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

BCP 100

Server O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Cycles of Prayer

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Cuttack in The Church of North India.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. James' in Monterey and St. James' in Paso Robles.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Sally Lewis, John Duncan, and Heather Richardson. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Joe & Diana, Megan, and Sally.

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 **Maureen McCarty** (27), **Helen Mayer** (29), **Carol Trabing** (29), **Brody Lucchesi** (29), and **Francis Bayaca** (31), 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 _____, 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 **Tracy & Thomasjohn Wells Miller** (30) 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.

Minute for Ministry - Liz Linsdley

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

Romans 15:13, BCP 102

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Serving Today at 8 a.m.

<i>Presider & Preacher:</i>	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
<i>Scripture Introductions:</i>	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
<i>Server:</i>	Win Fernald
<i>Lesson:</i>	Brian Raney
<i>Epistle:</i>	Nelson Crandall
<i>Gospel:</i>	Margy Cottle
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