8:00 SERVICE
in person and online

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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Sunday November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday

Welcome, Visitors!

- **COVID-19 Protocols: Face Masks (N95 or KN95)** are required indoors, encouraged outdoors when in close proximity to others. **Physical distancing** is required indoors.
- **Contact Tracing:** Please give your name and some form of contact information to the usher so that we can notify you if someone attending today's service later gets COVID.
- **Restrooms** are located on both ends of the building.

NOTICE: Vestry Election to be held Sunday, December 4, 2022

The Vestry Nomination Committee is pleased to announce that three people have agreed to serve for the class of 2023 vestry term. Liz Lindsley, Susan Von Schmacht, and Anne Baker will be on the ballot for the election at church on Sunday, December 4.

Although there are three open vestry positions and three candidates, in order to serve each person must receive a mark of approval from at least half of the people voting. A list of people eligible to vote is on the usher's table in the Sanctuary. Please offer your thanks, encouragement, and prayers for those who are willing to accept this responsibility. Nomination Committee: Alliee DeArmond, Sherrie Dewitt, Jon Showalter, Chris Rowen

Schedule of Parish Events

• Sun., Dec. 4, 2022 Annual Parish Meeting, Part 1: Election of Vestry Members
• Sat., Dec. 17, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Christmas Craft & Bake Sale with Musical Entertainment
• Wed., Dec. 21, 7 p.m, Blue Christmas Service
• Sat., Dec. 24, 4 p.m. Family Christmas Eve service
• Sat., Dec. 24,10 p.m. Midnight Mass with music
• Sun., Dec. 25, 11 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols
• Sun., Dec. 25, 12:30 p.m. Christmas Lunch Potluck.
• Sun., Feb. 5, 2023 — Annual Parish Meeting, Part 2: Election of Delegates to Diocesan Conv.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

† The Liturgy of the Word †

Opening Acclamation *EOW 1*

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Collect for Purity

Presider 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.**

Gloria

BCP 356

All **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.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray. (Silence.) Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible Reading

In this passage, God speaks through the prophet Jeremiah, promising that to the group of Israelites in exile that he will send a new group of leaders to them. Christians understand the "righteous branch" mentioned in verse 5-6 to be a reference to Jesus, a "King who will reign wisely."

Jeremiah 23:1-6

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and

righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the bell ringing anymore before continuing.

Psalm 46

BCP Version

1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Introduction to the Second Reading

In this passage, the author reflects on the divinity of Christ. Several phrases from this passage appear in some of our Eucharistic prayers.

Colossians 1:11-20

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the bell ringing anymore before continuing.

Introduction to the Gospel Reading

On Christ the King Sunday, we read the story of Jesus's crucifixion to remind us that Jesus turned many of the traditional worldy ideas about kings on their heads. Instead of wielding earthly power and conquering others through violence, he is executed at the hands of the state, but conquers sin and death through his suffering.

Luke 23:33-43

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have

been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

Sermon: Mother Tracy Wells Miller, Rector

The Nicene Creed *BCP 358*

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 *Form III, BCP 387*

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for for the diocesan staff: Bishop Lucinda Ashby, Canon Martha Korienek, Kirstin Nielsen, Carole Bartolini, & the Rev. David Starr. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Deacon Joan, Tom and Don.

For what else do the people of God pray?

At this point, the People may add their own petitions.

Concluding Collect

BCP 395, Collect 5

All **O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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

Silence, to allow time for individuals to silently 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

EOW 1

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

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Because the sharing of the peace symbolizes being reconciled with one another before receiving communion, it is particularly appropriate to seek out anyone with whom you may have had a conflict recently and offer a sign of peace at this time.

Community Prayers

Modified from BCP 830, 421, 431, & 831

For Birthdays, Baptism Anniversaries, Wedding Anniversaries, and Travelers

Presider Watch over Marianne Rebele (11/21), Eileen Fernald (11/21), Cora Simms (11/21), Amma Eliza Linley (11/23), Michael Gansäuer (11/24), Jim Chambers (11/24), Mary-Nona Hudson (11/25) O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be.

People 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.

Presider We ask for courage, patience and vision for _____ who celebrates her baptism anniversary this week.

People **Strengthen her in her Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others.**

Presider Send your blessing upon _____as they celebrate their wedding anniversary.

People **May they so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace.**

Presider O God, whose glory fills your whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go, preserve _____ as they travel.

People **Surround them with your loving care, protect them from every danger,** and bring them in safety to their journey's end. Amen.

† The Holy Communion †

The Offertory

During the offertory portion of the service, we offer our gifts to God. At St. John's, that takes the form of both financial gifts and gifts of our time. Time donated is documented on a form and put in the offering plate along with financial offerings. If you're participating online, you can find links to donate on the Virtual Worship page of our website: www.st-john-aptos.org/virtual-worship.html

Offertory Sentence

2 Corinthians 9:7, NLT

"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure, for God loves a person who gives cheerfully." - *The Apostle Paul*

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

Presider & People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider 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,

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

Presider And we offer this 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 St. John the Baptist 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**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,**
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

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

Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion is an act of renewing one's commitment to Christ and receiving grace to continue to follow him. Please join us in the circle, even if you choose not to receive communion, which you can indicate by crossing your arms over your chest as the servers come by. If you choose not to receive, the priest will say a blessing over you instead.

Distribution of Communion

The bread is distributed first. Please hold out your hands to indicate your desire to receive; the priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available if needed; they are in a separate gold container on the paten (plate) with the bread.

The wine will be served in the common cup (chalice) and from a flagon (pitcher) that is not shared with others. To receive from the non-shared flagon, you must have brought a cup from home; hold out that cup as the servers come around so they can see that you would like to receive from the

flagon instead of the chalice. If you would like to abstain from the wine entirely, cross your arms over your chest when the wine comes by.

For Online Participants: Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those not physically present to receive communion can say this prayer while communion is being distributed: "In union, O Lord, with the faithful of St. John's, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen."

If you live in Santa Cruz County and would like someone to bring you communion at home, please contact the church office at 831-708-2278 or email levs@st-john-aptos.org.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

All **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."

The Blessing

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Flowers given Eileen Fernald
in celebration of her 80th birthday.

Pastoral Emergencies/ Priest On-Call: 831-531-7187
For prayer requests, email prayer@st-john-aptos.org
(routes to a group of 40+ parishioners who will pray for you immediately)

Serving Today at 8 a.m.

Presider:	The Rev. John Duncan, Assisting Priest
Preacher:	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller, Rector
Server:	Nancy Goehring
First Reading:	Bart Coddington
Epistle:	Chris Cottle
Usher:	Bart Coddington
Altar Guild:	Cindy Phillips, Wilma Staver, Eileen Fernald
Flowers:	Wilma Staver

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