



8:00 SERVICE

in person and online

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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Sunday November 6, 2022

Proper 27, Year C, Track 2

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.

Flowers are honoring Andrew Carter, Director of Music Ministries,
and director of the St. John's Choir & Chime Choir.

NOTICE: Vestry Election to be held Sunday, December 10, 2022

Nominations for Vestry Now Open | Deadline to submit: Sunday, November 13, 2022

Nominations for next year's Vestry are now open. The Nomination Committee is Allie DeArmond (Chair), Chris Rowen, Jon Showalter, and Sherrie DeWitt.

Qualifications for Vestry members and for voting can be found posted on our website, along with instructions if you want to nominate yourself, or anyone else:

<https://www.st-john-aptos.org/announcements.html>

Election Calendar

- Sunday, November 13, 2022 — Nominations for Vestry Candidates Close
- Saturday, November 19, 2022 — Parish notified of nominees for Vestry, Parish Register open for inspection by candidates
- Sunday, December 4, 2022 — Annual Parish Meeting, Part 1: Election of Vestry Members
- Sunday, February 5, 2023 — Annual Parish Meeting, Part 2: Election of Delegates to Diocesan Convention

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.) O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible Reading

In this passage, Job, who has lost all of his worldly possessions, his health, and his family, responds to his friends who say his suffering must be a punishment for his sins. Job insists that he has done nothing to deserve his suffering and yet he still hopes in God. Verses 25-27 are included in the opening anthems of the Episcopal funeral liturgy.

Job 19:23-27a

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Job said,

“O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead

they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been thus destroyed,

then in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see on my side,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

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 17:1-9

BCP Version

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Introduction to the Second Reading

In this passage, the Apostle Paul discourages the church in Thessaloniki from believing those who say that the end time (the “day of the Lord”) has already come, reminding them to hold firmly to what he taught them and not be led astray by others.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our

proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

This passage comes from a section of Luke's Gospel where Jesus responds to one of many questions from religious leaders designed to trap him into saying something that would give them a reason to arrest him.

Luke 20:27-38

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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 England. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the parishes of All Saints in Carmel, Palo Alto, & Watsonville, the parish of Holy Family in San Jose, and for the unsung saints: clergy spouses and partners and their families, in thanksgiving for their love and support. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Gary Rominger, Brenda & Patricia and Tina.

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 Rick Becton (11/6), O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be.

People **Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of his life.**

Presider We ask for courage, patience and vision for Michael DeArmond (11/6) and Cindy Phillips (11/6), who celebrate their baptism anniversaries this week.

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

Presider Send your blessing upon ____ as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries.

People **May they so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience that their homes may be havens 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**

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 today
in celebration of Rick Becton's 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.

<i>Presider & Preacher:</i>	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller, Rector
<i>Deacon:</i>	The Rev. Joan Anderson
<i>Server:</i>	Win Fernald
<i>First Reading:</i>	Barbara Raney
<i>Epistle:</i>	Brian Raney
<i>Usher:</i>	Bart Coddington
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Eileen Fernald & team
<i>Flowers:</i>	Rick Becton



The Leadership of St. John's

Ministers: All of us!



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