



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
316 N EL DORADO STREET
STOCKTON, CA 95202
APRIL 6, 2025 – 10:30 AM
MORNING PRAYER
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

ORGAN PRELUDE Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Emma Lou Diemer, PhD
(1927-2024)

OPENING HYMN **When I survey the wondrous cross**
Hymn 474

Rockingham

OPENING SENTENCE

PAGE 76, BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

CONFESSION OF SIN

PAGE 79, BCP

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

PAGE 80-83, BCP

PSALM 126

In convertendo

- 1 **W**hen the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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, ISAIAH 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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, PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based

on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 **In the cross of Christ I glory**
 Hymn 441

Rathbun

THE GOSPEL, JOHN 12:1-8

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Today in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St Paul's Episcopal Church in Modesto, their priest, the Rev. Brian Dawson and their deacon, the Rev. Greg Masztal.

Deacon As we approach the Paschal Mystery, let us earnestly offer our prayers to God, who makes all things new, saying: "O God our Savior, hear our prayer."

Draw your church more deeply into the reality of Christ's sufferings, so that every one whom you have called in him may show forth the power of his resurrection.

O God our Savior,
Hear our prayer.

Strengthen and empower those preparing for baptism that they may be welcomed into the Body of Christ.

O God our Savior,
Hear our prayer.

Renew the spirit of hope in every human society and nation. Invigorate us, that we may strain forward to the future you promise.

O God our Savior,
Hear our prayer.

Show your mercy to those who are held back by wandering from your plans, and free them to receive your word of life.

O God our Savior,
Hear our prayer.

Rescue from fear those who are deprived of their human needs or their human rights. Give them their share of the dignity you confer on all your children.

O God our Savior,
Hear our prayer.

Grant to this assembly a heart open to your word, that we may embrace your promise, heed your commands, and declare your praise.

O God our Savior,
Hear our prayer.

We offer additional prayers for the concerns, joys and needs of our lives, silently or aloud.

Silence. Prayers may be offered.

O God our Savior,
Hear our prayer.

We pray also for all those who have died, especially those we name now silently or aloud.

Silence. Prayers may be offered.

O God our Savior,
Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN **Eternal Lord of love** *Old 124th*
 Hymn 149

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS PAGE 98-100, BCP

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING PAGE IOI, BCP

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM PAGE IO2, BCP

THE DISMISSAL PAGE IO2, BCP

ORGAN POSTLUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Robert Buckley Farlee
(b. 1950)

All are welcome at the Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the service.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- **Palm Sunday**, NEXT SUNDAY, 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist with Rev. Kathie Galicia
- **Bishop's Committee Meeting**, April 13, NEXT SUNDAY
- **Maundy Thursday**, Service at 5:30 PM – Including the Washing of Feet, and the Stripping of the Altar.
- **Good Friday**, Service at 12:10 PM – The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, which includes reading the Passion story from the Gospel of John, and ends with Stations of the Cross.
- **Cleaning, Polishing and Decorating for Easter** – Saturday, April 19
- **Easter Sunday**, April 20, 10:30 AM



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COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 7: **Tikhon**, Bishop and Ecumenist, 1925.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8: **William Augustus Muhlenberg**, Priest, 1877.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9: **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, Pastor and Theologian, 1945.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10: **William Law**, Priest, 1761.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11: **George Augustus Selwyn**, Bishop, 1878.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

Sunday 6 April 2025 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Monday 7 April 2025

The Diocese of Masindi-Kitara – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Tuesday 8 April 2025

The Diocese of Massachusetts – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 9 April 2025

The Diocese of Western Massachusetts – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 10 April 2025

The Diocese of Masvingo – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Friday 11 April 2025

The Diocese of Matabeleland – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Saturday 12 April 2025

The Diocese of Matana – The Anglican Church of Burundi

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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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

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