

# Good News of Great Joy

SUNDAYS AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18, 2026

9:00 a.m. Livestream

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Praeludium in C, WoO 26, no. 1*

J. G. RHEINBERGER

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Jon Haug

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Den Blomstertid Kommer*

*As music begins, the congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

O God, John the Baptist recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God.

**Help us to see Jesus this day:**

In justice, in mercy, and in the Good News of great joy.

**As you call us to come and see,**

Guide us to serve in your name as we say:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**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,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come 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.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*The Only Son from Heaven*

HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN

ELW HYMN 309



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,  
 2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!  
 3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,  
 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost,



by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.  
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
 in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,  
 and Je - sus, we a - dore you, O pride of an - gel - host:



No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly  
 grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -  
 that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en  
 be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.  
 fore us and bring us life a - gain.  
 prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.  
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

## GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer,  
 by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you  
 and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ,  
 our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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## WORD

### PSALM 40

#### *Here I Am*

R. COONEY

*Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.*

**Refrain**



Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.

*Verses* Long was I waiting for God, and then he heard my cry.

It was he who taught this song to me, a song of praise to God. **Refrain**

You asked me not for sacrifice, for slaughtered goats or lambs.

No, my heart, you gave me ears to hear you, then I said, "Here I am." **Refrain**

You wrote it in the scrolls of law what you would have me do.

Doing that is what has made me happy, your law is in my heart. **Refrain**

I spoke before your holy people, the good news that you save.

Now you know that I will not be silent, I'll always sing your praise. **Refrain**

### LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINES

ELW HYMN 404

*Verse 1 only*



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us

*Music continues on next page...*

com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
 know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
 and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
 ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.

*Before the reading:* The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-42

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

*After the reading:* The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

***Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove***

*See previous, verse 2*

FIRST GLANCE

Mary Robinson

SERMON

Pastor Jon Haug

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth  
**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
 our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Mary Robinson

*After each petition:* Merciful God.  
**receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

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## MEAL

### OFFERTORY

*As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to visit our giving page link at <https://www.stjohnslc.org/giving> and leave an online offering.*

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

***Sonata for Recorder and Basso Continuo, Op. 2***

B. MARCELLO

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty,

**great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow.**

**Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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; and 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## SELF-DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.*

*You are invited to partake of the meal with the bread and juice/wine you prepared saying: "The body of Christ given for me/us." And "The blood of Christ shed for me/us."*

## AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God*

S. JOHNSON

Lamb of God — You take a - way — the sins — of — the  
 world. Have mer - cy, — on us. —

Prince of Peace — You take a - way — the sins — of — the  
 world. O grant to — us — Your — peace. —

## MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

*Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*UNION SEMINARY  
ELW HYMN 312

1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
 2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
 3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing

friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,

speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den

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doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE  
ELW HYMN 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
 keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Radiant God,

**we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

*How Marvelous God's Greatness*

DEN BLOMSTERID NU KOMMER

ELW HYMN 830



1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous God's might!  
2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;  
3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord  
4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light - strewn sky



To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night:  
the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;  
the deep mys - ter - ious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;  
of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;



in form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen-dent birth,  
the val - leys deep are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;  
the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;  
when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,



in af - ter - glow at eve - ning, in sky and sea and earth.  
the snow-capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.  
and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.  
oh, what tran - scen - dent bright - ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,  
**and live God's love in the world.**

POSTLUDE

*Praeludium, Fuga et Finale in g minor*

J. C. F. FISCHER

*Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)*

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

<b>Presider/Preacher</b>	Pastor Jon Haug
<b>Assisting Minister/First Glance</b>	Mary Robinson
<b>Lector</b>	Gregory Favre
<b>Organ</b>	Dan Nguyen, Didier Boudon
<b>Piano</b>	Steven Johnson
<b>Recorder</b>	Anne Boudon
<b>Cantors in Rotation</b>	Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer, Eliseo Paniagua
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Olson
<b>Eucharistic Servers</b>	Gary & Linda Wong
<b>Greeters</b>	Cory Hollingsworth, Julie Anna Manley, Mary Miller, Anne Smith
<b>Ushers</b>	Terry & Barbara Battenberg, Tom Harris, Anne Smith

## ST. JOHN'S STAFF

<b>Director of Missional Strategy</b>	Rev. Paul Baglyos, Bridge Pastor
<b>Director of Youth and Family</b>	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
<b>Director of Worship &amp; Music</b>	Steven Johnson
<b>Director of Communications and Community Engagement</b>	Catherine Slabaugh
<b>Director of Administration</b>	Katherine Thorp
<b>Associate Director of Worship &amp; Music</b>	Eliseo Paniagua
<b>Associate Director of Volunteer Management</b>	Joel Barkel
<b>Property Staff</b>	Matt Balara, Julius Turner
<b>Parish Nurse</b>	Suzi Taylor, RN
<b>Bridge Organist</b>	Dan Nguyen
<b>Audio Technician</b>	John Bologni
<b>Video Technicians</b>	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

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## ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Martin Luther King Jr. March for the Dream

Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> | 8:30 a.m. | Sacramento City College

Join the Justice Making Ministry of St. John's on Martin Luther King Day and have conversations with new and old friends with the goal of bringing "more light than heat and focus on strategies to make America and the world a more equitable and just place to live". The march begins at Sacramento City College and ends at the Safe Convention Center. Sign-up to join the St. John's group on realm!

- Pacific Lutheran University Choir Concert

Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> | 7:30 p.m. | St. John's Sanctuary

The PLU Choir of the West will perform at St. John's while on their tour, "Seeking Light and Beauty" later this month. Musical evocations of themes of strength, hope, healing, and joy will be on display as this 30-voice ensemble opens their tour here in Sacramento. Admission is free, donations are welcome!

- Connecting with our Native American Neighbors

Sundays, January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

For three Sundays this winter, the Justice-Making Ministry of St. John's will host an adult education class about Connecting with our Native American Neighbors. Throughout these classes, participants will learn about the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, learn about the History of Native Americans in the Sacramento area, and listen to Indigenous Guest Speakers. Come engage in this powerful and important dialogue!

- 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> | 1 p.m. | St. John's Sanctuary

The St. John's Congregational Council has called the 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and via zoom. The agenda will include the election of Council members and approval of the 2026 budget. Please plan to attend!

- Created for Connection: A Young Adult Enneagram Retreat

Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> | 9 a.m. | St. John's

Join Gather Sacramento for our first regional retreat! Together, we will explore the Enneagram as a spiritual tool to help navigate life's changes while building better relationships with yourself, others, and God. The retreat will include teaching from a certified Enneagram coach and time for reflection, prayer, and building community with other young adults in Sacramento. Childcare and lunch will be provided, the retreat costs \$10/person. RSVP on the St. John's website if you're able to attend!

### TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Congregation Matters: Budget Hearing | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

As we prepare for the upcoming Annual Meeting, all are invited to this Budget Hearing. Church Treasurer John Bailey will lead the conversation around the proposed 2026 Budget, be available to answer questions, and lead thoughtful discernment on this important work.