

Good News of Great Joy

SUNDAYS AFTER EPIPHANY
January 18, 2026
11:30 a.m.

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

Order of St. John

Pastor Jon Haug

SUO GÂN

J. WHITAKER

Christ Before Us



1. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - side us, Christ to guide us
2. May we be for one an - oth - er all that you would
3. God be - fore us through the a - ges; Christ be - side us
4. O Re-deem - er, fill your ser - vants with your words of



1. all our days. He to car - ry all our sor - rows, he to
2. have us be. May we live your law of kind - ness, love, com -
3. here to - day. Spir - it, lead us forth for - ev - er; guide and
4. last - ing life. Give to those with hands of heal - ing love trans -



1. bear us per - fect grace. Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend and Broth - er,
2. pas - sion, char - i - ty. May we climb your ho - ly moun - tain;
3. help us all our days. Christ the Sav - ior, God the Liv - ing,
4. cend - ing pain and strife. Make us lov - ing sons and daugh - ters;



1. In - ter - ces - sor, Son of God, save your peo - ple
2. may we see your ho - ly face! Vis - it now this
3. Great Cre - a - tor, Spir - it blest! Ho - ly Three - in -
4. make us ho - ly, kind and true, sent to la - bor

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* You are invited to stand.

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1. in your dy - ing, and in ris-ing, con-quer death.
2. hum - ble dwell-ing; dwell with-in this ho - ly place.
3. One Im - mor - tal, come and be our wel-come guest.
4. for your King-dom— rest - less till we rest in you.

***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.**

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.



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**

*GOSPEL PROLOGUE

Holy one, soften our hearts and slow our racing minds to truly hear your living Word.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st 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.

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.

MEAL

*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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

***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.

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.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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. _

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW HYMN 659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH SONG

Go Make a Difference

S. ANGRISANO &
 T. TOMASZEK



Go make a dif - f'rence.

We can make a dif -

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1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo - ple
2. We are the hands of ___ Christ reach-ing out to those in
3. So let your love shine _ on, let it shine for all to



2. need, _ the face of ___ God for all to see. ___
3. see. _____ ♪ Go make a dif - f'rence in the world. _____



2. ___ We are the spir - it of hope; ___ ♪ we are the voice of
3. ___ And the spir - it of Christ ___ will be with us as we



1. seen. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
2. peace. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
3. go. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

***DISMISSAL**

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

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)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider/Preacher	Pastor Jon Haug
Assisting Minister/First Glance	Mary Robinson
Lector	Laura Muther
Piano	Steven Johnson
Cantors in Rotation	Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer, Eliseo Paniagua
Altar Guild	Eliseo Paniagua
Eucharistic Servers	Linda Fawx, Terri Moore
Greeters	Kathy Martinson
Ushers	Gloria Barrows, Amy & Dean Chance
Audio Technician	John Bogni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

Director of Missional Strategy	Rev. Paul Baglyos, Bridge Pastor
Director of Youth and Family	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
Director of Worship & Music	Steven Johnson
Director of Communications and Community Engagement	Catherine Slabaugh
Director of Administration	Katherine Thorp
Associate Director of Worship & Music	Eliseo Paniagua
Associate Director of Volunteer Management	Joel Barkel
Property Staff	Matt Balara, Julius Turner
Parish Nurse	Suzi Taylor, RN
Bridge Organist	Dan Nguyen
Audio Technician	John Bogni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Martin Luther King Jr. March for the Dream
Monday, January 19th | 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 23rd | 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 25th, February 1st, & 8th | 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 25th | 1 p.m. | St. John's Sanctuary

The St. John's Congregational Council has called the 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 25th, 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 31st | 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!



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