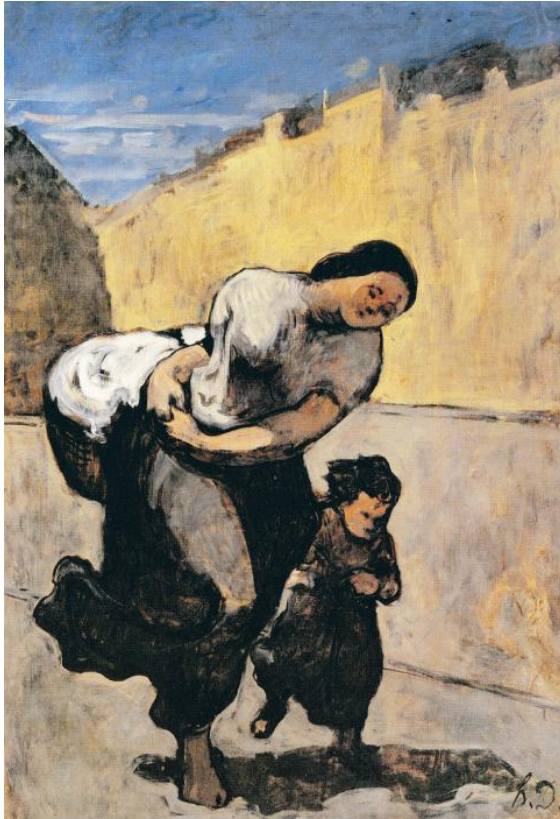


St John's Episcopal Church



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 9

July 5, 2026, 10am

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As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along or enjoy listening. Welcome - we are grateful for your presence! If this is your first time here, or your first time back in a while, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews (or use the qr code) and give it to an usher or priest.

During the service, please text your prayer request, birthday, anniversary or occasion of thanksgiving to 415.275.0115.

ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY

John Shaw and family
in memory of Howard Shaw
The St. John's faith community
in memory of Sara, Mark, and Johnny Walker
on the one-year anniversary of their deaths

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

Sunday

8am: Worship (resumes September 20)
9am: Family Worship
10am:
Worship w/choir (in-person & livestream)
Sunday School for children & youth
Worship Livestream
Worship Bulletin

Monday

7:30pm: Women's Bible Discussion (Zoom)

2nd Saturdays of the Month (usually)

8am: Men's Group (in-person)

The Prayers of the People are adapted from *A Better Way Prayer* from the Washington Cathedral's A Better Way Campaign

cover image

The Burden of the Washerwoman, Daumier, Honore, 1867 .

Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 511

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

Sung by all, standing

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive,
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

—Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Presider and People

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.

Reader
People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-15

Plainsong, Tone 6

Congregation sings the ODD verses with the cantor



8 O God, you are gracious and full of **compásson**, *
slow to anger and / of great **kíndness**.

9 You are loving to **éveryone** *
and your compassion is / over **áll** your works.

10 All your works praise **yóu**, O God, *
and your faithful /servants **bléss** you.

11 They make known the glory **óf** your realm *
and speak / of your **pówer**;

12 That the peoples may know of your **pówer** *
and the glorious splendor of / your **domínion**.

13 Yours, O God, is an ever**lásting** reign; *
your dominion endures through/out all **áges**.

14 You are faithful in **áll** your words *
and merci/ful in **áll** your deeds.

15 You uphold all **thóse** who fall; *
you lift up / those who **áre** bowed down.

Gospel Acclamation

Ross Alleluia No. 2

John Karl Hirten

Sung by all. Cantor will sing the first line, then all continue singing or repeat the first line, ad libitum.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor will sing a verse, after which all repeat the Alleluia.

Holy Gospel**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30***Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.*People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**Sermon**

The Rev. Heather Erickson

A moment of silent reflection follows the Sermon.

Creed Sung by all, standing

1 I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
2 I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
3 I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with -
4
be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er
fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True life
in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for -
7
of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in God's son, Je - sus, now for
there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was
give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the
11
us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God's
break - ing of _ death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -
14
Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
right - hand. He will come to judge and save.
last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Music: *Beach Spring*, Traditional American

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The Prayers of the People

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For all Christian leaders in this nation and around the world: that they may be led by the love and self-giving of God, inspired by Christ’s example of service. Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the Church of God in every place, and especially in this nation as we celebrate two hundred and fifty years since our founding. May we strive to establish the equality among all members of the human family that so stirred the hopes and dreams of generations in

these United States, and may we seek to safeguard and uphold the unalienable human rights of all people, regardless of race, creed, gender or sexual orientation. Let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For all those in this and every land who are sick, hungry, tired, grief-stricken, the victims of state violence and oppression, and especially those whose rights, legal freedoms and protections are threatened or denied by those in positions of power and authority. May your love for justice draw all people together as we seek to shield and safeguard those among us who are so mistreated. Let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For the members of our local community here in California, that we may witness to your love in our words and our deeds, keeping before us the power of your compassion as we seek to oppose and dismantle structures of violence and prejudice and establish your justice in the earth. Let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation...and for the prayers sent in by text...Let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For those who have died...that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

Almighty and eternal God, source of all wisdom and understanding: you bless this country and all who dwell within it. Let us never take for granted the freedoms won in generations past. We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
A moment of silence is kept.

Minister and People

We repent for the times we have contributed to alienation, fear, and anger, and for the times we have failed to act with compassion and respect. Forgive us, God. Sow love and goodwill in our hearts. Help us uphold our devotion to justice, truth, and democracy. Lead us to better ways to live together with humility and generosity of spirit. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

The presider offers God's absolution.

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.*

Peace

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory & Collection

The ushers take a collection during the offertory anthem. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. Ways of giving to St. John's are listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Offertory

This is my song

Jean Sibelius
(1865-1957)

Sung by the Summer Choir

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

— Lloyd Stone (1912-1993)

The Doxology

Old Hundredth

The people stand to sing the Doxology while the collection is presented at the altar.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea tures here be - low; praise God a -bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Presider God 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 our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

... And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus (S-129 in the Hymnal)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blest is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Lord's Prayer

You are invited to raise your hands in prayer and blessing as we pray.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider and People

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

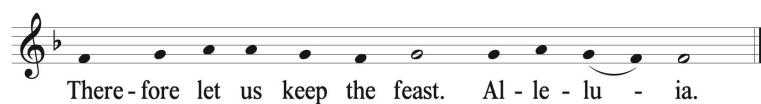
Breaking of the Bread (S-152)

Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

(1933-1991)

Choir Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All



Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you wish to receive from the chalice please sip directly from the cup and do not dip the bread into the wine, as all evidence suggests that this creates a greater risk of transmitting infection. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion

Just as I am

Charles Rus (b. 1958)

Sung by the drop-in choir

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive; wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

— Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

Postcommunion Prayer*Please stand.**Presider* Let us pray.*Presider and People*

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing*The presider offers God's blessing.***Birthdays, Anniversaries and Occasions of Thanksgiving***All those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and occasions of thanksgiving are invited to come forward.*

Today, tomorrow and always we rejoice in the hands of God.

May God's powerful hands support you.

May God's guiding hands lead you.

May God's loving hands enfold you.
We rejoice in the hands of God. Amen.

Hymn 719
Sung by all.

O beautiful for spacious skies

Materna

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.
- 2 O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.
- 3 O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

— Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

People

Postlude

**** Members of the congregation are always welcome to watch the organist play the postlude. Walk up the ramp behind the organ console. Parents with children are especially welcome, but please wait until the end to converse! ****

Join us for coffee and treats in the parish hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Note: A memorial service for Howard Shaw will be held at St. John's this Tuesday, July 7 at 2pm.

Summer Worship Schedule The 8am Sunday worship service is on summer break from now through Sunday, September 13, resuming on September 20. The 9am Intergenerational Family Service meets on the front lawn. The 10am Sunday service continues as usual.

Farewell Dinner Party: August 29 The Wardens and Vestry invite you to a farewell dinner party to celebrate the more than twenty-three year ministry of our rector and his wife, the Rev. Chris and Amy Rankin-Williams. Rev. Chris and Amy, along with their family have made a lasting impact on the faith community of St. John's, Ross. The evening will be filled with toasts and remembrances, laughter and tears, AND a delicious complimentary dinner. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 29. Cocktails and appetizers begin at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. Dinner to follow. Cocktail attire, please. RSVPs due August 8. To RSVP, go to stjohnsross.org or call Church Administrator Virginia Kosydar at 415.456.1102, x102.

Many hands make light work. Volunteers needed for August 28, 29, and 30! There are opportunities on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to support Rev. Chris' final weekend as rector of St. John's. Rest assured, there will be plenty of time to properly enjoy the festivities. Go to stjohnsross.org to signup.

Parish Weekend Away: September 11-13 Hiking trails, swimming pool, simple but well-appointed rooms, and amazing food! Join us at The Bishop's Ranch in Sonoma for our annual Parish Weekend Away 2026. This year we'll gather from Friday, 9/11 to Sunday, 9/13 for two days and two nights of fellowship, fun, rest, and spiritual development. Families, singles, and seniors welcome.

Harvest Gala Save the Date: October 17 Your presence is cordially requested for an evening of intrigue and enchantment on Saturday, the seventeenth of October from five to nine o'clock in the evening. Ballroom attire and Venetian-style masks are encouraged. Details and RSVP information to follow.

Grief Ritual: November 1 All are invited to attend a Grief Ritual at St. John's on Sunday, November 1 on All Saints Day. The hours are 12:30pm - 3:30pm. Parishioner Dave Calhoun will facilitate this opportunity to remember that which and those whom we have lost. Early registrations are welcome – please email Dave to reserve a spot or to find out more, dxcaltho@yahoo.com

St. John's Women's Retreat: April 29-May 1 Please save the date for our 2027 Women's Retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest. More information and sign-ups will be coming soon.

Summer Sunday School this Sunday. We invite all children from preschool to 5th grade to join us for a summer of discovering who God is, exploring His world, and growing in faith through hands-on experiences. We meet in the Fireside Room at 10AM. This Sunday, our kids will go for a walk in our neighborhood's park. After the class, the kids will join their parents for holy communion in the church.

Volunteers Needed. Extra hands are needed this summer to help our kids learn, explore, and grow in faith. Interested? You can email the Children's Ministry Director for more information.

Summer Choral Program The St. John's Choir and The St. John's Choristers will be on their usual break from June 9 until early September. But we will continue to have a summer choral program which we call the "Drop-in Choir." We invite any and all interested parishioners to come to the chancel on Sunday morning at 9 AM to learn the hymns, psalm and anthem for that morning, which we sing at 10 AM. Even if you have not sung with the choir before, you are welcome to join us. It's not necessary to come every week, just on those days when you are here, so there is no commitment! If you are interested, please let John Hirten, our Music Director, know. Come join us!

Music Notes The original words of "America the Beautiful" were written in the summer of 1892 by Katherine Lee Bates, a summer school teacher, after she and other school instructors made a trip to the top of Pike's Peak in Colorado. According to Miss Bates from a 1918 recounting, the opening line of the hymn was inspired by the view from atop the peak. Here is the original hymn, with italics to show what would later be changed by the author:

O beautiful for *halcyon* skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the *enameled* plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
Till souls wax fair as earth and air And music-hearted sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! *God shed His grace on thee*
Till paths be wrought through wilds of thought By pilgrim foot and knee!

O beautiful for *glory-tale* Of liberating strife,
When once or twice, for man's avail, Men lavished precious life!
America! America! *God shed His grace on thee*
Till selfish gain no longer stain, The banner of the free!

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee
Till nobler men keep once again Thy whiter jubilee!

Bates would later revise the text “after the lapse of a few years, during which the hymn had run the gauntlet of criticism.” The editors of Hymnal 1982 took the final version from 1911 and conflated the second and third stanzas, out of concern that the line “a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness” might be interpreted as glorification of the settlement of America at the expense of native peoples. Even after all these changes, the words hold great meaning and power. The music was written by Samuel A. Ward for another text, but was first sung with Bates’ text in 1912 at the graduation of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. The tune and text continued to take on a life, becoming very popular during the First World War and beyond.

SERVING TODAY

(Worship Prep)

Jo Burnett	Altar Guild
Susan Edwards	Altar Guild
Patty Griffith*	Altar Guild
Leslie Ross	Altar Guild
Lyn Klein	Communion Bread Baker

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher

10:00 AM (Sunday School)

Connie Granger	Sunday School - Teacher
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10:00 AM (Worship w/Choir)

Claire Comins	A/V - Audio
John Summerlin	A/V - Video
The Rev. Jim Ward	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher
Bill Kaufman	Eucharistic Minister
Marjorie Sun	Eucharistic Minister
Mary Kay Dolejsi	Lector
George Harris	Usher
John Vance	Usher

11:00 AM (Coffee Hour)

Karen Petterson	Goodies Supplier
Dave Petterson	Goodies Supplier

PRAYER LIST

Members

Rosemary Morgan
Melinda Booth
Ted Anspacher
Betty Enemark
Travis Wright
The Rev. Jan West
JT Sweet
Carol Hughes
Signe Lando

Friends & Family

Ralph Gresham	(friend of Marian and Jay Mancini)
Anne Cain	(neighbor of Shari and David Kinney)
Cindy Chase	(friend of Holly Posner)
Maria Bonilla	(friend of the Posners)
The Rev. Preston Lentz	(friend of June and John Sullivan)
Dan McClean	(brother of Tim McClean)
Steffanie Smith	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Mary Goff	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Damien Calderon	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Tim Jones	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Martha Shelton	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Zach Jones	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Marlene Anderson	(friend of LaTonya Summers)
Susan	(friend of Peter English)
Patrick Dowd	(friend of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Sarah	(daughter of Paula)
Michael Daly	(son of Marty Daly)
Kathy Behrendt	(daughter-in-law of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Liz Colborn	(relative of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Melissa Mikesell	(friend of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Joy Burghardt	(friend of Anne Doyle)
Vera Grigorian	(former parishioner)
Leslie Gay	(friend of Lauren Lamm)
Marcia Summers	(former parishioner)
Martin Ash	(friend of Alisa Quint)
Kayley Jones	(goddaughter of Rick and Marilyn Riede)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - July 5

Bayview Mission, a specialized mission of the diocese providing needed services, food, and supplies to residents of the Bayview/Hunters Point neighborhoods in San Francisco; and Sojourn Chaplaincy at SF General Hospital offering comprehensive spiritual and emotional support

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel
Responding to the needs of our communities
While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

Bishop of California	The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios
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Choir Section Leaders	Mitch Ashley, Betsy Bennett-Smith, Lee Steward, Jessica House Steward, Paul Thompson
Choral Scholar	Ash Jones
Church Administrator	Virginia Kosydar (<i>virginia@stjohnsross.org</i>)
Music Director	John Karl Hirten (<i>john@stjohnsross.org</i>)
Treasurer	Susan Aley
Youth Ministry	Mike Lessin, Robert McGee
Vestry	President: The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams Senior Warden: Lexi Ford Kernot Junior Warden: Paul Castro Michael Hiscott, David Petterson, Donalyn Hellar, Marian Mancini, Katie McGee, Lauren Lamm, Gene Cheston, Julie Flynt Siler, Katie Hindman



ST. JOHN'S PARISH WEEKEND AWAY 2026

September 11-13 Hiking trails, swimming pool, simple but well-appointed rooms, and amazing food! Join us at The Bishop's Ranch in Sonoma for our annual Parish Weekend Away 2026. This year we'll gather from Friday, 9/11 to Sunday, 9/13 for two days and two nights of fellowship, fun, rest, and spiritual development. Friday evening begins with a BYO picnic on the lawn and the weekend closes with a worship service Sunday morning. Go to www.stjohnsross.org to sign up.

Typical Schedule

Friday

4pm check-in: BYO picnic on the lawn as folks arrive. Or, eat on the way.

7pm: Welcome and introduction

Saturday

Breakfast, lunch and dinner in the refectory. Saturday programs with afternoon free time for whatever you want.

Sunday

Breakfast in the refectory. Closing community and worship service with Holy Communion. Stick around for more swimming and playing as long as your rooms are clean

Registration

St. John's wants to make the retreat as accessible as possible, so we are offering flexible rates. For each category there are two rates listed - the full-cost rate and a subsidized reduced rate.

adult: private (\$785 full rate/\$630 subsidized)

adult: shared (\$395 full rate/\$315 subsidized)

youth: age 13-18 (\$200 full rate/\$160 subsidized)

child: age 5-12 (\$105 full rate/\$85 subsidized)

child: age 0-4 (free)

Saturday day only (\$140 full rate/\$110 subsidized)