

SCRIPTURE READINGS

As we plan the things in our lives that are most important to us Lord,
help us plan our sharing of time with those in need. AMEN

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways
for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence
of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the

throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED
BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

AS WE PRAY, LET US REMEMBER:

✠ those in special need, especially Pamela & Anthony; Charles; Keira & Colton; Teresa; Virginia; Jessica; Adam; Jamey; Janie; Ellie; Mike & Renee; Dustin & Stephanie; Larry & Leslie; Jesse & Valerie; Kay; Gail; Dovie; Renee; Tim & Jenny; Tilly; Edward; Parker; Jay; Brody; Robert; Lori .

✠ We pray for those who have died.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER & INQUIRERS CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning next Sunday after our 10 AM service, we will be having classes for folks who wish to become members of St. John's. Folks who are presently members, and who wish to take a refresher course, are also welcome. There will be four (4), one (1) hour classes on consecutive Sundays. The classes will cover: the history of the Episcopal Church; the basics of our worship and beliefs; the Creeds and Sacraments; the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist - its mission, leadership, lay ministry opportunities; and outlining and defining membership. If you wish to be in the class, please sign up at the sign-up table in the Parish Hall, before or after worship services. You may also email your interest to Fr. Jackson (bjackson@stjohnsaz.org). Please include your name, phone number, and email address (if you have one).

OUR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets for breakfast and study this Saturday at 8 AM.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Bunco (PH)	7 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thu.	Stewardship meeting (PH)	6:30 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Women Unlimited (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
Sun.	Holy Baptism & Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRY

Top Ramen, breakfast cereals,
Spaghetti O's, hamburger helper,
brownie mix

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
Oreos; Ride Krispie treats, fruit snacks,
Cheez-its, travel sized Goldfish, granola bars

Our altar flowers are given by
Jack & Kerry Jo Hanstein
In celebration of our birthdays