



OPENING PRAYER

		
SONG NGEMA	PSALM 2 VOLUNTEERS	LITANY ALL

Veni, Creator Spiritus,
 mentes tuorum visita,
 imple superna gratia
 quae tu creasti pectora

*Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and
 in our souls take up Thy rest; come
 with Thy grace and heavenly aid to
 fill the hearts which Thou hast made.*

Accende lumen sensibus:
 infunde amorem cordibus:
 infirma nostri corporis
 virtute firmans perpeti

*Kindle our sense from above, and
 make our hearts o'erflow with love;
 with patience firm and virtue high
 the weakness of our flesh supply.*

Psalm 100 NABRE

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
 serve the LORD with gladness;
 come before him with joyful song.

Know that the LORD is God,
 he made us, we belong to him,
 we are his people, the flock he shepherds.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name;

Good indeed is the LORD,
 His mercy endures forever,
 his faithfulness lasts through every generation.

Abridged Litany of St. John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist, Pray for us.

Precursor of Christ, Pray for us.

Glorious forerunner of the Sun of Justice, Pray for us.

Minister of Baptism to Jesus, Pray for us.

V. Pray for us, O glorious St. John the Baptist,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God, Who hast honored this world by the birth of Saint John the Baptist, grant that Thy faithful people may rejoice in the way of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

PART 1 DISCONTINUITY IN CONTINUITY

A three series presentation on the life and ministry of John the Baptist in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Saint John the Baptist Church, El Cerrito.

The Tale of John The Baptist

The core of any form textual studies is the primary source

At the heart of biblical study is the biblical story

Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins

An activity that gave John his identity

Continuation of ritual washing - Lev. 15 Ex. 30:17–21

Continuation the ritual of forgiveness of sins - Lev. 4:20-35

Intriguing combination of two separate rituals

Implication: A new way of being priest

John was a bundle of surprises: birth, name and life

And Contradiction: Nazirite and Priest – untrimmed v/s trimmed hair requirement hair (Lev. 10:6; 21:10; cf. Ezek. 44:20). McGrath, 16.

Implication: A new path to forgiveness

Without the temple

Without oblation

<h1>Significance</h1>
Matthew 5:17

From Head to Heart
Why celebrate the saints? Why name institutions after saints?
Glorify God
Congratulate the saint
Solicit their intercession
Seek inspiration

From Head to Heart

Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda

Implication and application: Macro and micro levels