



**Welcome to
St. John the Divine Episcopal Church
17740 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**



**August 7, 2022
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist**

St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Morgan Hill is a welcoming, inclusive community, sharing the Love of God with one another through prayer, worship, fellowship, and pastoral care, and through our outreach ministries in the South Valley communities and the Diocese of El Camino Real.

WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

How Firm a Foundation

John Rippon (1787)

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LYONS

attr. J. M. Haydn (1737-1806)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, key of G major (indicated by a treble clef and a sharp sign). The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the bassoon. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. How firm, a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, is
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed! For

laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word! What more can he say than to
I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and

you he hath said, to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause thee to stand, up - held by my right-eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

All

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

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God our Thief, you steal from us our dead complacent hearts and kindle a new flame: take from our hands the burden of worthless things, and make them ready to receive a greater gift: the love of a Servant King; through Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Please stand

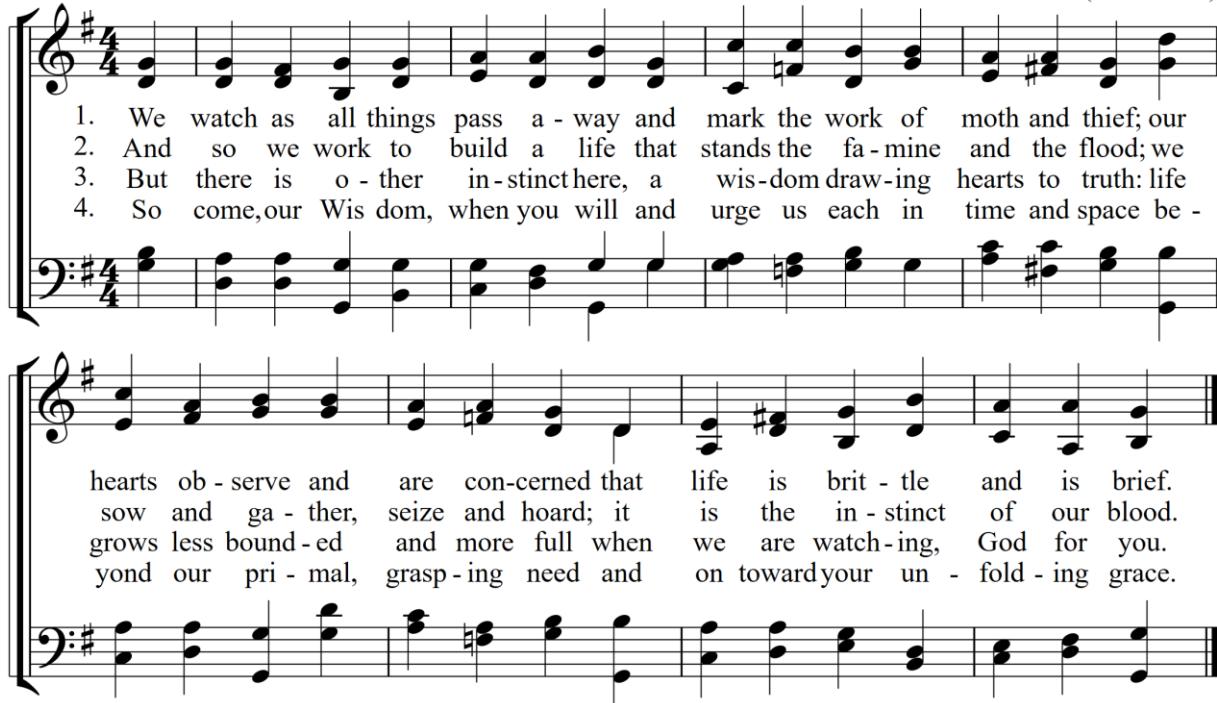
Gospel Gradual:

We Watch as All Things Pass Away

Songs for the Cycle, p.160

Michael Hudson, 2004

THE EIGHTH TUNE
Thomas Tallis (1637-1711)



Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Savior.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Karen Cuffie

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Spirit of God aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray. In the power of the Spirit, let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all the world. For peace from on high and for our salvation.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda our bishop, Karen our rector, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for renewal of faith.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the world and its leaders, for our president, Joseph Biden, our nation and its people.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the sick and suffering among us, for all who are traveling, and for those we now name in our hearts or aloud; that they may be comforted and strengthened by God's life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For those who rest in the peace of Christ, and those we now name in our hearts or aloud.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

(There will be a moment of silence)

People: **God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. *Amen.***

Absolution

Celebrant: 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.***

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

Do You Hear?

Emily L. Thorn (1915-2004)

Singing the Living Tradition #112

FOUNDATION

William Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837



1. Do you hear, oh my friend, in the place where you stand, through the
2. Through the roar, through the rush, through the throng, through the crush, do you
3. From the place where you stand to th out - er - most strand, do you



sky, through the land, do you hear, do you hear? In the heights, on the plain, in the
hear in the hush of your soul, of your soul? Hear the cry fear won't still, hear the
hear, oh my friend, do you hear, do you hear? All the dreams, all the dares, all the



vale, on the main, in the sun, in the rain, do you hear, do you hear?
heart's call to will, hear a sigh's stra - tling trill in your soul, in your soul?
sighs, all the prayers; they are yours, mine, and theirs; do you hear, do you hear?

Doxology (Old 100th)



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low;



praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,___

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,___

heaven and earth are full, full___ of your glo - ry. Ho-

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
 that she might conceive and bear a son,
 Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
 the sacrifice of his life,
 and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with St. John and St. Stephen and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn:

Alleluia

Renew! #136

Words and Music
by Jerry Sinclair

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Compassionate and loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us,
and reconciled your people to yourself.
May we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.
Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love. Amen**

The Blessing

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mission Song:

Forward Through the Ages

Singing the Living Tradition #114

Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

St. Gertrude

Arthur S. Sullivan

1. **Forward through the ages,** in un-bro-ken line, move the faith-ful spi - rits
Wi - der grows the vi - sion, realm of love and light, for it we must la - bor,
Not a - lone we con - quer, not a-lone we fall, in each loss or tri - umph

2. at the call di - vine: gifts in dif-fering mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,
till our faith is sight. Prophets have pro claimed it, mar-tys tes - ti - fied,
lose or tri-umph all. Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv-ing whole,

3. man - i - ford the ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.
po - ets usng its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.
move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

4. For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,
move the faith - ful spi - rits at the call di - vine.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



Birthdays last week and this week:

Laura Gibson, Pat Soles, Caroline Drayton

Parish announcements:

- Community Solutions always needs diapers and wipes.
- We are also collecting full sized toiletries and cleaning supplies. Please drop off your donations at the church.
- Here is the QR code to our new website:



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Reminder: *Next week's service is at 10:00am at St. Stephen's.*