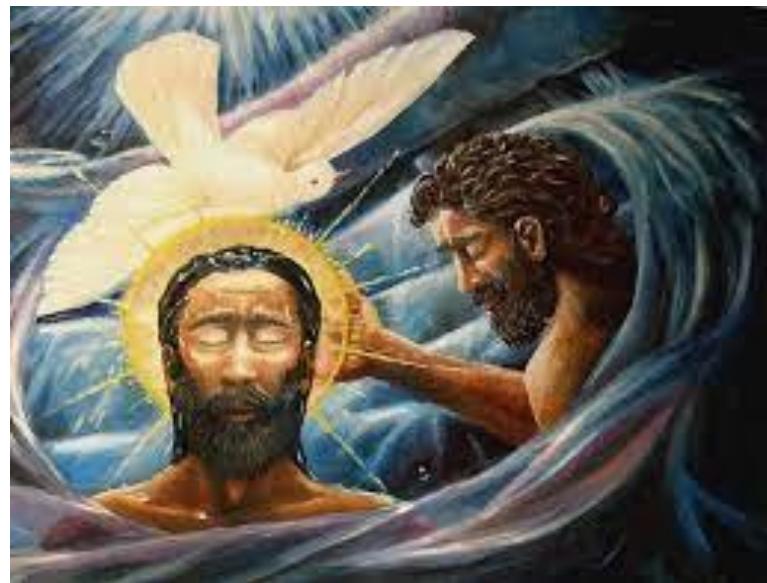




Welcome to
St. John the Divine Episcopal Church
17740 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037



January 9, 2022
The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord
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:

Shall We Gather at the River

Lift Every Voice and Sing, #141

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

1. Shall we ga - ther at the ri - ver, where bright an - gel feet have trod;____
2. On the mar - gin of the ri - ver, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,____

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor-ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.

Yes, we'll gather at the ri - ver, the beau - ti ful, the beau - ti - ful ri - ver;

gath - er with the saints, at the ri - ver that flows by the throne of God.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of the desert river, you search our depths and call us by name: may your flame-born Spirit open the heavens that we might recognize you in the one born of earth, Jesus Christ, the Gift of Peace. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth--

everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

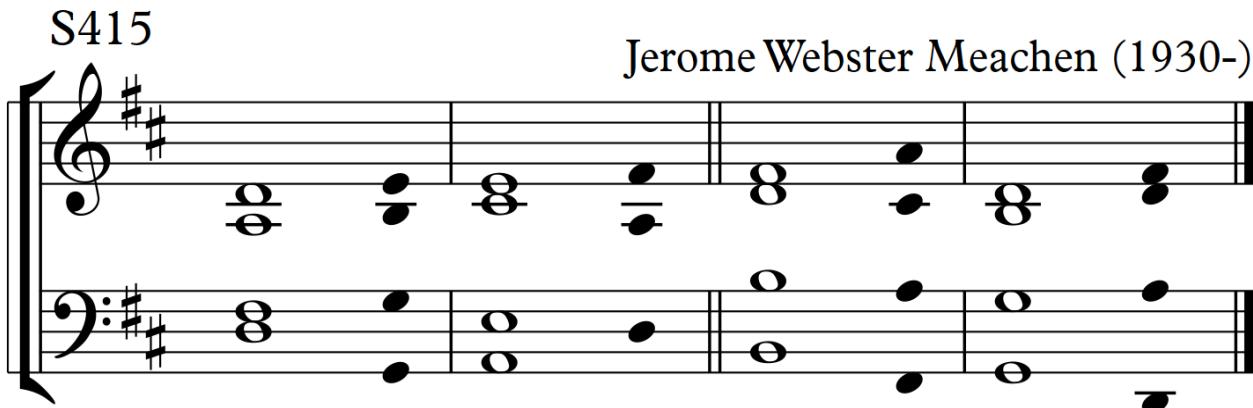
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

Psalm 29

S415

Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-)



¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you / gods, *
 asccribe to the Lord glory and / strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his / Name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory / thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty / waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful / voice; *
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of / splendor.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the / cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of / Lebanon;

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a /calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild / ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of / fire;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the / wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Ka / desh.

⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees / writhe *
 and strips the forests / bare.

⁹ And in the temple of the / Lord *
 all are crying, / “Glory!”

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the / flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever / more.

¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his / people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of / peace.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991

Crashing Waters
The New Century Hymnal #326

STUTTGART

attr. Christian F. Witt (1660-1716)

♩ = 80

1. Crash-ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion or - dered by the Spir - it's breath.
2. Part-ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
3. Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the One fore - told,
4. Li - ving wa - ter, nev - er - end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

First to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning, from the bright-ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond-age; chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well-spring, Source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man**

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Intercessor:

Jesus calls on us to follow him. Let us call on Jesus for the needs, concerns and hopes of all God's people, saying: *God of grace, hear us, we pray.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lucinda our bishop, that we may introduce others to Christ through our lives, deeds, and words.

God of grace,

Hear us, we pray.

For both our parish families, that we may be counted among those who listen to God's voice, and delight to do God's will.

God of grace,

Hear us, we pray.

For greater unity among the followers of Jesus, so that all Christians may work together to confront evil, and further the work of God's reign.

God of grace,

Hear us, we pray.

For the healing of our nation, that walls of division and brokenness may be replaced with trust, justice and harmony, and that together we may work for the good and welfare of all.

God of grace,
Hear us, we pray.

For our nation and all nations, that God will guide them in their leadership to promote the values of freedom, justice, and human dignity.

God of grace,
Hear us, we pray.

For those with Covid19 and its variants, and all those who put their lives on the line to serve, and save others, that God will give them strength, and keep them safe.

God of grace,
Hear us, we pray.

For those who are in need of our prayers, and especially for those we now name aloud or in our hearts . . . (silence), that they may know the light of God's healing presence and love.

God of grace,
Hear us, we pray.

For those who have died, and for those we now name aloud or in our hearts . . . (silence), that God will call them by name and welcome them into eternal joy and peace.

God of grace,
Hear us, we pray.

Presider

God of mystery, whose voice calls us by name, hear the prayers of your people and give us childlike faith to listen to your words and be ready to follow you in faith, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

(There will be a moment of silence)

People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen*

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace.

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.

Offertory:

Shine, Jesus Shine

Renew # 247

Words and Music
by Graham Kendrick

J=96

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.

Fine

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the
2. Lord, I come to Your awe-some pre-sence from the sha-dows in-

dark-ness shin-ing; Je-sus light of the world, shine up-on us,
to your ra-di-ance; by the blood I may en-ter your bright-ness,

set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on____
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness. Shine on____

D.C. al Fine

me, shine on____ me. me, shine on____ me. me.

Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

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



The musical score consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time, key signature of three flats. The top staff is for the soprano voice and the bottom staff is for the bassoon. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant and People

The Lord's Prayer

The Hymnal 1940 #722

Traditional, very ancient

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav en, Hal low - ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.

Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heav en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.

And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us.

And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo ry, for ev-er and ev - er. A men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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

Communion Hymn:

Something Stirs When Heaven Opens

Songs of the Cycle, p. 127

Michael Hudson, 2004

RESTORATION

The Southern Harmony, 1835

1. Some-thing stirs when hea - ven o - pens, sweep - ing, bird - like,
2. That which an - i - mites be - gin - nings, brood - ing o - ver
3. Soar - ing o - ver wave and moun - tain, cir - cling where the
4. Brood - ing, soar - ing, rush - ing Spi - rit, as we trace your

toward the land. Some - thing moves to
sea and mud, and which nur - tures
wa - ters sing, swoop - ing near the
for - ward flight, may our hands reach

make a dwell - ing in an out - stretched, up - turned hand.
re - cre - a - tion, an - gel of the end - ing flood.
de - sert ri - ver, rush - ing toward the Fish - er King.
out, a dwell - ing where a mi - grant bird might light.

Post Communion Prayer

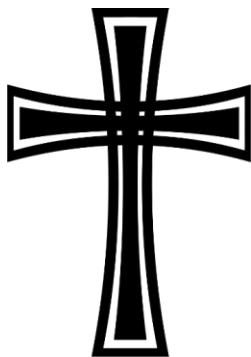
Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing



Mission Song:

Wade in the Water

Lift Every Voice and Sing, #143

Negro spiritual

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are for the piano, showing bass and treble clef staves with various chords and rests. The bottom two staves are for the voice, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a gon-na trouble the wa - ter.
3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see? God's a gon-na trouble the
4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,
wa - ter. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's streams,
God's a gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

The score concludes with a repeat sign and the instruction *D.C.* (Da Capo).

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Birthdays last week and this week:

Laura Nelsen, Priya Zahrt, Aimee Fiorito, Catherine Drayton, Kelly Attwood, Eric Francis, Monica Leisch, Cassie Church, Virginia Scott, Karen Cuffie

Anniversaries last week and this week:

Carl & Evelyn Kiepen

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:



Reminder: Next week's service is at 10:00am at St. Stephen's indoors. (There is plenty of room for parishioners from both churches to attend the in-person services.)

All are welcome!