

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



**March 14, 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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.

**Prelude -
Opening Hymn:**

As the Deer Pants for the Water

1 Renew! # 9 Words and music by Martin Nystrom

1. As the deer pant_ for the wa - ter, so my soul longs af - ter you;
2. I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly you can sa - tis - fy;
3. You're my friend and you are my bro - ther, e - ven though you are a king;
you a - lone are my heart's de - sire_ and I long to wor - ship you.
you a - lone are the real joy - gi - ver and the ap - ple of my eye.
I love you more than a - ny o - ther, so much more than a - ny - thing!
You a - lone are my strength and shield, to you a - lone may my spi - rit yield;
you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, _ and I long to wor - ship you!
Bless the Lord who for - gives all our sins.
His mer - cy en - dures for ev - er.

Collect If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, whose is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

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

Minister and 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.**

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.*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Christ have mer-cy up - on us. Christ have mer-cy up - on us. Christ have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Healy Wilan (1880-1968), fr. *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

The Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

A Reading from the book of Numbers

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Gradual:

Jesus Watched Us From the Mountain

Michael Hudson (c) 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 81

HOLY MANNA
fr. *Southern Harmony*, 1835

1. Je - sus watched us from a moun tain, mo - ving toward him up the slope,
2. Je - sus gath - ered up in wel - come, sat us on the gras - sy earth,
bring - ing ba - sic hu - man hun - ger: a com - mu - ni - ty of hope.
paid at - ten - tion to our long - ing: a com - mu - ni - ty of worth.
We were climb - ing with a pur - pose, bear - ing po - ver - ty like seed
Then with gifts a child pre - sen - ted Je - sus saw that we were fed
to be scat - tered on the moun - tain: a com - mu - ni - ty of need.
and brim - ful of like com - pas - sion: a com - mu - ni - ty of bread.

The Gospel: John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Karen Cuffie

The Nicene Creed (*Please stand as you are able*)

**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 - Form I

**With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord,
have mercy.”**

**For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of
our souls, let us pray to the Lord.**

Lord, have mercy.

**For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the
unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.**

Lord, have mercy.

For our bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. John the Divine and St. Stephen, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace

Offertory Hymn

My God Accept My Heart Today

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) H #697, alternate tune AZMON
Carl Gotthilf Glaser (1784-1829)



1. My God, ac - cept my heart this day, and make it al - ways thine,
2. Be - fore the cross of him who died, be - hold, I pros - trate fall;
3. A - noint me with thy heav - en - ly grace, and seal me for thine own,
4. Let ev - ery thought and work and word, to thee be ev - er given;

that I from thee no more may stray, no more from thee de - cline.
let ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied, and Christ be all in all.
that I may see thy glor - ious face, and wor - ship near thy throne.
then life shall be thy ser - vice, Lord, and death the gate of heaven.



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Holy Eucharist, Prayer A

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant *People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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

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

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

hea - ven 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant

There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal low - wed be thy Name, thy king-dom come, -

thy will be done, - on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.

and for-give us our tres-pas - ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us.

And lead us not in to temp ta - tion, but de-li-ver 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

Fraction Anthem S164

From *Deutsche Messe*
Franz Peter Schubert
arr. Richard Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

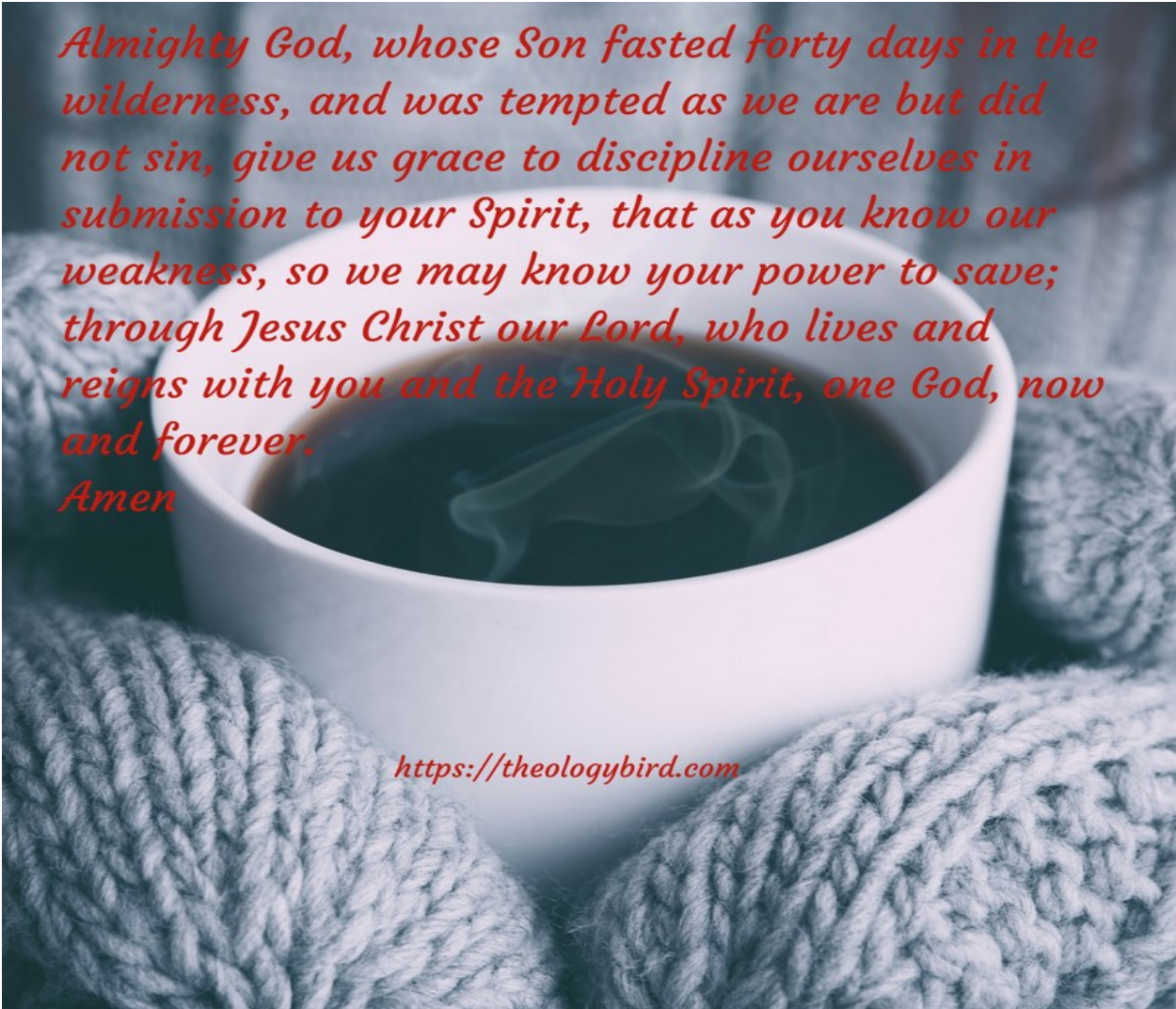
Je - sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion
Presider and People

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come Amen



*Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen*

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Sing through six times

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

$\text{♩} = 72$

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time, with a tempo of 72 beats per minute. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: 'In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your
voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.'

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your

voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Bow down before the Lord.

(The people kneel, as they are able)

Presider:

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

O God, Our Creator, You Work Every Day

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, (c) 2000

Songs of Grace #62

ST. DENIO
Welsh hymn

1. O God, our Cre - a - tor, you work ev - ery day: a pot - ter, you
2. Christ Je - sus, how rough were your hard - work - ing hands! You la - bored a -
3. Lord, some live a - mong us who need con - stant care, whose work is to
4. We're bap - tized! Your Spi - rit gives new work to do, that we, through our

form us, your peo - ple like clay. A shep - herd, you guide us and
mong us; our God un - der - stands! Bless work - ers who strug - gle, their
make us more hum - bly a - ware. They teach us the best of your
serv - ing, may glo - ri - fy you. Each per - son's vo - ca - tion, each

seek out the lost. A par - ent, you love us, not count - ing the cost.
fam - ilies to feed; bless those who face hard - ship, op - pres - sion, or greed.
les - sons by far: it's not what we do, Lord, you love who we are!
call - ing, has worth as you send us out to bring Christ's love to earth.

Dismissal:

4. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.