



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



**August 29, 2021
The Fourteenth 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:

Anonymous

The Southern Harmony, 1835

Come Away to the Skies

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MIDDLEBURY

mel fr. *The Southern Harmony, 1835*

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1. Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed a - rise_ and re - joice in the
 2. Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our hea - ven - ly
 3. For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the na - ture and

day_ thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day, come ex -
 Fa - ther be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive from his
 king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain that our

ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.
 boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.
 lives may re - main,through out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.

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.

God of unclean hands, touching those rejected by the world, despised by the religious: guide us from false purity which hides misshapen hearts; lead us to the joyful feast in which all are renewed; through Jesus Christ, the beauty of God's face.

Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

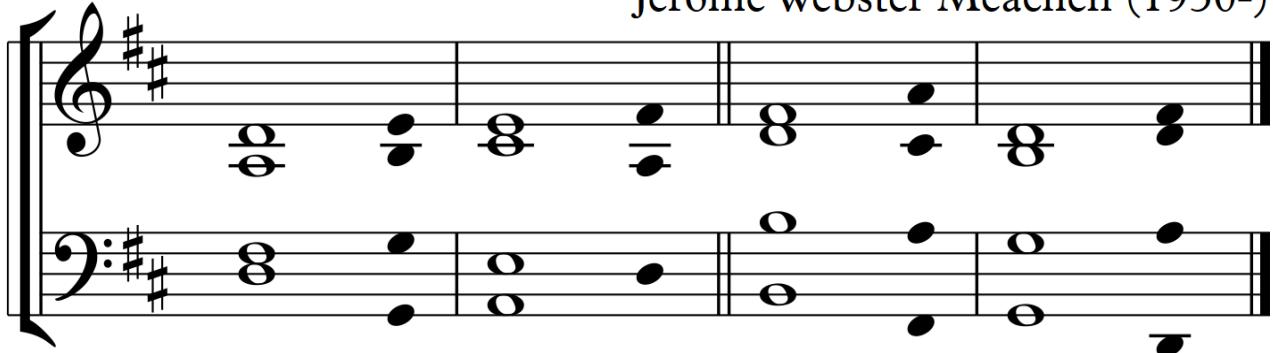
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-)



Psalm:

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

¹ My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the / king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled / writer.
² You are the fairest of / men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for / ever.

⁷ Your throne, O God, endures for ever and / ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate in / iquity.
⁸ Therefore God, your God, has a / nointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your / fellows.

⁹ All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and / cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you / glad.
¹⁰ Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the / court; *
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of / Ophir.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

The Church's Lasting Paradox

Michael Hudson, 2004

Song for the Cycle, p. 106

DUNDEE

from *The CL Psalms of David, 1615*

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time (indicated by a 'J=88' in the first measure). The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first staff begins with a half note, followed by a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. The lyrics for the first staff are:

1. The church's last - ing par - a - dox, our chal - lenge ev - ery day -
2. The sto - ry of God's life with us in Sa - cra - ment and Word,
3. As stew - ards of the Mys - ter - y our hold will not be tight,
4. The task in - vig - or - ates the soul and fo - cus - es the day -

The second staff begins with a half note, followed by a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. The lyrics for the second staff are:

to keep and to com - mu - ni - cate the nar - ra - tive of faith...
the ma - ny trea - sures hand - ed down and faith - ful - ly pre - served.
a dus - ty vault, a heav - y lid on - ly block its light.
to guard the gra - cious gifts of God while giv - ing them a - way.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lucinda, our Bishop; and for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for all engaged in ministry to infants, children and youth; for the Tutoring Program at Iglesia San Pablo Apostol, Seaside. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

People: **Hear our prayers for the church.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

People: **Hear our prayers for the world.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

People: **Hear our prayers for the earth.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of all creation, we pray for all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life. We pray that all pets may be treasured with care; for all animals that might be displaced by the fires and other natural disasters, pets awaiting adoption, veterinarians, and all pet owners.

God of all creation,

People: **Hear our prayers for all creatures great and small.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,

People: **Hear our prayers for this community.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Presider: Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to 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.

Offertory:

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?)

H641, alternate tune

NOVA VITA

Lister R Peace (1885-1969)

$\text{♩} = 108$

1. Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
 2. Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed;
 3. Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
 4. Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,
 from harm-ful pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
 let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
 through dark-ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heaven - ly way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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

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-

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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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 say,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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:

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

Washington Gladden (1836-1918)

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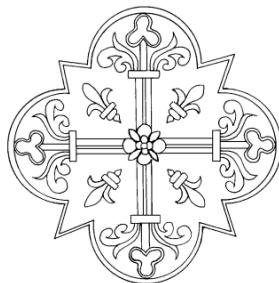
MARYTON

Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

J = 100

1. O Mas-ter let me walk with thee in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win - ning word of love
3. Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clo - ser, dear - er com - pa - ny,
4. in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the fu - ture's broad-enning way,

tell my thy se - cret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.



Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. 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:

Immortal, Invisible

Walter Chalmers Smith

H# 423

ST. DENIO

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun-tains high
an - cient of days, al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy greatname we praise.
soar - ing a - bove thy clouds, which are foun-tains of good-ness and love.

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:

Nancy Dwyer, Joan Best, Rachel Brown

Anniversaries last week and this week:

Greg & Shelli DaCunha, Dennis and Paula Kelly

Parish announcements:

- Worship next Sunday, September 5th, will be indoors at St. Stephen's and live streamed at 10:00am. The link will be sent out in the Friday newsletter and posted on our website.
- 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.

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!