



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



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**The Sixth 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.*



# THE WORD OF GOD

## *Opening Hymn:*

### Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

LEVAS #226

Julia W. Howe (1819-1910)

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

William Steffe (1830-1890)

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was born a-cross the sea,

He is tram-pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
with a glo - ry in His bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me;

He has loosed the fate - ful light-ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword,  
as He died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make all free,

His truth is march-ing on.  
while God is march-ing on.  
Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!

### *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*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### ***Collect of the Day***

**Celebrant:** God be with you

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### ***The Lessons***

#### ***First Reading***

#### ***Deuteronomy 10:17-21***

The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

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.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**Gospel Gradual:**

### Hidden in the Ordinary

Songs for the Cycle, p. 98

Michael Hudson, 2004

STUTTGART

*Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schone Gesange* 1715

1. Hid - den in the or - din - ar - y, un - ob - served in plain dis - guise,  
2. Je - sus, new - ly known as heal - er, teach - er, pro - phet, cho - sen - One,  
3. God strews flow - ers through the des - ert, paints a dawn in un-watchedskies  
4. May our spi - rigs be at - ten - tive, ea - ger as we breathe the prayer:

God pre - pares a re - vel - a - tion and a - waits, a rich sur - prise!  
jour - neyed home where peo - ple named him bro - ther, cou - sin, neigh - bor, son.  
and un - folds the In - car - na - tion right be - fore un - see - ing eyes.  
God, may we per - cieve you, pre - sent, ev - ery day and ev - ery - where.

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 5:43-48**

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

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if

you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

*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 members of the Disciplinary Board. For members of the Standing Committee and all who serve in the councils of the Episcopal Church.

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 all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, and the dying (please add your own petitions either silently or aloud).

Lord, hear us.

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

*Leader:* For the sick and suffering among us and for those we now name in our hearts or aloud, (please add your own petitions either silently 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 (please add your own petitions either silently 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 the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Exchange peace.*

## ***Offertory:***

### **The Servant Song**

R# 148

Richard Gillard



1. Bro - ther let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you.  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are broth - ers on the road.  
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night - time of your fear,  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you laugh I'll laugh with you,  
5. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you.

Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row till we - ve see this jour - ney through.  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.

## ***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,\_\_\_  
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.

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:*

#### My Jesus, I Love Thee

William R. Featherstone (1846-1873)      Renew! #275      GORDON  
Adoniram J. Gordon (1836-1895)

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine, for thee all the  
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me, and pur - chased my

fol - lies of sin I re - sign; my gra - cious Re - deem - er, my  
par - don on Cal - va-ry's tree; I love thee for wear - ing the

Sa - vior art thou; if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
thorns on thy brow; if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

## ***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:***

### **America, the Beautiful**

Katherine Lee Bates (1841-1907)

H# 719

MATERNA

Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in li - ber - a - ting strife,  
for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
who more than self their coun - try love, and mer - cy more than life!

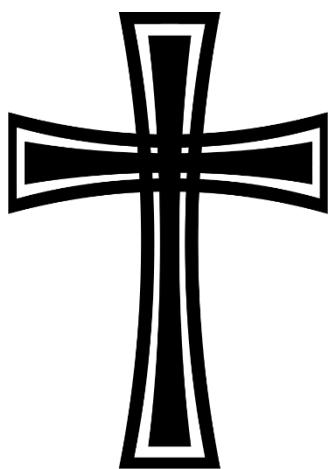
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,

and crown thy good with bro - ther-hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con-trol, thy li - ber - ty in sea law.

## ***The Dismissal***

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

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



**Birthdays** this week:

Daniella Valdez-Cardenas, Chuck Flagg

**Anniversaries** this week:

Steven and Monica Leisch

**Parish announcements:**

- Worship next Sunday, July 11th, 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!*