



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



May 14, 2023
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
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:

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

Frank von Christiernson (1900-1996)

H #705

FOREST GREEN, English melody
adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

1. As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
3. With gra - ti - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to thee

to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield;
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i - ty.

so we to-day our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land,
O thou who gav - est us thy self in Je - sus Christ thy Son,

of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
help us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Celtic Alleluia

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #346

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Refrain (Harmony, S.A.B.)



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven

and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

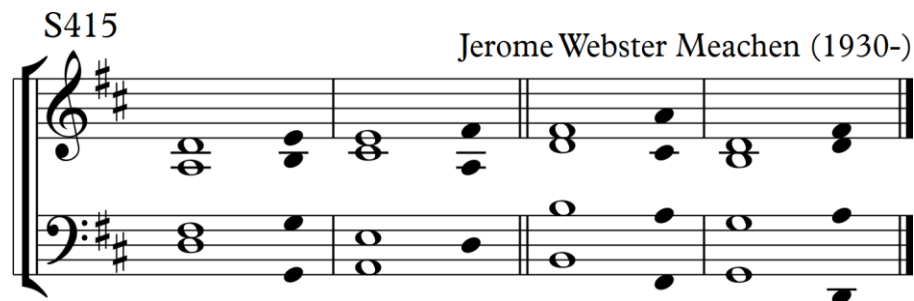
Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 66:7-18



- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Frank von Christiernson (1900-1996) Worship & Rejoice! #475

SURSUM CORDA

Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

$\text{♩} = 52$

1. E - ter - nal Spi - rit of the liv - ing Christ, I know not how to
2. Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your
3. Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need to serve my God, and
ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as
pur - pose and your will, where I have failed, what I have done a -
all hu - man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of my life in love our -
life, and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
miss; held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
poured - my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Richard Leslie

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.
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: Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of God's praise to be heard, saying,
We call out to you with our mouths;

People: Your praise is on our tongues.

Leader: Lord Christ, you have not left us orphaned, but have given your Church an Advocate. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for all mothers on Mothers' Day. May that same Holy Spirit teach us to keep your commandments and comfort us with divine love.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Leader: Loving God, bless the suffering. May those who suffer for doing good find a friend in Christ Jesus. May those who suffer from disasters beyond their control find you attentive to the voice of their prayers.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Leader: Lord of heaven and earth, you made the world and everything in it. You give to all mortals life and breath and all things. May we be faithful stewards of all you have created.

(Please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Leader: Merciful Lord, bless the people of this city with a spirit of gentleness and reverence. May we be set free from fear to live, instead, in hope.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Leader: God, you are not far from each one of us. You love us as your children. Reveal your love, especially this day, to the sick and sorrowful.

(Please add your own petitions either silently or aloud.)

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, you hold our souls in life. You have saved us in baptism. Because your Son Jesus lives so do we rejoice in the hope of unending life in you.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: Your praise is on our tongues.

Celebrant: Glorious God, you raised up your Son from the dead. Raise us up and hear our prayer that we may praise your glory today and always. We pray though Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette 2002

Songs of Grace #65

BEECHER

John Zundel (1815-1882)

1. God, we've known such grief and an - ger as we've heard your peo - ple cry.
2. By your grace comes re - sur - rec - tion; by your love, you cast out fear.
3. Hope is ours for, God, you love us! You have claimed us by your grace.

We have asked you, "How much long - er?" We have sad - ly won - dered "Why?"
You give strength and sure di - rec - tion as we seek to serve you hear.
And through je - sus, you have called us to bring hope to ev - ery place.

In this world of so much suf-fering, may we hear your word a - new:
 You give com-fort to the_ griev - ing, and you bless the ones who_ mourn.
 In each res - cue work - er's_ car - ing, in each faith - ful vol - lun - teer,

"I will nev - er leave you_ or-phaned; I will not a - ban - don_ you."
 May we trust in you, be - liev - ing out of cha - os, hope is__ born.
 in each Chris-tian's love and_ shar - ing, God, we glimpse your king- dom here.



Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures 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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 is written for a vocal ensemble and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex, flowing line in the left hand.

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

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.**

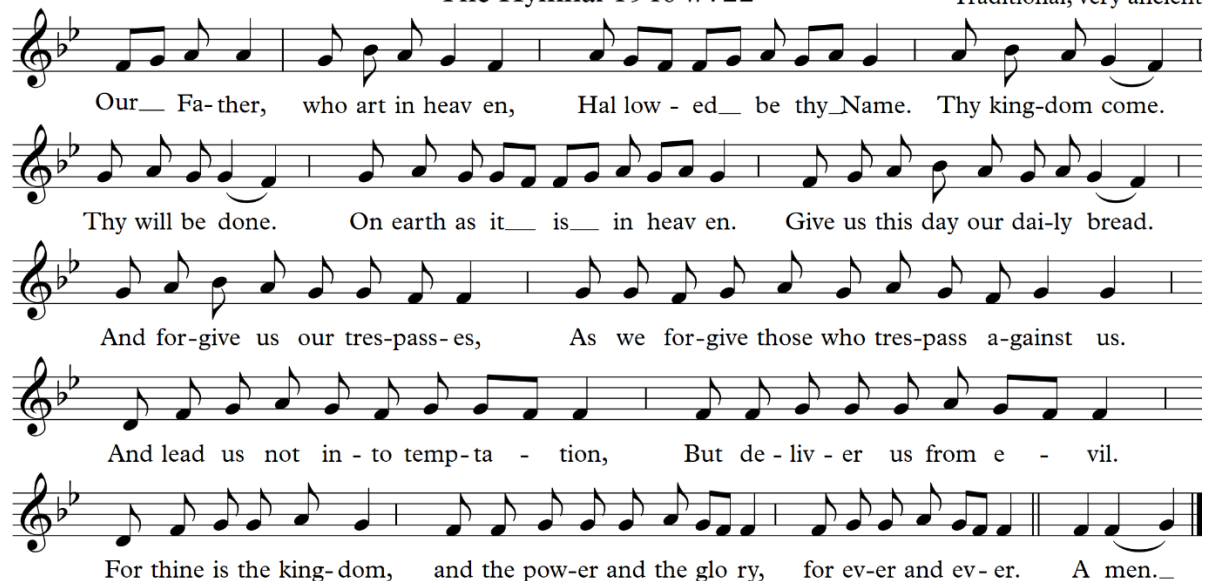
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

People and Celebrant

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-gainst 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: 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 Hymns:

Come We That Love the Lord

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

H #392 (alternate tune)

ST. THOMAS

Aaron Williams (1731-1776)

1. Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2. Let those re-fuse to sing that ne-ver knew our God;
 3. The heirs of grace have found glo-ry be-gun be-low;
 4. Then let our song a-bound and let our tears be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac-cord and thus sur-round the throne.
 but chil-dren of the heaven-ly King may speak their joys a-broad.
 ce-les-tial fruits on earth-ly ground from faith and hope may grow.
 we're march-ing through Em-man-uel's ground to fair-er worlds on high.

I Come with Joy

Brian Wren (1936-)

Worship & Rejoice! #706

DOVE OF PEACE

American melody

arr. Austin Lovelace (1919-2010)

2. I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion
 5. To-ge-th-er met, to-ge-th-er bound by all that God has

fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

Christ's com-mu-nion bread, in Christ's com-mu-nion bread.
 stran-gers now are friends, and stran-gers now are friends.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

We thank you, Lord that you have fed us in this sacrament, uniting us with Christ. Empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

The Blessing



Mission Song:

This is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901)

Worship & Rejoice, #21

TERRA BEATA

English melody,

vs. 2 rev. Mary Babcock Crawford (1909-1972)

adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930)

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears
2. This is my Fa-ther's world: O let us not for - get
3. This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair;

all na - ture sings and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ru - ler yet.
in the rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery where.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair;
This is my Fa - ther's world: why should my heart be sad?

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
all earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures e - ver - y - where.
The Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

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:

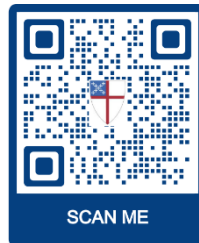
Peggy Goldman, Pamela Rhoten, Carrie Dent, Christie Dent Medonca, Arinze Okafor, Chike Okafor

Mark your calendar:

- Sunday, May 28, 10:00am: Day of Pentecost – Alex Dickinson-Holmes baptism at St. Stephen's
- Sunday, June 11 – Blessing of St. Stephen's Community Garden and Potluck after the 10:00am service.

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.*