



Welcome to

St. John the Divine Episcopal Church

17740 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037



April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Eucharist: Prayer A

Opening Hymn:

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

Ruth C. Duck (1947 -)

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #252

BEACH SPRING
traditional American

$\text{♩} = 72$

1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warming flame, so the
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way. We are
3. As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life re - newed, so may

Church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. Preaching
seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay. By our
we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, ma - ny - hued. As a

Christ, and not our cus - toms, let us build a bridge of care, join - ing
gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, we will show that Christ is light. In a
rain - bow lights the hea - vens when a storm is past and gone, so may

hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
hum - ble, lis - tening Spi - rit, we will live to God's de - light.
we re - flect the ra - dianc e of God's new and glo - ri - ous dawn.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: 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

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

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Lord of the sheepfold, whose love is not for hire, who calls to himself the victims of the world: we thank you that Christ laid down his life for us when we could not help ourselves; in the weakness of his love give us strength to work for peace in the world he came to serve through Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Gradual:

David Was a Daring Shepherd

Songs for the Cycle, p. 87

IRBY

Michael Hudson (2004)

Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

1. Da - vid was a dar - ing shep - herd long be - fore he was a king,
2. Je - sus al - so was a shep - herd; peo - ple were his con - stant care.
3. We can grow up strong like Da - vid, we can love like Je - sus, too,

best - ing lions and bears in bat - tle, armed with sticks and stones and sling.
And he al - so bat - tled dan - ger, more than wolves or li - ons or bears.
join - ing hands with God the Shep - herd tend - ing all that's just and true

Strong, re - source - ful, rud - dy - cheeked, Da - vid grew up tend - ing sheep.
He fought an - y - thing at all that made God's great love seem small.
till the whole world, wide and deep, makes a place for all God's sheep.

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my

life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Presider: 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: Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

Risen Lord,

***People:* Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us:

For our lives and for those whom we love,
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,
For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.
And for those we now name either silently or aloud.

Risen Lord,

***People:* Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:

For our clergy and our bishops,
For the many lay people who serve the church,
And serve the world through the church.
For those gather here in worship and prayer.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Philip the Apostle of Scotts Valley.

Risen Lord,

***People:* Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Lord,

***People:* Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord,

***People:* Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died:

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Presider: Lord Jesus Chris, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

Lamb of God

Renew! #214

Words and Music by Twila Paris

♩ = 72

1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hid, but you have sent him from your
2. Your gift of love, they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and scorned him as He
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to your

side, to walk up - on this guilt - y sod, and to be - come a man of God.
died, the hum - ble King they named a fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of

God! O wash me in his pre-cious blood; my Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider

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

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 Presider 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:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider 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 say,

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Presider

People and Presider

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily
bread.

Give us today our daily
bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

And lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Save us from the time of
trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

Communion Hymn:

There is a Redeemer

Renew! #232

Words & music by
Keith Green

1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see His face, _____ and

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my King, for - ev - er, in that ho - ly place.

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son; _____ and

leav - ing your Spi - rit 'til the work on earth is done.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider 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

Announcements

Birthday Blessings

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.

Mission Song:

Cyrl A. Alington (1872-1955) **Good Christians All, Rejoice** GELOBT SEI GOTT
♩. = 44 H # 205 Melchior Vulpus (1560?-1616)

1. Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph of our
3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which can-not

Al - le - lu -

King! To all the world glad news we bring: Al - le -
die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high; Al - le - lu -

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Birthdays last week and this week:

Alex Francis, Will Zhart

Parish announcements:

- Canned food drive in April. Please bring non-perishables to church April 30th.
- Worship next Sunday, May 2nd, will be 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.
- Needed: Volunteer(s) to take trash and recycling bins out to the curb on Wednesdays and bring them back in on Thursday.
- Community Solutions always needs diapers and wipes.

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

All are welcome!