



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



April 2, 2023
The Sunday of the Passion
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.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, untied with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever. ***Amen.***

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

"When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have saved us and given us new life through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was greeted as King of kings by those who spread their clothing and branches of palms along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them in his name may forever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The palms are sprinkled with Holy Water.

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

The palms are distributed.

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

For the procession, the people wave branches in their hands, and process, following the crucifer, singing The King of Glory

The King of Glory

Rev. W. F. Jabusch

Renew! #267

Traditional Israeli folk song

Refrain



The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re - joi-ces. O pen the gates be-fore him, lift up your voi-ces.

Verses



1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Ga - li - lee, in ci - ty or vil - age,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's son, our Sa - vior and bro - ther;



He is Em - man - u - el, the pro - mised of a - ges.
he goes a - mong the peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
in all of Ga - li - lee was ne - ver an - o - ther.



The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re - joi-ces. O pen the gates be-fore him, lift up your voi-ces.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodolph of Orleans (d. 821)
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

H #154

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
Mechior Teschner (1584-1635)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by '4'). The first two staves are for the hymn 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor' and the third is for the chorale 'Valet will ich dir geben'. The lyrics are written below the music. The score concludes with a 'Fine' and then 'DC al Fine'.

Lyrics for 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor':

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee Re - deem - er, King! to
 whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

Lyrics for 'Valet will ich dir geben':

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who
 2. The com - pan - y of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high; and
 3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went; our

Continuation of the hymn lyrics:

in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 praise and prayers and an - them be - fore thee we pre - sent.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, your love is broken open among cheering crowds and traitor's coins, deserting friends and hands washed clean, the mockery of power and the baying mob: as we follow your way of passion, give us the faith to bring our weak and divided hearts to the foot of the cross and the door of the guarded tomb that they might be opened, astonished and healed; through Jesus Christ, who carries the weight of the world.

Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

S415

Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-)

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

We Greet a Golden Dawn Today

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle #21

WINCHESTER NEW
from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690*

3. We greet the gold-en dawn to - day and mar - vel as the dark - ness grows
4. And so our hearts are shaped to - day by palms, a kiss, a friend's de - nial,

that ev - en stal-wart con - fi - dence may fail be - fore the roos - ter crows.
to hold the ver - y sim - ple prayer-God, save us from the time of trial.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14- 27:66

Dramatic reading of the Passion

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.

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 indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. So, let us cry out to our Lord, saying,

Crucified King,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for those in prayer and healing ministries, especially the Order of St. Luke. We have not been humble as you are humble. We have been unwilling to share the gospel with our friends and families.

Silence

Crucified King,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord--especially those who are threatened by your message of love and justice. Have mercy on us for our silence and complicity.

Silence

Crucified King,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Have mercy on those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Have mercy on us and teach us to love what you have called good.

Silence

Crucified King,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord. Teach us to value what you value. Increase in us love for our neighbors.

Silence

Crucified King,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen those whose strength fails them. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants.

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

Silence

Crucified King,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Merciful Lord, you know the pain of death—even death on a cross. Have mercy on the dying and the dead. Bring them to the joy of everlasting life in you.

Silence

Crucified King,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Good and gracious God, rich in mercy and pardon, hear the prayers we raise to you with confidence; clothe us in the garments of salvation, and give us a foretaste of the joy you have prepared for us in the paschal banquet of your Son, Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against 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

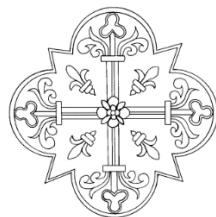
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace.

Offertory: Lament, by Jason W Krug

Bells



Doxology (Old 100th)

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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 consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, key signature of B-flat major (two flats), and a tempo of 130 BPM. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the bassoon. The lyrics are as follows:

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

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 St. John 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,

People and Celebrant

The Lord's Prayer

The Hymnal 1940 #722

Traditional, very ancient

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 Hymns:

Go to Dark Gethsemane, arr. Albert Zabel

Bells/Piano

Lamb of God

Renew! #214

Words and Music by Twila Paris

J = 72

A musical score for the hymn "Lamb of God". The score consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a measure. The lyrics are as follows:
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-iousblood; my Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

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:

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Lift Every Voice and Sing #33

Negro Spiritual
Traditional

1. They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and He nev - er said a mum-ba - lin'
2. They nailed him to a tree, and He nev - er said a mum-ba - lin'

word; They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and He nev - er said a mum-ba - lin'
word; They nailed him to a tree, and He nev - er said a mum-ba - lin'

word. Not a word, not a word, not a word.
word. Not a word, not a word, not a word.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anniversaries this week:

Wayne & Pamela Rhoten, Chuck & Bobbi Flagg

Mark your calendar:

- Wednesday, April 5, 10:30am – The Way of Love in Lent at St. John’s

HOLY WEEK			
			
WORSHIP SCHEDULE			
• Palm Sunday, April 2, 10:00am – Service at St. John’s	• Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00pm – Joint Service at Advent Lutheran*	• Good Friday, April 7, 12:00pm – Stations of the Cross at St. John’s	• Good Friday, April 7, 7:00pm – Joint Service at Advent Lutheran*
• Holy Saturday, April 8, 7:30pm – Easter Vigil at St. Stephen’s	• Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:00am – Service at St. Stephen’s		

*Advent Lutheran is in Morgan Hill at 16870 Murphy Ave.

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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