



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



**November 7, 2021  
The Twenty-fourth 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:*

### As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

Frank von Christierson (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 vine- yard, flock, and field thee  
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 help farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.  
us to give our selves each day un - til life's work is done.

### *Opening Acclamation*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

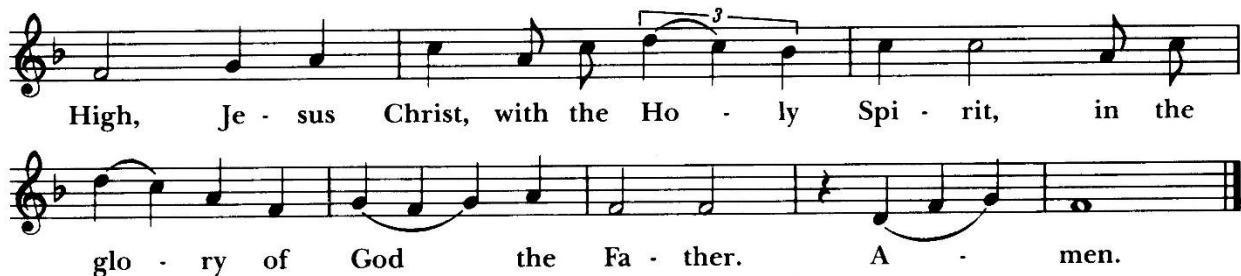
## *Collect for Purity*

*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



## *Collect of the Day*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

God of fierce justice, you close the mouth of those who devour the poor and hide behind their prayer: humbled by the giving of those who have so little let us live from your abundance; through Jesus Christ, the judgement of God. **Amen.**

## *The Lessons*

### *First Reading*

**Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17**

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The Word of the Lord.

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

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Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-)

<sup>1</sup> Unless the Lord builds the / house, \*  
 their labor is in vain who / build it.

<sup>2</sup> Unless the Lord watches over the / city, \*  
 in vain the watchman keeps his / vigil.

<sup>3</sup> It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so / late; \*  
 vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
 for he gives to his beloved / sleep.

<sup>4</sup> Children are a heritage from the / Lord, \*  
 and the fruit of the womb is a / gift.

<sup>5</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a / warrior \*  
 are the children of one's / youth.

<sup>6</sup> Happy is the man who has his quiver / full of them! \*  
 he shall not be put to shame  
 when he contends with his enemies in the / gate.

**Second Reading****Hebrews 9:24-28**

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel Gradual:**

**Simple Gifts of Faithful People**

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p.116

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fr. *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631

1. Simple gifts of faithful people, splashed like  
2. Willing hands of mindful people, linked and  
3. Liberal love of caring people, given  
rain-drops on the sand, one by one and all to -  
press-ing palm to palm, like a reef a - round and  
both to foes and friends, makes in time the sea of  
geth-er spread re-fresh-ment through a land.  
is-land, still the waves and aid the calm.  
diff-erence that the grace of God in-tends.

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 12:38-44**

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

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

*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; Karen, our Rector; 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 who engage in mission (Charles Simeon, promoter of Missionary Work): our Mission Commission; for The Rev. Filemón Diaz, Latino Missioner in Southern Monterey County.

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 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 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:

### Jesus Sat and Watched the Crowd

Songs of Grace, #26

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2000

DIX

1. Je - sus sat and watched the crowd at the tem - ple trea - sur - y.  
2. Then a wi - dow came a - long who had noth - ing she could spare.  
3. Just a pen - ny, noth - ing more, yet Christ said her gift was best.  
4. Lord, you see the way we live; all with - in our hearts, you know.

Some that day were rich and proud, ma - king sure that all could see;  
Yet her faith in God was strong and she gave as few would dare;  
What a risk for one so poor! What rich faith her gift ex - pressed!  
Like that wi - dow, may we give. Trust-ing you, our gifts will grow;

ma - king sure that all could see their great gen - er - os - i - ty.  
and she gave as few would dare: all she had, she chose to share.  
What rich faith her gift exprerssed! Trust-ing, giv - ing, she was blest.  
trust-ing you, our gifts will grow and our joy will o - ver - flow.

### 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. 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 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 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.

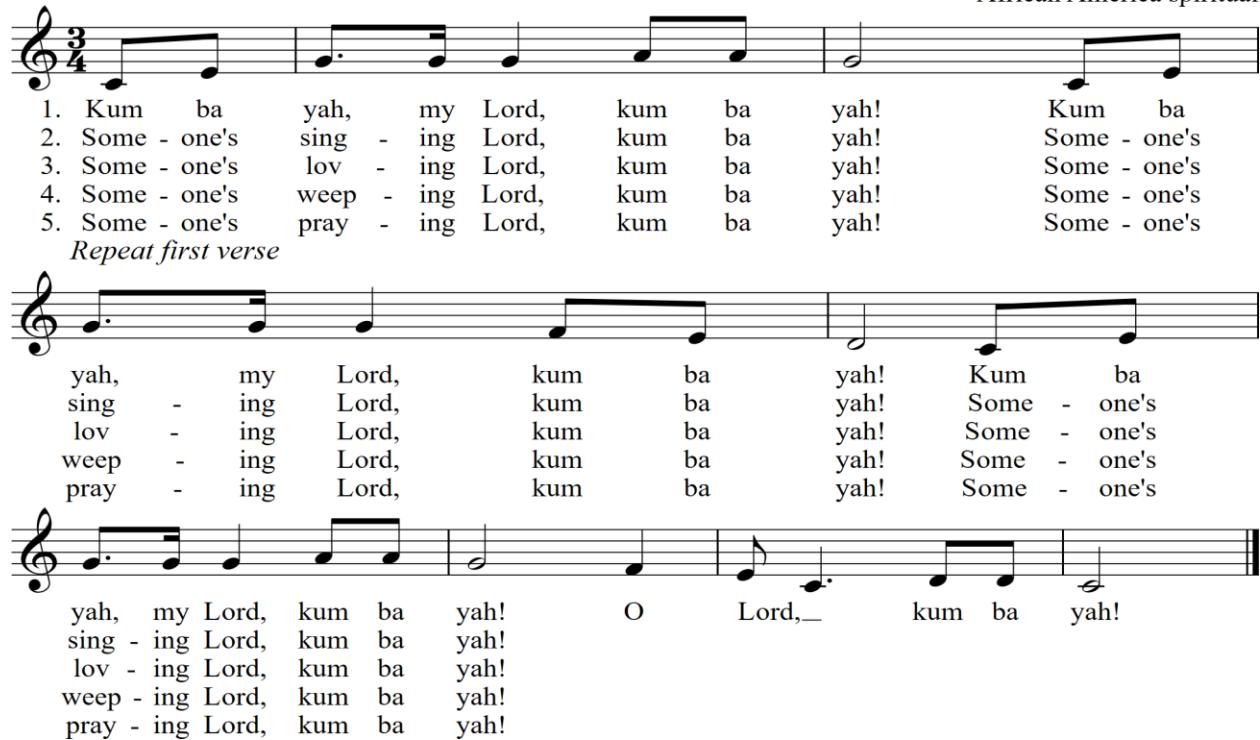
*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## *Communion Hymn:*

### Kum Ba Yah

Christian Children's Songbook # 150  
Singing the Living Tradition, #401

African America spiritual



1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba  
2. Some - one's sing - ing Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba  
3. Some - one's lov - ing Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba  
4. Some - one's weep - ing Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba  
5. Some - one's pray - ing Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba

*Repeat first verse*

yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba  
sing - ing Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's  
lov - ing Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's  
weep - ing Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's  
pray - ing Lord, kum ba yah!

yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

## *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:***

### **Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

H#58, second tune

HOLY MANNA

fr. *Southern Harmony*, 1835

1. Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend- ing, once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
2. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e - ter - nal throne;  
  
thou- sand\_ thou-sand saints at - tend - ing swell the\_ tri-umph of his train;  
Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry; claim the\_ king-dom for thine own:  
  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.  
  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign and thou a - lone.

## ***The Dismissal***

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



I will fulfill to you my promise and  
bring you back to this place. For  
surely I know the plans I have for  
you, says God, plans for your  
welfare and not for harm, to give  
you a future with hope.  
+ Jeremiah 29:10-11

**Birthdays** last week and this week:

Samantha Parish, Lindsey Gangitano, Curtis Stretz

**Anniversaries** last week and this week:

Kent & Terry Rounds

**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.
- You should have received a pledge card in the mail last week. If you did not receive one, please let Rev. Karen know and she will send out another.

**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!*