



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



**June 6, 2021**  
**The Second 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:*

### Thy Strong Word

Martin H. Franzman (1907-1976)

H#381

Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

1. Thy strong word did cleave the dark- ness; at thy speak- ing it was done;  
4. God the Fa- ther, Light Cre a - tor, to thee laud\_and hon - or be;  
for cre - a - ted light we thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run:  
to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten, praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light Re - veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
mor - tals, an - gels, now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

## *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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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*

**1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20**

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his

chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

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

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

**Psalm:**

**Psalm 138**

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel Gradual:**

### A Loving Heart

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p.94

NEW BRITAIN  
John Newton (1825-1807)

1. A lov - ing heart can - not keep still when friends are in great need -  
2. A hope - ful heart con - spires with God and dreams and acts. or waits.  
3. A vi - tal heart can - not a - bide a dank, un - whole - some space -  
4. God, give us en - er - gy to face a need - ful world wide - eyed

for love, twined as it is with God, ex - ists to in - ter - cede.  
And o - pens to the branch - ing paths that hope - ful - ness cre - ates.  
We see how Christ in - fused the world with en - er - gy and grace.  
and step each day in - to the breach where love and need col - lide.

## Gospel Reading

## Mark 3:20-35

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

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for

people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

*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 St. John's Chapel of Monterey, St. Barnabas of Arroyo Grande and Trinity Cathedral of San Jose.  
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. Being aware that June is LGBTQI Pride Month in this country, we pray for all who have been hurt because of their authentic identity.

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:***

### **On This Day, the First of Days**

H #47

Latin: tr. Henry William Baker (1821-1877)

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fr. *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704

1. On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,  
2. On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;  
6. God, the bless - ed Three in one dwell with - in my heart a - lone;

who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.  
on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.  
thou dost give thy - self to me: help me give my - self to thee.

## **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,\_\_\_

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:

### Earth is our Homeland

Singing the Living Tradition #309

Mark L. Belletini (1949-)  
and Helen R. Picket (1929-)

SYMPHONY

Johanness Brahms (1833-1897)  
arr. Fred Bock (1939-)



1. Earth is our home-land: a song of stars, a grace wrought of the a - ges, an  
2. Word is our glo - ry, our breath of air, our cry! Par - a - bles, let - ters, or  
3. Mu - sic is won - der, an al - che-my of art, love's pure en-chant-ment, com  
4. Hope is our high star, the cer - ti - tude lovebrings; si - lence our cen - ter, our



o - pal spun in space! Dawn's far blue hill, soft night time still, dark  
star names in the sky, or myths that play as po - ets pray bring  
mun - ion for the heart! From chants to Psalms, from jazz to Brahms, no  
liv - ing wa - ter's spring. Though ach - ing heart know self a - part from



o - cean depth, smooth stone; for gifts sub - lime that  
mean - ing to our lives. For ev - 'ry praise that  
soul may stay at rest. For star - ry choir in  
Whole and Mys - ter - y, for gath - er - ings of



hal - low time we'll sing, mak - ing deep thanks-giv - ing known.  
hones our days we'll sing, till the fi - nal day ar - rives.  
sky a - fire we'll sing, joined with them in an - them blessed.  
strength- en - ing we'll sing, through-out hu - man his - to - ry.

## 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:*

#### How Wondrous and Great

Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858)

H #533

LYONS

attr. J. M. Haydn (1737-1806)

1. How won-drous and great thy works, God of praise! How just, King of saints, and  
2. To na-tions of earth thy light shall be shown; their wor-ship and vows, shall  
true to thy ways! O who shall not fear thee, and hon-or thy  
come to thy throne: thy truth and thy judg-ments shall spread all thy a-  
Name? Thou on-ly art ho-ly, thou on-ly su-preme.  
broad, till earth's ev-ery peo-ple con-fess thee their God.

## ***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:

Andrew Mendonca, Bobbi Flagg, Asha Zahrt, Ginny Tolan, Greg DaCunha, Denee Gillotte, Richard Fiorito, Sam Zhart, Sheila DaCunha

### **Anniversaries** last week and this week:

Andrew and Christie Mendonca, Bob and Joan Best

### **Parish announcements:**

- Worship next Sunday, Jun 13th, 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.
- 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. There is plenty of room for parishioners from both churches to attend the in-person services.***

*All are welcome!*