

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



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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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.

Opening Hymn:

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

John Marriott (1780-1825)

H #371

MOSCOW
Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)

1. Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
3. Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!

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

People: And Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for purity: 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 might perfectly love, and magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Reading from Deuteronomy

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! * they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for
ever.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Gradual:

The Sabbath Called Its Children

Michael Hudson, 2004

Song for the Cycle, p. 72

AURELIA
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

1. The Sab-bath called its child - ren, and one stood up to teach who made the an - cient
2. Com - pas-sion, was the an - swer, com - pel - ling - ly re - vealed as this man, bruised and
long - ings seem sud - den - ly in reach. A voice lashed out to coun - ter, a -
bro - ken, was in that mo - ment healed. Then Je - sus left the peo - ple, a -
wash in an - i - mus: "Why should the High and Ho - ly as - so - ci - ate with us?"
mazed by what they saw, to con - tem - plate God's good - ness in si - lence and in awe.

The Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Karen Cuffie

The Nicene Creed (*Please stand as you are able*)

**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 - Form IV

Let us pray for the church and the world.

**Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.**

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

**Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.**

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and 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.**

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.*

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

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace

Offertory Hymn

Love of the Father

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #610

EVENTIDE

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

alternate tune

William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

1. Love of the Fa - ther, Love of God the Son, from whom all came, in
2. Thou the all - ho - ly, thou su-preme in might, thou doest give peace, thy
3. Pur - est and high - est, wis-est and most just, there is no truth save
4. E - ter-nal Glo - ry, let all thee a - dore, who art and shalt be

whom was all be - gun; who form - est heaven - ly beau - ty out of
pres - ence mak - eth right; thou with thy fa - vor all things dost en -
on - ly in thy trust; thou dost the mind from earth - ly dreams re -
wor-shipped ev - er - more: us whom thou ma - dest, com - fot with thy

strife, cre - a - tion's whole de - sire and breath of life.
fold, with thine all - kind - ness free from harm wilt hold.
call, and bring, through Christ, to him for whom are all.
might, and lead us to en - joy thy heaven - ly light.

Holy Eucharist, Prayer A

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 God 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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 many 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.

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,

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.

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Presider and People

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come Amen



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Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Johann Franck (1616-1677)

H #339

tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

SCHMUCKE DICH

Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

1. Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2. Sun, who all my lige dost bright - en; Light, who
 3. Je - sus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let me
 gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; ne - ver to my hurt in -
 splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;
 un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Mak - er, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how
 won - drous ban - quet found - ed; high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - tak - er; of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost
 reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

**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.**

Dismissal:

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn

Thou Art the Way

George Washington Doane (1799-1859)

H #457

ST. JAMES

Raphael Courteville (d. 1735)

1. Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2. Thou are the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3. Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;
4. Thou are the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. Each line of the hymn is written on a four-part staff, with the lyrics aligned under the corresponding notes. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a clear melody and harmonic support.