

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



February 12, 2023

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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:





## **Opening Acclamation**

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

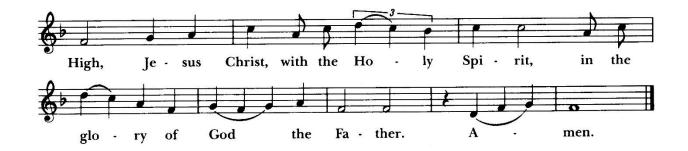
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## 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





## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Living One, in whose freedom creation was born as gift: free us from the need to possess, define and silence others that we might rejoice in the strangeness of your beauty revealed in flesh and blood; through Jesus Christ, our reconciliation. **Amen.** 

#### The Lessons

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.

He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.

Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given.

For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything;

his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action.

He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8

Antiphon: first time, cantor

Antiphon: second time, cantor and congregation



- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \* who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \* and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \* but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \* that we should fully keep them.

Antiphon - all

- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \* that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \* when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \* when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \* do not utterly forsake me.

Antiphon - all

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

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So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

## Gospel Gradual:



Gospel Reading Matthew 5:21-37

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

## All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with

her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

*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.

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: Sisters and brothers, let your light shine before others, so that they may

see your good works and give glory to God. Let us pray,

Lord, hear our call,

People: And answer us.

Leader: Establish your Church, O God, as a light to the world. In the diocesan

cycle of prayer, we pray for the Social Justice Committee; for all who

serve Outreach ministries in the greater community that provide

housing, shelter, and advocacy for the homeless. Shine your Holy Spirit

through us, and all for your glory and the welfare of your people.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

**People:** And answer us.

Leader: Righteous God, you delight in justice and let the oppressed go free.

Raise up leaders who care for the poor.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

People: And answer us.

Leader: We thank you, O God, for the gift of light. By it you cause plants to

grow; by it you generate warmth; by it you open our eyes to see the

beauty of all you have made.

(please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

**People:** And answer us.

Leader: In our own city, Great God, be the restorer of streets. Rebuild our

ruined places. May all the people of this community live in security

and peace.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

**People:** And answer us.

*Leader*: Be present to all those who cry for help, O Holy One. We pray your

healing will spring up quickly for those in need.

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

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

People: And answer us.

Leader: The human heart fails to conceive all the good you have prepared for

your beloved ones, Heavenly Parent. We trust to you our dying and our

dead, believing that you are good and faithful.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

**People:** And answer us.

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.

## 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.

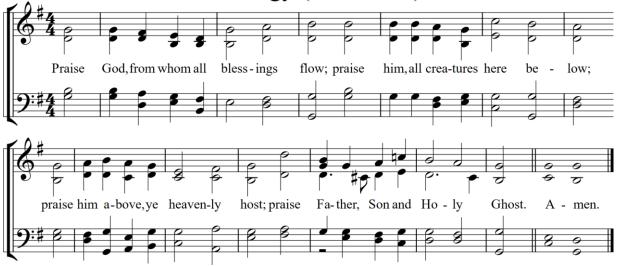


## Offertory:

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



# 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. 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 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

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Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx



#### 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,



## The Breaking of the Bread

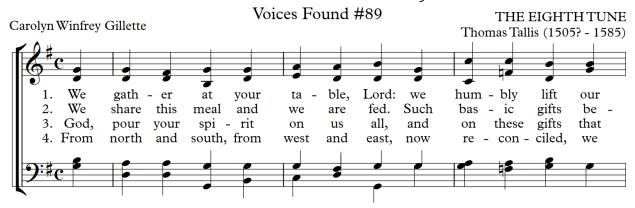
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

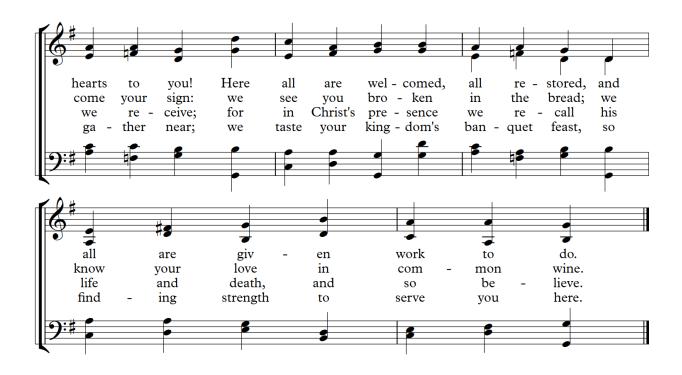
**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

## Communion Hymns:

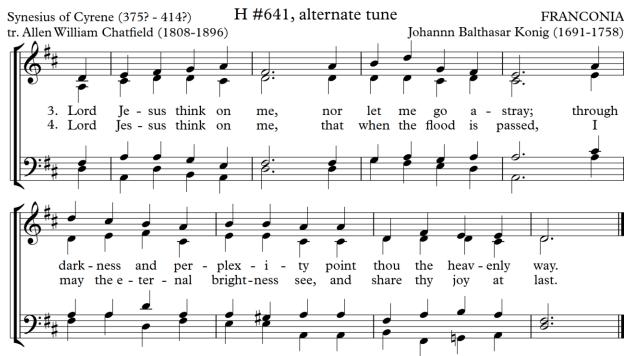
# We Gather at Your Table, Lord







# Lord Jesus Think on Me



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## 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.

## The Blessing

#### Announcements

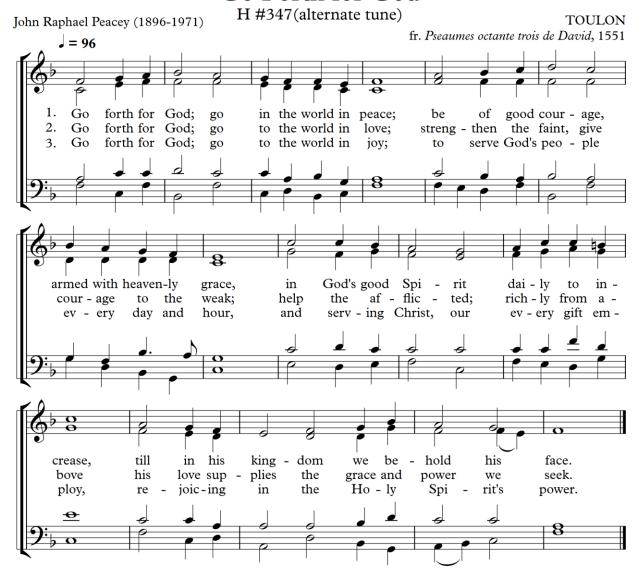
## Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

**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:

## Go Forth for 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:

Bethan Bath, Nicholas Attwood, Katie Rounds

## Mark your calendar:

- Feb. 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at 5:30pm
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday at Advent Lutheran, time is TBA

## **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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**Reminder:** Next week's service is at 10:00am at St. Stephen's.