



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



**September 4, 2022
The Thirteenth 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:

Not Here for High and Holy Things

Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy

H #9

MORNING SONG
Elkanah Kelsey Dare (1782-1826)

Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his 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
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Jealous God, you call us to hate the life that is an echo of death and a whisper of fear: give us the courage to pass through shadows and count the cost of a love beyond measure; through Jesus Christ, the one who is fully alive. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-)

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
 while I was being made in secret
 and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written in your book; *
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
 how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

Tracing the Swirling Stars Above Us

TON-Y-BOTEL

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 164

Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

1. Trac-ing the swirl-ing stars a-bove us, sens-ing the mol-ten
2. Reach-ing to taste the fruit of know-ledge, marked by the gift for-
3. E-ven-with-in our-selves we-wa-ver be-tween the tides of

core be-low, feet in-the dust and hands up-lift-ed, ev-er-more, we feel-the se-par-at-ing dis-tance mind-and soul; and in-the world of things we-with-er,

most gra-cious God, in you we know that at-the point be-
be-tween each near-and far-ther shore; and so-we flee the con-sump-tion fed-be-yond con-trol. Cre-a-ting God and

tween the pow-ers which form-and flash and pulse-and pound, love of oth-ers or wind our cords to tight-ly round ho-ly Cen-ter with-in all pow-ers that con-found:

con-cious-ness grows to meet its Mak-er, here in-the bles-sed mid-dle ground. with-out your re-con-cil-ing Pre-sense, here in-the bles-sed mid-dle ground. be-with us as a liv-ing ba-lance, here in-the bles-sed mid-dle ground.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This

fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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: Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world: strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example.

We are your Church, O God.

People: **Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth you have given us to cherish and protect: nourish in us your love for all you have made.

We are your stewards, O God.

People: **Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: Guide and bless us in our work and in our play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for all who labor: that all shall earn a living wage and be treated with honor and respect.

We are your servants, O God.

People: **Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people; in those we love easily and those with whom we struggle to love, in those different from us and those familiar to us.

We are made in your image, O God.

People: **Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

You are the life with in us, O God.

People: **Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble.

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

Bless those who will be born today and those who will die, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

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

In you alone we have eternal life, O God.

People: **Guide us in your grace.**

Celebrant: We offer these our prayers and thanksgivings to you, O God, the source of all that is true and holy, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to 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:

Take Up Your Cross

Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

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BOURBON
attr. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

1. Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if you would my
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spi -
dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with your
rit with a - alarm; his strength shall bear your
will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spi - rit up, and brace you heart, and nerve your arm.

Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

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



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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our fathers and mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rachael, Jacob and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The Celebrant continues

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

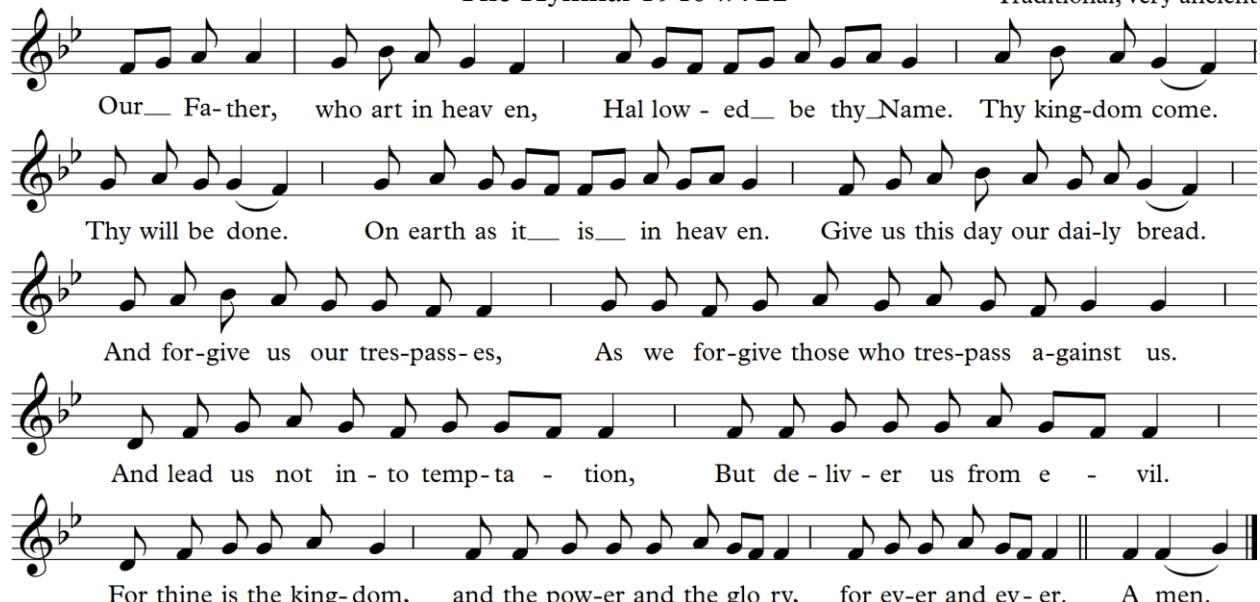
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

People and Celebrant

The Lord's Prayer

The Hymnal 1940 #722

Traditional, very ancient



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav en, Hal low - ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.

Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heav en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.

And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us.

And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo ry, for ev-er and ev - er. A men._

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:

Have Thine Own Way

Lift Every Voice and Sing #145

Adelaid A. Pollard (1862-1934)

George C. Stebbins (1846-1945)

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and
3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wound-ed and
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my

pot - ter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me af - ter thy
try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
wea - ry, help me, I pray! Pow - er all pow - er sure - ly is
be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! Fill with thy Spi - rit 'til all shall

will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

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:

Go Forth for God

J. R. Peacey

Renew! #291

OLD 124TH
Genevan psalter, 1551

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
to serve God's people, every day and hour,
in and God's good serving Christ, dai-ly to increase,
Spirit our ev-ery gift em-ploy,
till re-joicing in the kingdom we see face to face.
Ho-ly Spirit power.

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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:

Rachel Brown, Jayne Perryman, Alexis Parish

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.*