

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



April 30, 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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:

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Celtic Alleluia



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Life abundant, God of grace, you call us by name to live without fear: in peace may we resist all who kill and despoil your people, that their hearts might be turned to the only source of life; through Jesus Christ, the gateway. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

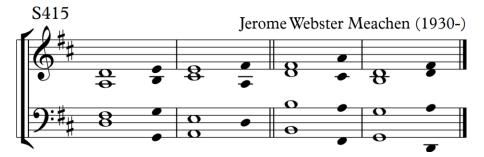
Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23



1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

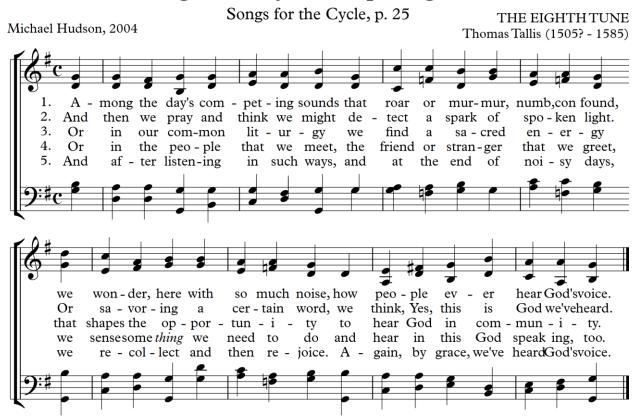
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

Among the Day's Competing Sounds



Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and

the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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: Brothers and Sisters, Jesus bore our sins on the cross so that we, free

from sins, might live in righteousness. Let us pray to our Lord, saying,

Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Leader: Guardian of our souls, call your Church to greater righteousness. In the

diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Philip the Apostle of Scotts Valley. Help us to live by your example and follow in your steps.

Silence

Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Leader: Guardian of our souls, spread out your table in the presence of those

who are troubled. Feed their souls and bodies with your good and

generous gifts.

Silence

Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Leader: Guardian of our souls, you have blessed us with a beautiful planet full

of places where we can find rest and peace. May we care for it, as you

care deeply for all you have made.

(Please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)

Silence

Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Leader: Guardian of our souls, you desire the good will of all the people. Give

us generous hearts and open hands.

Silence

Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Leader: Guardian of our souls, it your presence that comforts us. Make your

presence known to the sick and the sorrowful, to the fearful and the

weak.

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

Silence

Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Leader: Guardian of our souls, you came that we may have life, and have it

abundantly. Bring the dying and the dead into your eternal home.

Silence

Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Celebrant: Glorious God, you raised up your Son from the dead. Raise us up and

hear our prayer that we may praise your glory today and always. We

pray though Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

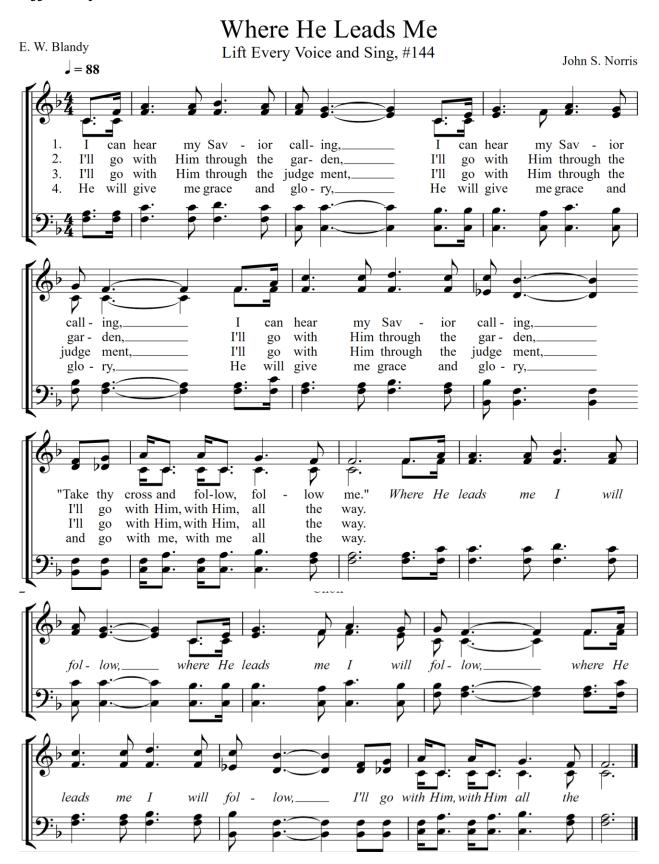
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

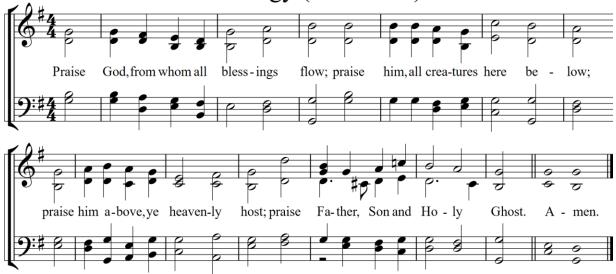
Exchange peace.



Offertory:



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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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



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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 sing,



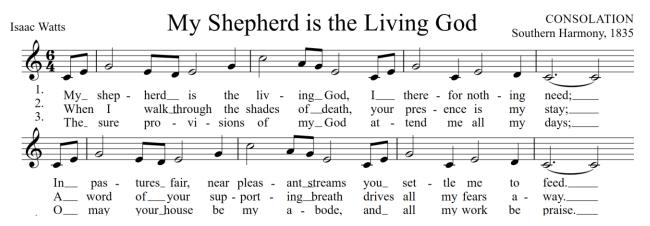
The Breaking of the Bread

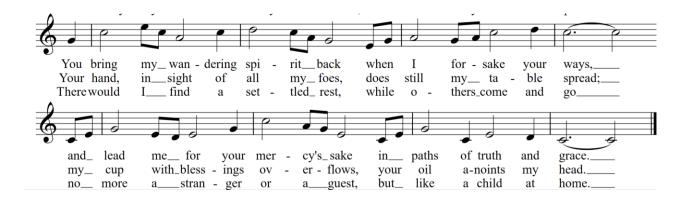
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

Communion Hymns:





Before the Lord's Eternal Throne



Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

We thank you, Lord that you have fed us in this sacrament, uniting us with Christ. Empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

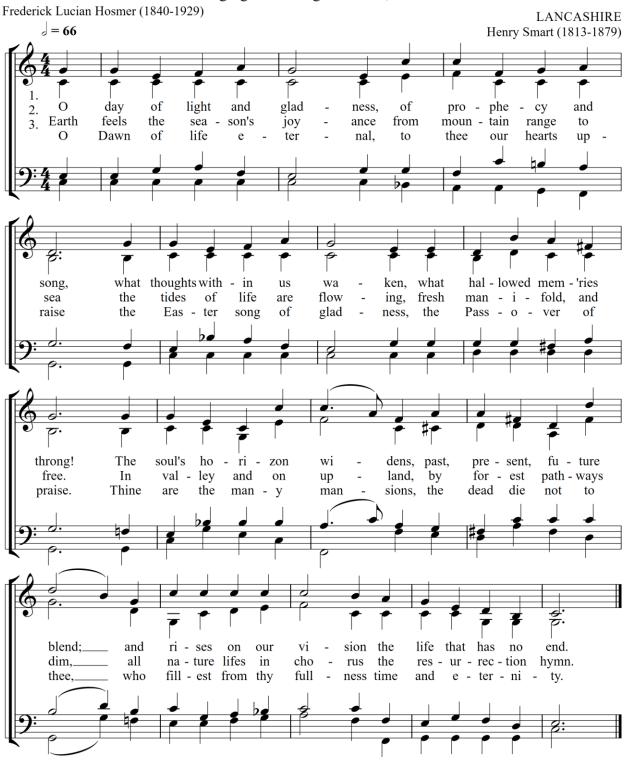
The Blessing



Mission Song:

O Day of Light and Gladness

Singing the Living Tradition, #270



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:

Shelly Conway, Stuart Drayton

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:



If you are a visitor to St. John's and are interested in learning more about us, or would like to receive our weekly newsletter, please sign the visitors book near the entrance or email Rev. Karen at revkaren.sjd@gmail.com.

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