



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



July 16, 2023
The Seventh 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:

O Day of Radiant Gladness

H #48

Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)
st. 3, Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

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German folk song

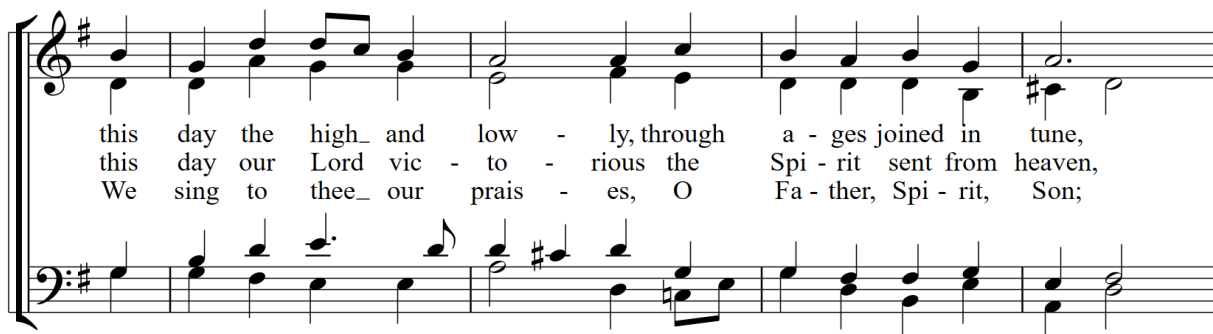
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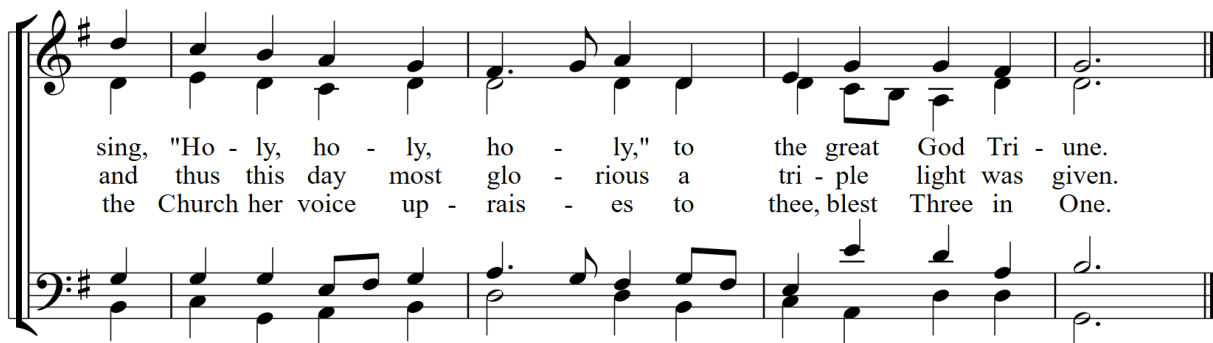
1.
2. O day of ra - dian - t glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
4. This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
this day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
at length our rest at - tain - ing, our end - less Sab - bath day.



this day the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
this day our Lord vic - to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven,
We sing to thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.
and thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
the Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

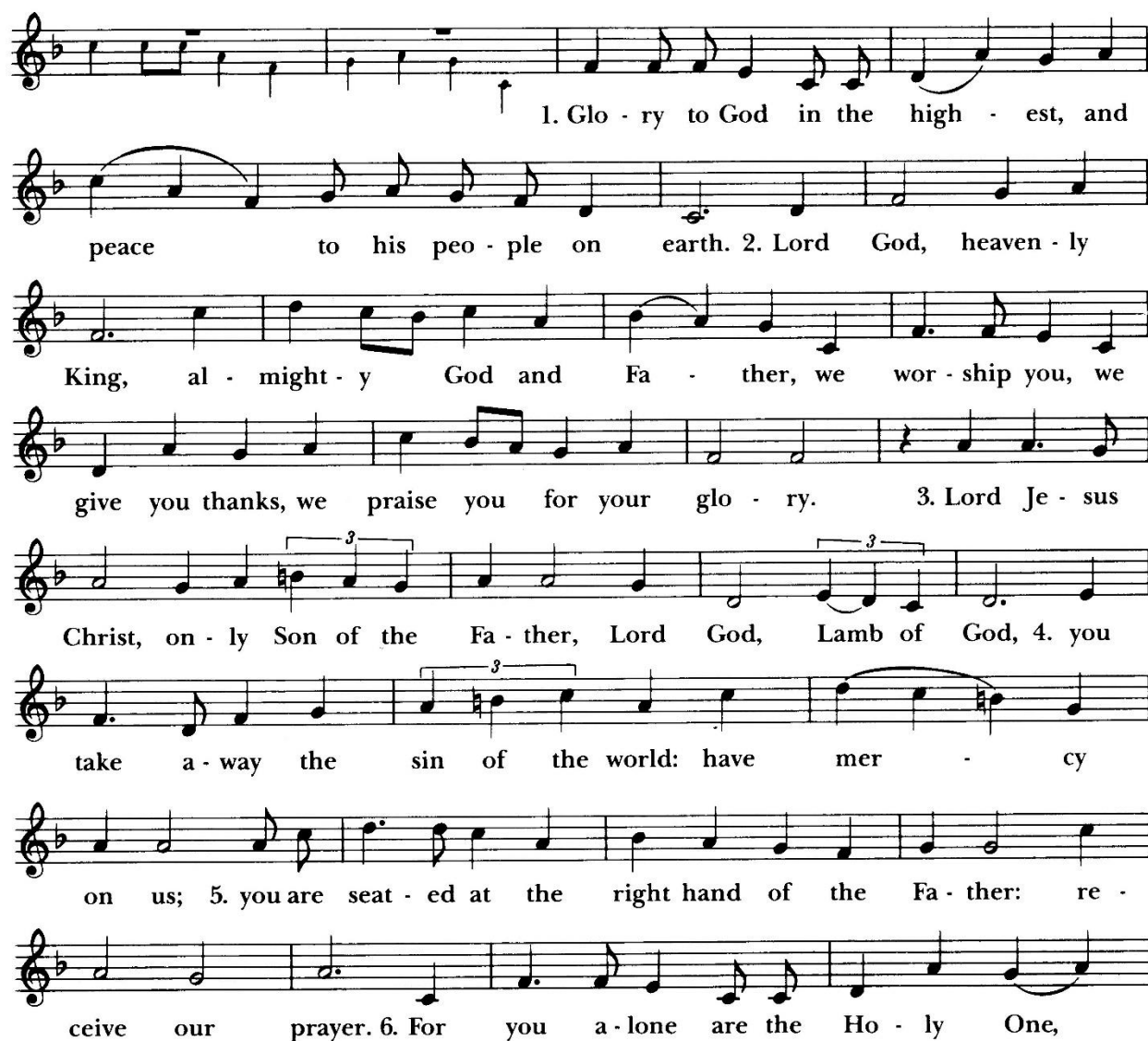
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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



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,



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Divine sower, scattering seed, never hoarding, wasting life – or so the world thinks: give us the depth to receive the gift so freely given and the maturity to revel in love’s abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.”

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

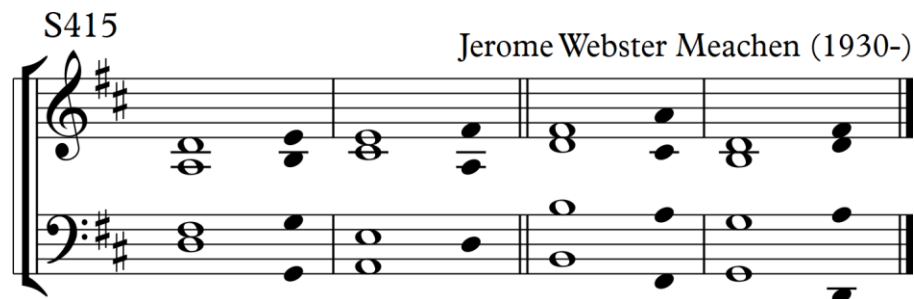
Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 119:105-112



Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

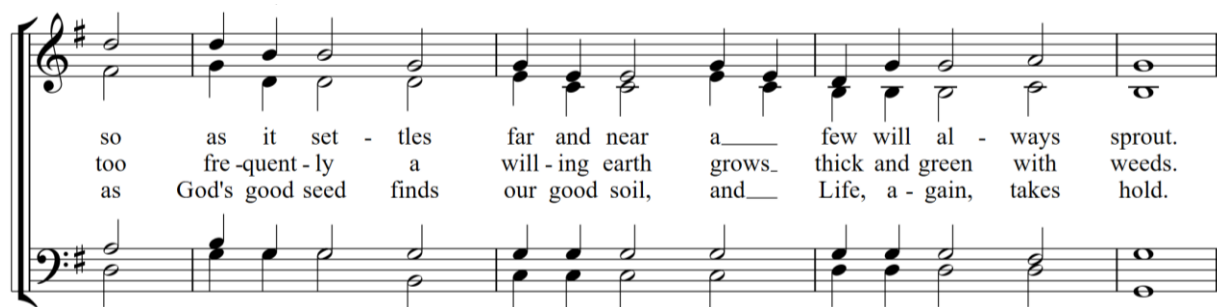
Gospel Gradual:

God is Extravagant with Seed

Michael Hudson AZMON
Songs for the Cycle, p. 39 Carl Gotthilf Glaser, (1784-1829)

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1. God is ex - tra - va - gant with seed and scat - ters it a - bout,
2. We are ex - tra - va - gant with ground and ca - su - al with seed;
3. Yet ev - ery day a bil - lion times a won - der will un - fold



Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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: Friends, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. By that same Spirit let us pray, saying,
Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: And teach us your judgements.

Leader: Great God, may the word of your kingdom find good soil in your Church. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for those who promote the dignity of women (Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman); ECW, Daughters of the King. Cause your word to grow in our hearts and bear an abundance of fruit.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgements.**

Leader: God of our ancestors, we pray that divided nations be united and warring nations find peace. May we recognize that we are created by your will and are all members of one human family.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgements.**

Leader: God of harvest, bless the seeds and the soil of the world. Give us the wisdom to bring forth its yield wisely and according to your will, that all people may have enough to eat.

(Please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgements.**

Leader: Caring God, we are deeply troubled by the gun violence in our city. May all who set their minds on death, even now, be converted to the Spirit of life and peace.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgements.**

Leader: Healing God, preserve the lives of the suffering and sick, according to your word. Speak joy into the hearts of the sorrowful.

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

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgements.**

Leader: Eternal God, you preserve all who are in Christ Jesus from condemnation. By the resurrection of your Son we trust, that in the fullness of time, you will give life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwells in us.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People: **And teach us your judgements.**

Celebrant: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and all people. 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 Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

O God of Light

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2005

Songs of Grace #17

MELCOMBE

Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

1. O God of light, may our light shine in ways that serve and
2. God, where your peo - ple are op - pressed and where they cry out
3. Christ, when your way is pushed a - side by those who trust in
4. O Spi - rit, in this world of doubt, we oft - en sin and

hon - or you. May we be lov - ing,
in des - pair, make us your light - to
wealth and might, make us your lamps that
drift a - way. When our own faith is

just and kind, pro - claim - ing Christ in all we do.
heal, to bless - a wit - ness, Lord, that you are there.
we may guide a search - ing world to your love's light.
flick - ering out, shine on our path and light our way.

Doxology (Old 100th):

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

hea - ven 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.**

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

Spirit of the Living God

Renew! #90

Words and Music
by David Iverson

1. Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
2. Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all.

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, make us one in love;

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love.



Tobias Chausnitzer (1619-1684)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Blessed Jesus

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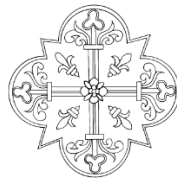
LIEBSTER JESU
Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673)

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1. Bless-ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath-ered all to hear thee;
2. All our know-ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep-est dark-ness shroud-ed,
3. Gra-cious Lord, thy-self im-part! Light of Light, from God pro-ceed-ing,

let our heart and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
till thy Spi-rit break our night with the beams of truth un-cloud-ed;
o-pen thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spi-rit's plead-ing.

by thy teach-ings pure and ho-ly, draw from earth to love thee sole-ly.
thou a-lone to God canst win us; thou must work all good with-in us.
Hear the cry thy Church up-rais-es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais-es.



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.**

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:

When the Summer Sun is Shining

Sydney Henry Knight (1923-

Singing the Living Tradition, #66

HOLY MANNA
fr. *Southern Harmony*, 1835

1. When the sum-mer sun is shi - ning o - ver gold - en land and sea,
2. When the sum-mer clouds of thun - der bring the long a - wait - ed rain,
3. In the cool of sum-mer eve - ning, when the danc-ing in - sects play,

and the flow-ers in the hedge row wel come but-ter - fly and bee; then my o - pen
and the thirs-ty soil is moist ened and the grass is green a - gain; then I long for
and in gar-den, street, and mead- dow ling - er ech-oes of the day; then my heart is

heart is glow - ing, full of warmth for ev - ery - one, and I feel an
sum-mer sun-shine, but I know that clouds and tears are a part of
full of yearn-ing, hopes and mem-'ries flood the whole of my be - ing

in - ner beau - ty which re - flects the sum - mer sun.
life's re - fresh - ment, like the rain - bow's hopes and fears.
reach - ing in - wards to the corn - ers of my soul.

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:

Chuck Flagg, Brayden Gillotte, Danielle Robert, Jane Russell

Anniversaries last week and this week:

Richard and Aimee Fiorito, C.Y. and Dorothy Okafor

Mark your calendar:

- Wednesday Book Group, July 19th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, July 23rd at St. Stephen's, 10am
- Wednesday Book Group, July 26th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, July 30th at St. Stephen's, 10am (Bishop's Visitation)
- Wednesday Book Group, August 2nd at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 6th at St. John's, 10am
- Wednesday Book Group, August 9th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 13th at St. John's, 10am
- Saturday, September 30th – St. Stephen's Harvest Dinner Fundraiser, 5pm

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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