



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



August 6, 2023
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
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:

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

H #7

RATISBON

Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the shades of night:
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system has two verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

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,
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: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

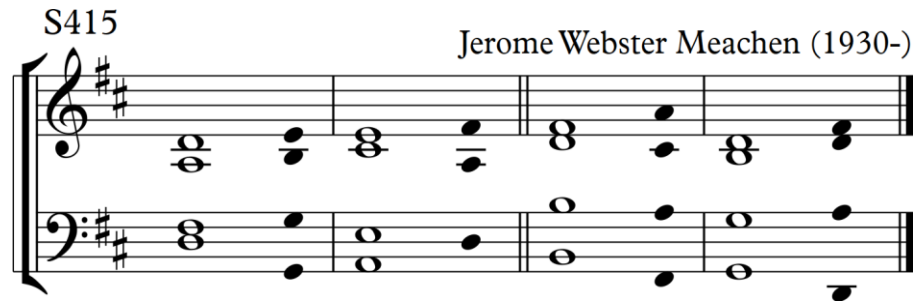
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**



Psalm:

Psalm 99:5-9



- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

Fairest Lord Jesus

German composite, 1850

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ST. ELIZABETH
mel. from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2. Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son, thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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, God our Savior is our refuge! So let us pray to God, saying,
Incline your ear to us;

***People:* Hear our words.**

Leader: God our Savior, show us your face. Satisfy your Church in your presence. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for renewal of faith, and for the Standing Committee and the ministries of governance. Reveal to us your ways so that we might walk in the light of your truth.

Silence

Incline your ear to us;

***People:* Hear our words.**

Leader: O God, your eyes are fixed on justice. We pray for all victims of war and violence and famine. Give heed to the cries of those in need throughout the world.

Silence

Incline your ear to us;

***People:* Hear our words.**

Leader: God of abundance, you have blessed the earth to bring forth plenty.
May we recognize the abundance in our own lives, so that those with
little may also have their fill.

Silence

Incline your ear to us;

People: **Hear our words.**

Leader: O God, have compassion on the people of our region. Show us your
marvelous loving-kindness so that trust in your goodness might replace
our fears.

Silence

Incline your ear to us;

People: **Hear our words.**

Leader: God of blessing, we call upon you, for you answer us in our need. We
pray this day for all those desperate for your blessing. Moved by
compassion, heal the sick and suffering ones we hold in our hearts this
day.

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

Silence

Incline your ear to us;

People: **Hear our words.**

Leader: God our vindicator, justify the dead through the mercy of your Messiah.
We pray that in the fullness of time, they may awake, beholding your
likeness.

Silence

Incline your ear to us;

People: **Hear our words.**

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:

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

♩. = 44

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GROSSER GOTT

1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3. Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
5. Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en throned in splen - dor;

all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in hea - ven a - bove a - dore thee;
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing,
pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
but de - liv - er - ence to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that sa - cred morn.



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:

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Carl P. Daw (1944-)

Worship & Rejoice! #245

PLEADING SAVIOR
The Christian Lyre, 1830

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,

where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
we, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.

Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,

searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.
Christ with garments drenched in brightness stands transfigured and complete.
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.



Shine, Jesus Shine

Renew # 247

Words and Music
by Graham Kendrick

$\text{♩} = 96$

Shine, Je - sus shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry, blaze, spi - rit blaze,
set our hearts on fire; Flow, ri - ver flow, flood the
na - tions with grace and mer - cy, send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light. **Fine**
1. Lord, the light of your love is shi - ning in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pre - sence from the sha - dows in - to your ra - di - ance;
Je - sus light of the world, shine up - on us, set us free by the
by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - **D.C. al Fine**
truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.
sume all my dark - ness. Shine on me, shine on me.

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:

God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)

H #594

CUM RHONDDA
John Hughes (1873-1932)

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It features two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 96. The lyrics are provided below the notes, with two verses. The first system covers the first two lines of the first verse and the first line of the second verse. The second system covers the second line of the second verse and the third line of the second verse.

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!

crown thine an - cient Church' - s sto - ry; bring her bud to
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to

glo-rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac ing of this
faith and praise: grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv-ing of these

hour, days, for for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



Birthdays the past two weeks and this week:

Matthew Fiorito, Jim Blessing, Summer Bundros, Pat Soles, Caroline Drayton

Mark your calendar:

- Wednesday Book Group, August 9th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 13th at St. John's, 10am (Picnic following the service)
- Wednesday Book Group, August 16th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 20th at St. Stephen's, 10am
- Wednesday Book Group, August 23rd at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 27th at St. John's, 10am
- Wednesday Book Group, August 30th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, September 3rd at St. Stephen'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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