

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



April 3, 2022

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

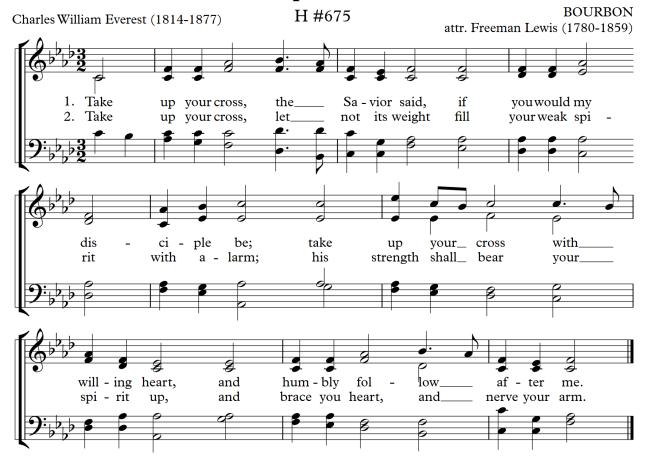
Holy Eucharist

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.

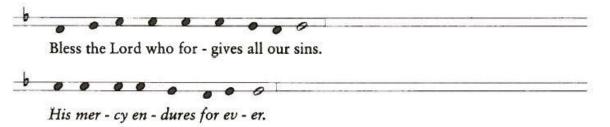
WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

Take Up Your Cross



Opening Acclamation



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



Healy Wilan (1880-1968), fr. Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And also with you. People:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart: inspire us to give without stint, to lose life that we might find it again, so the world will be filled with fragrance of your love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. Amen.

The Lessons

Isaiah 43:16-21 First Reading

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

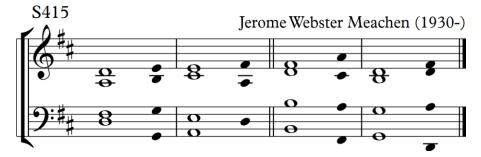
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 126



- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Gradual:



Gospel Reading John 12:1-8

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Presider: In the name of Christ, let us pray to the God whose care embraces every

child in need

Leader: That the church, the household of God, may reflect the compassion of

God, and hurry to welcome sinners with an embrace of love and a place at the table. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for those in prayer and healing ministries, especially the Order of St. Luke. Lord, in your

mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all those who continue to suffer and grieve in theatres of

wars and places of violent conflict, especially the people of Ukraine. May they know comfort, justice, peace and restoration. Lord, in your

mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all who are alienated from their families may find the

understanding they seek, and the care they need for their healing. Lord,

in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That those burdened by hurtful memories or past guilt may come to

know the God whose forgiveness is unconditional and freely given.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our own needs and the needs of all people, and for those we now

name aloud or in our hearts . . . (silence), that God may be our hope and

consolation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That we, whose sins have been forgiven so freely and so frequently,

may extend forgiveness to all who have hurt and offended us. Lord, in

your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who have died in the faith, and for those we now name

aloud or in our hearts . . . (silence), that they may know peace in the

risen life of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Presider: Good and gracious God, rich in mercy and pardon, hear the prayers we

raise to you with confidence; clothe us in the garments of salvation, and give us a foretaste of the joy you have prepared for us in the paschal

banquet of your Son, 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.

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.

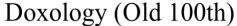
Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

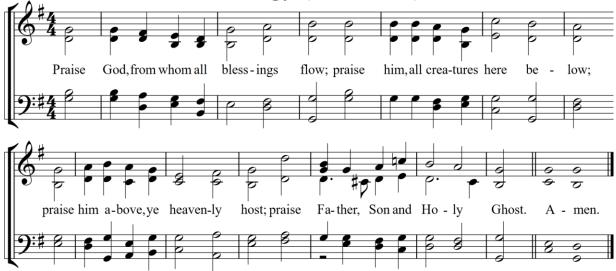


Offertory:

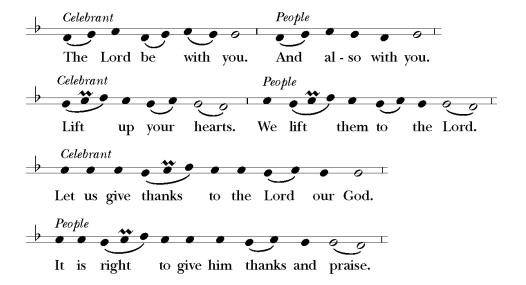
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service







THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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



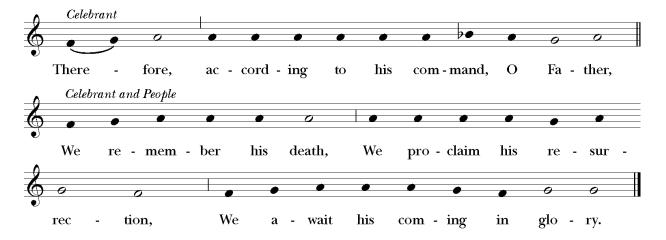
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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in 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."



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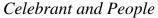
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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.

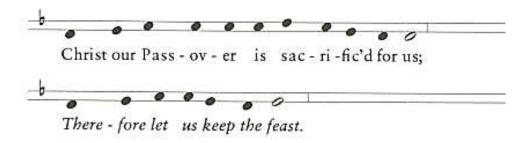
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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





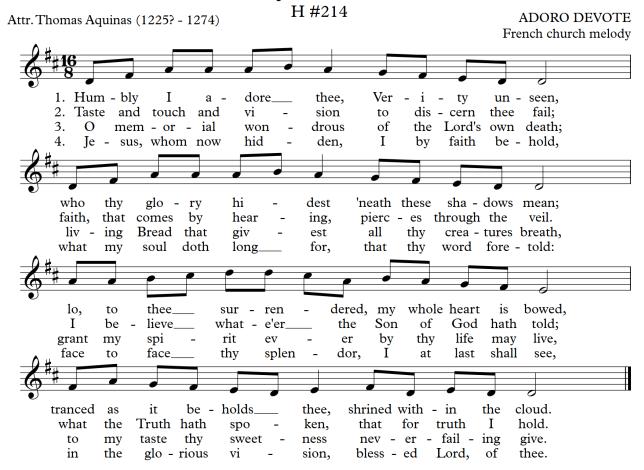
The Breaking of the Bread



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

Communion Hymn:

Humbly I Adore Thee



Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

(The people kneel, as they are able)

Celebrant

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Blessing

Mission Song:

I Sing the Almighty Power of God



The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.



All services will be posted on our websites, ssitf.org and sjdmh.org



April 10 - 10:00am at St. Stephen's: Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday April 14th

7:00pm at St. John's: Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar.





April 15th - 12 noon at St. John's:

Service and Communion from Reserved Sacrament

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross



The Great Vigil of Easter Saturday, April 16th

8:00pm at St. Stephen's Lighting of the New Fire, and Watch Party of Diocesan Live Stream



Easter Sunday April 17th

10:00am at St. John's Holy Eucharist

Birthdays last week and this week:

Alitheia Zahrt, Carol Attwood

Anniversaries last week and this week:

Wayne and Pamela Rhoten, Chuck and Bobbi Flagg

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 email Rev. Karen at revkaren.sjd@gmail.com.

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

All are welcome!