



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



**April 11, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist – Rite II**

*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.*

# Liturgy of the Word and Holy Eucharist: Prayer A

## Opening Hymn:

The antiphon is sung at the beginning and the end only.

### The Strife is O'er

Latin, 1695  
tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

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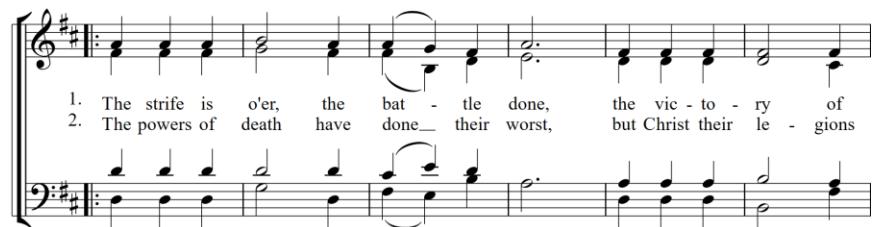
VICTORY

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

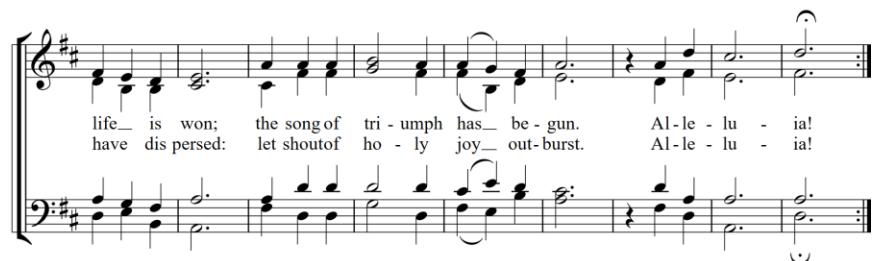
#### Opening antiphon



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to - ry of  
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions



life is won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
have dis persed: let shout of ho - ly joy out-burst. Al - le - lu - ia!

#### Ending antiphon



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## *Opening Acclamation*

*Presider:* 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**

## *Gloria*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## *Collect of the Day*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you

*People:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, you break through the locks of gated communities and hardened hearts: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**

## *The Lessons*

### *First Reading*

*Acts 4:32-35*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### *Psalm:*

*Psalm 133*

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

### *Second Reading*

*1 John 1:1-2:2*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and

we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

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

### ***Gospel Gradual:***

#### **How Often We, Like Thomas**

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #632

MUNICH

Edith Sinclair Downing (b.1922)

fr. Neu-verehrtes und zu Übung Christl.

Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meinungisches Gesangbuch, 1693

1. How often we, like Tho - mas, need proof be - fore we trust.  
2. You al - ways stand a - mong us, no doors can lock you out.

Lord, Je - sus, friend of dou - btors, come, speak your truth to us.  
Your pres - ence re - as - sures us though we still live with doubt.

We long to feel your pres - ence, and gain new faith from you,  
As pre - sent day di - sci - ples, whose lives new by sin are flawed,

to find, with - out our see - ing, the bless - ing Thom - as knew.  
we want to come be - liev - ing, and cry: 'My Lord, my God!'

**Gospel Reading****John 20:19-31**

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Presider:* 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:* Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

Risen Lord,

***People:*** ***Hear our Prayer.***

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us:

For our lives and for those whom we love,  
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,  
For our families and our friendships,  
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.  
And for those we now name either silently or aloud.

Risen Lord,

***People:*** ***Hear our Prayer.***

*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:

For our clergy and our bishops,  
For the many lay people who serve the church,  
And serve the world through the church.  
For those gather here in worship and prayer.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd in Salinas. For Education for Ministry, for those who lead and those who attend educational Conferences and who participate in Christian education in our congregations.

Risen Lord,

***People:*** ***Hear our Prayer.***

*Leader:* Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Lord,

***People:*** ***Hear our Prayer.***

*Leader:* Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord,

**People:** **Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died:

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord,

**People:** **Hear our Prayer.**

*Presider:* Lord Jesus Chris, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### ***The Peace***

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Exchange peace.*

### ***Birthday Blessings***

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.

## Offertory:

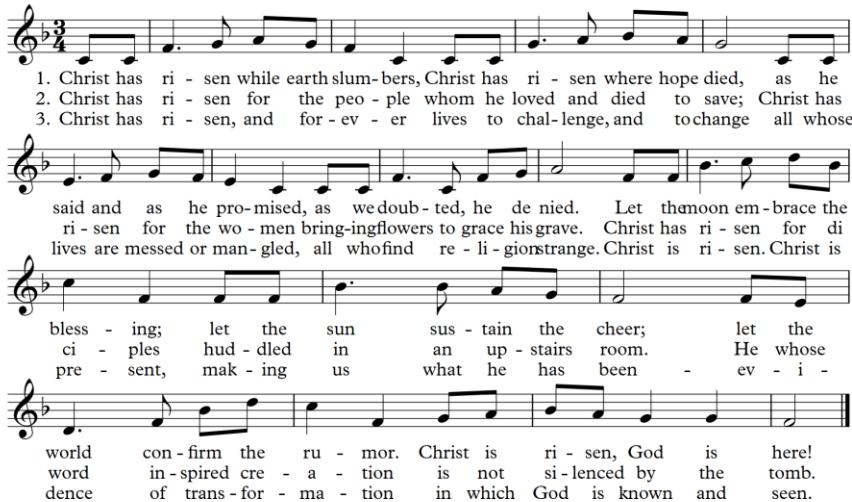
# Christ Has Risen, God is Here!

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise, #430 (alternate tune)

John Bell and Graham Maule

HYMN OF PROMISE

Natalie Sleeth



## Eucharistic Prayer A

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

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:

*Presider and People*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider 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:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider 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 say,

*People and Presider*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily  
bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into  
temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

*People and Presider*

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***

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Hymn:

### From the Dawning of Creation

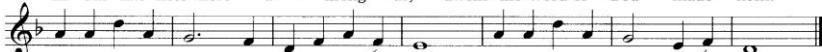
Delores Dufner, OSB (1939-)   Wonder, Love and Praise #748, alt. tune   PICARDY  
17th century French carol



1. From the dawn-ing of cre - a - tion, God was pre - sent in the Word.
2. Light ap-peared in deep - est dark- ness. Night was end - ed, morn - ing dawnd.
3. Hu-man eyes have seen God's glo - ry; hu - man hands have touched God's own.



And the Word was God e - ter - nal, source of all that came to be.  
And that light is ev - er burn - ing, bright-ness nev - er o - ver - come.  
In our like-ness here a - mong us, dwells the Word of God made flesh.



Je-sus is that Word e - ter - - nal. Je-sus is the Word of life.  
Je-sus is that Light e - ter - - nal. Je-sus is the Word of life.  
Je-sus is that Word in - car - - nate. Je-sus is the Word of life.

## Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand*

*Presider:*      Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

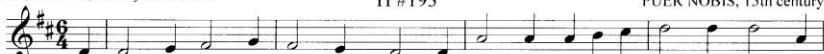
## ***Mission Song:***

### **That Easter Day**

Latin, 5th cent., ver. *Hymnal 1940*

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PUER NOBIS, 15th century



1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fair - er light, when.  
2. His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those  
3. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that  
5. All praise. O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, a - gain dost liv; to



to their long - ing eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
scars their sol - emn wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
we may give thee all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
God the Fa - ther e - qual praise, and god the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

## ***The Dismissal***

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

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

**Birthdays** last week and this week:

Austin Meadows, Carol Attwood, Jessica Neilson, Gianna Cassarino, Alec DaCunha, Julie Pinard.

**Parish announcements:**

- Canned food drive in April. Please bring non-perishables to church April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Worship next Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, will be at St. Stephen's and live streamed at 9:30am. The link will be sent out in the Friday newsletter.
- Needed: Volunteer(s) to take trash and recycling bins out to the curb on Wednesdays and bring them back in on Thursday.
- Check out the new lights in the parking lot.
- Volunteers to set up and take down chairs for the services on Sundays.