



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



March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday
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:

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

He Is Risen

H # 180

UNSER HERRSCHER

Joachim Neander (1950-1680)

$\text{♩} = 52$

1. He is ri - sen, he is ri - sen! Tell it out with joy - ful voice;
2. Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and ra - diant brow!
3. Come with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri - um - phant day;
4. He is ri - sen, he is ri - sen! He hath o - pened hea - ven's gate:
he has burst his three days' pri - son; let the whole wide earth re - joice:
Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed; Je - sus' woes are o - ver now,
not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray,
we are free from sin's dark pri - son, ri - sen to a ho - lier state;
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
and the pas - sion that he bore sin and pain can vex no more.
break - ing o'er the pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Ea - ster feast.
and a brigh - ter Ea - ster beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celtic Alleluia

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #346

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Refrain (Harmony, S.A.B.)



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God unlimited by mortal fear or tomb's cold grip: in the lingering dark give us grace to know your life triumphant, your love undimmed in the face of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that
he might save us.

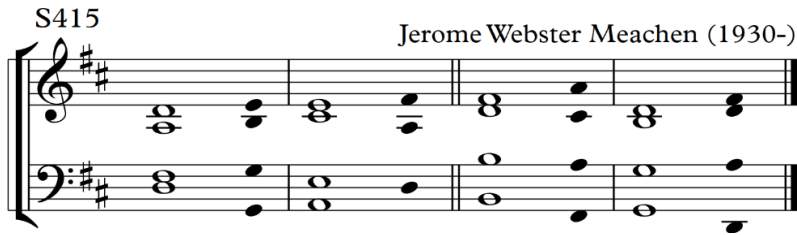
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand



Gospel Gradual:

Because He Lives

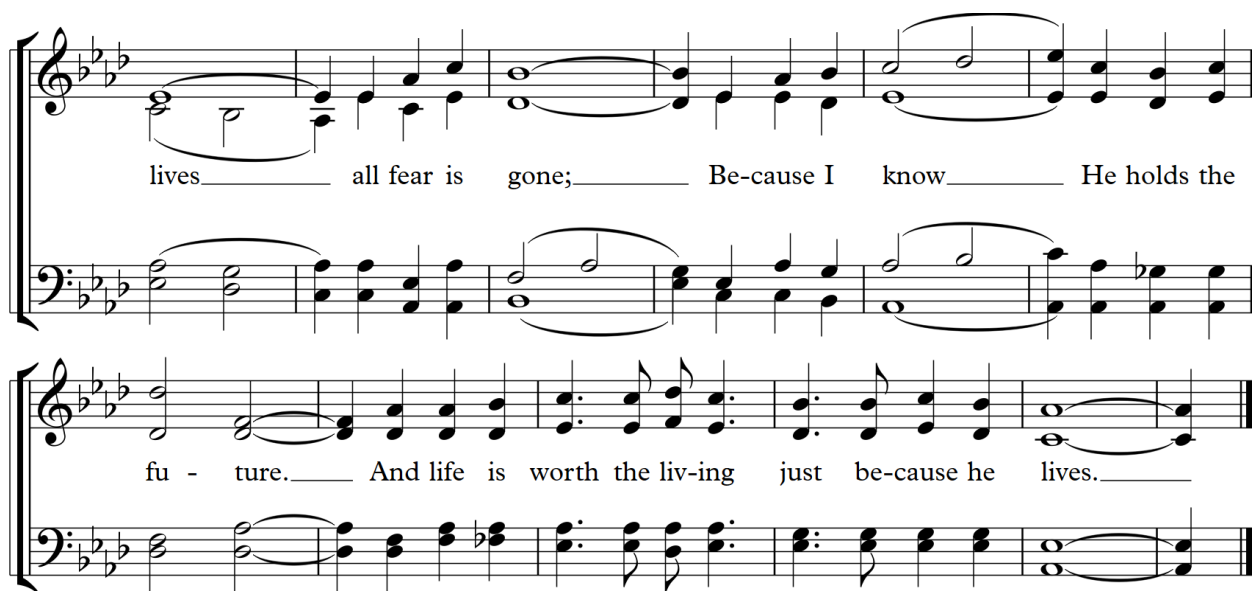
The Hymnal of Worship & Celebration #213

1. God sent his Son, _____ they called him Je - sus, _____ He came to love, _____
2. How sweet to hold _____ a new-born ba - by, _____ and feel the pride, _____

_____ heal, and for - give; _____ He lived and died _____ to buy my
_____ and joy he gives; _____ but great - er still _____ the calm as -

par - don, _____ An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sa - vior lives. _____
sur - ance, _____ This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives. _____

Be - cause He lives _____ I can face to - mor - row, _____ be - cause He



Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

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

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Leader: We come with anticipation on this first day of the week to become witnesses, sharing in the resurrection life of Jesus, as we pray:

Alleluia! Christ is risen

***People:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Almighty One, you have filled your Church with new life and empowered us through the conquering love of Jesus: Raise us with your Spirit that we may live in the power of Christ's resurrection to bring life and light to all the world. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the renewal of our faith by many means: spiritual directors, Kairos, Emmaus, and Marriage Encounter; for those who lead and those who attend Spiritual Retreats.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

***People:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: The right hand of the Most High has triumphed over evil and death, bringing new hope to all the world: Speak your living truth to everyone who leads and holds authority among the nations, that they may be agents of life and justice.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

***People:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: The Apostle Peter has taught us, O God, that you show no partiality, but you accept all who live reverently and do right: Let your peace extend to every person, that the power of evil and injustice may be banished, and all people may live as beloved children of the divine.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

***People:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Be with us in the community that we may be glad witnesses of your goodness, O Holy One.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

***People:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us.
Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom
we pray, especially...

Silence

Give thanks to God who is good, whose mercy endures for ever. We
offer our grateful gladness this Easter Day, especially for...

Silence

Christ has died and is risen, bringing life and immortality to light. We
remember those who have died, especially...

Silence

May they live in him and share in the joy of Easter.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: You have anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with
power, O Eternal One, and raised him from death on the cross into
resurrection life: Feed us with his life as we eat and drink with him in
the Easter Eucharist, that we may be his witnesses, sharing in the
Spirit's work of reconciliation and peace, through the Risen One, Jesus
Christ our Savior

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.



Offertory:

John of Damascus (8th cent.)

The Day of Resurrection

H #210

ELLACOMBE

fr. *Gesangbuch ... der Herzogl ... 1794*

1. The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er glend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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

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 musical score is written for a two-part vocal setting in 3/4 time, featuring a soprano and an alto. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "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 piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines. The vocal lines are written in a simple, clear style, with lyrics placed below the notes.

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

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 pray,

People and Celebrant

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,

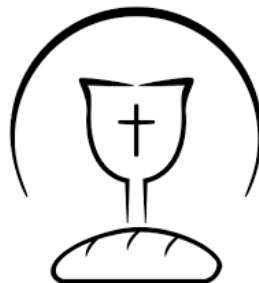
for ever and ever. Amen.

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:

Now the Green Blade Riseth

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

H #204

NOEL NOUVELET
medieval French carol

Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
In the grave they laid min, Love whom hate had slain,
Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing or in pain,
wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,
love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth that like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

H #178

ALLELUIA NO. 1
Words and Music by
Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ri-sen Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give Praise to his Name.

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - - - tion,
 Je - sus has died and has ri - - - sen.
 Now we shall live for ev - - - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - - - vior.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.**

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:

Latin
14th. century

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

H #207

EASTER HYMN
fr. *Lyra Davidica*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are in Latin and English. The first system contains four numbered verses. The second system contains four verses. The third system contains four verses. The fourth system contains four verses. The music is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and ends with a double bar line.

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tio0n have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss Al - le - lu - ia!
sin ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Easter lilies are donated by Penny and Jerry Perish, Sue Smalley, and Carl and Evelyn Kiepen, for the celebration, praise, and glory of our risen Lord.

Anniversaries this week:

Jim & Mary Blessing

Mark your calendar:

- Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am
- Sunday, April 14th – Growing Natives Garden Tour at St. Stephen's, 10am – 4pm (for more information go to www.ssitf.org under the "Events" tab)
- Saturday, May 4th – Spring Fundraiser and BBQ at St. Stephen's, 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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