10:30 A.M. SERVICE

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension Day May 12, 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Welcome to St. John's!

Children are invited to leave for Children's Church during the procession of the opening hymn, following the small wooden cross. They will return for communion. (If they would prefer to stay with their parents in the service, that's ok too!)

Restrooms are located on both ends of the building.

For prayer requests, email prayer@st-john-aptos.org (routes to a group of 40+ parishioners who will pray for your request immediately upon receipt of the message.)

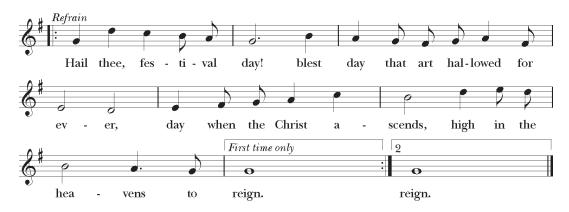
+ The Liturgy of the Word +

Prelude: Draw Us to You El Flautista Alegre Michael Burkhardt Ramon Noble

Performed by Ann Thiermann

Opening Hymn: Hail Thee Festival Day

Hymnal 1982 #216





Opening Acclamation

BCP 351

PresiderAlleluia! Christ is risen!PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

Presider 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.

Hymnal 1982 #417

Song of Praise: This is the Feast of Victory for Our God



Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. (Silence.) O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share

in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Lector	The Word of the Lord
People	Thanks be to God.

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the psalm.

Psalm 1

BCP Version

- Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * 1 nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.
- They are like trees planted by streams of water, 3 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.
- It is not so with the wicked; * 4 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * 5 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * 6 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the bell ringing anymore before continuing.



MHSO #18



Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

PresiderThe Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Presider	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat Gospel Acclamation

Sermon: The Rev. Eliza Linley, Assisting Clergy

Silence

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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. BCP Form III, p. 387

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Deacon Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; Intercessor That we all may be one. People Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; People That your Name may be glorified by all people. Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. People We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; Intercessor That there may be justice and peace on the earth. People Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; People That our works may find favor in your sight. Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress. People 8

Intercessor	Give to the departed eternal rest;
People	Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Intercessor	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People	May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Cycles of Prayer

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for all mothers on Mothers' Day; for our Spring Renewal & for the emergence of the new church & for the Diocese of Navajoland. From our parish prayer list we pray for Ann & Leonard, Cindy and Margy.

We pray for the Rector Transition Team. Shepherd us, Holy Spirit, as we follow in faith where You have led the way. Help us acknowledge and rejoice in our differences, comfort our anxieties, open our hearts as we listen to each other and receive God's gift of discernment. Help us be patient, and trust in Your wisdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

For what else do the people of God pray?

At this point, the People may add their own petitions.

Concluding Collect

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Lord Jesus Christ, 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 to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Because the sharing of the peace symbolizes being reconciled with one another before receiving communion, it is particularly appropriate to seek out anyone with whom you may have had a conflict recently and offer a sign of peace at this time.

Welcome to Visitors

Announcements

Community Prayers for Birthdays, Baptism & Wedding Anniversaries, & Travelers

- PresiderWatch over Floyd Butler (5/14), Mary Jane Chambers (5/16) and Chris
Cottle (5/18), O Lord, as their days increase;
- *People* 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.

Presider	We ask for courage, patience and vision for who celebrate their baptism anniversaries this week.
People	Strengthen them in their Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others.
Presider	Send your blessing upon, as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries.
People	May they so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience that their homes may be a havens of blessing and peace.
Presider	O God, whose glory fills your whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go, preserve as they travel.
People	Surround them with your loving care, protect them from every danger, and bring them in safety to their journey's end. Amen.

+ The Holy Communion +

The Offertory Sentence

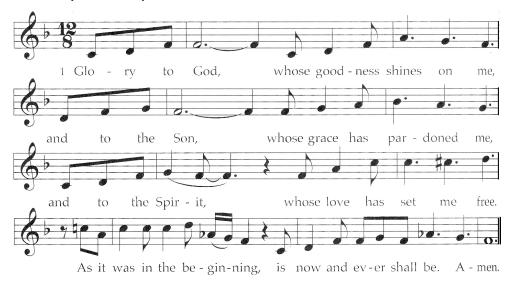
During the offertory portion of the service, we offer our gifts to God. "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Solo: In This Very Room

Ron Harmon

Performed by St. John's Choir

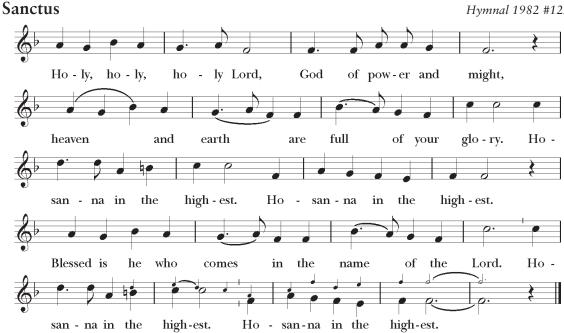
Presentation Hymn: Glory to God whose Goodness Shines on Me Glory to God #582



Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God 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 through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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:



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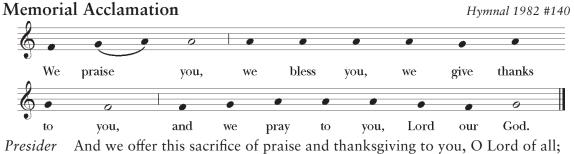
Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

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."



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. John the Baptist 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.



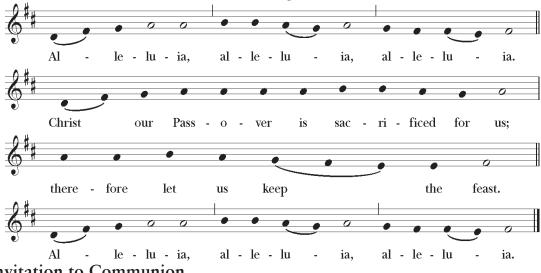
The Lord's Prayer

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



The Fraction Anthem

As the bread is broken, the Fraction Anthem is sung.



Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion is an act of renewing one's commitment to Christ and receiving grace to continue to follow him. Please join us in the circle, even if you choose not to receive communion, which you can indicate by crossing your arms over your chest as the servers come by. If you choose not to receive, the priest will say a blessing over you instead.

Distribution of Communion

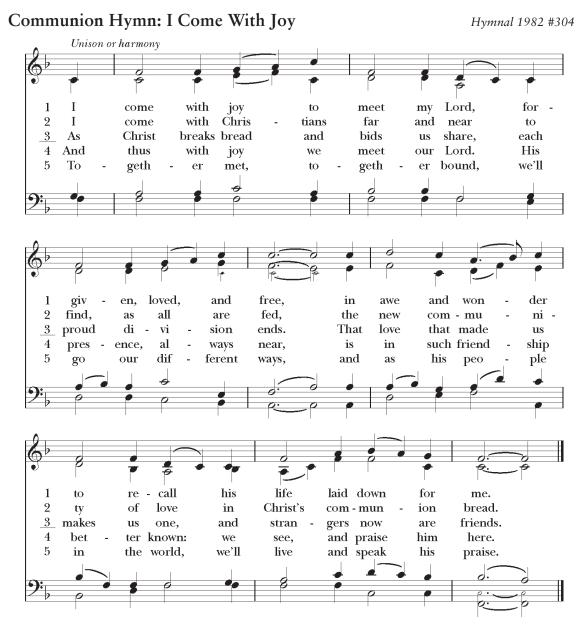
The bread is distributed first. Please hold out your hands to indicate your desire to receive; the priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available if needed; they are in a separate gold container on the paten (plate) with the bread.

The wine will be served in the common cup (chalice) and from a flagon (pitcher) that is not shared with others. To receive from the non-shared flagon, you must have brought a cup from home; hold out that cup as the servers come around so they can see that you would like to receive from the flagon instead of the chalice. At this time we are not allowing intinction, dipping the bread into the wine chalice. If you would like to abstain from the wine entirely, cross your arms over your chest when the wine comes by.

For Online Participants: Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those not physically present to receive communion can say this prayer while communion is being distributed: "In union, O Lord, with the faithful of St. John's, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in

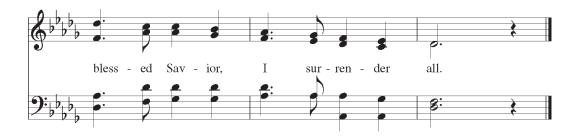
you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen." If you live in Santa Cruz County and would like someone to bring you communion at home, please contact the church office at 831-708-2278 or email LEVs@st-john-aptos.org.



Communion Hymn: All to Jesus I Surrender

LEVAS #133





Post-Communion Prayer

All

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 Easter Blessing

Common Worship (Church of England)

Presider God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

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Closing Hymn: Hail the Day That Sees Him Arise

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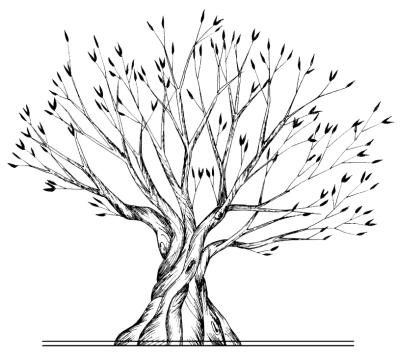
Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! (Gelobt Sei Gott)

Melchior Vuilpius.1560-1616/arr Gilbert Martin

Coffee hour today is by "The Men's Group"



"Like a tree, firmly planted by streams of living water." *psalm 1:3*

Serving Today at 10:30

Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Eliza Linley, Assisting Clergy
Music:	Andrew Carter, Director of Music Ministries
Organ:	Ann Thiermann
Acolyte:	Jon Showalter
Lector:	Kathy Butler
Lector:	Tina Grubbe
Intercessor:	Wendy Stevens
LEM, Psalm Leader:	Anne Baker
Usher:	Jackie Johnston
Altar Guild:	Kathy Butler, Lise Crowley



The Leadership of St. John's

Ministers: All of us!

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