10:30 SERVICE

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Welcome to St. John's!

As you enter for Worship please note that at 10:25 we begin a quiet period of prayer and preparation for worship signaled by some soft music. Please postpone conversations until later or keep a soft tone.

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.)

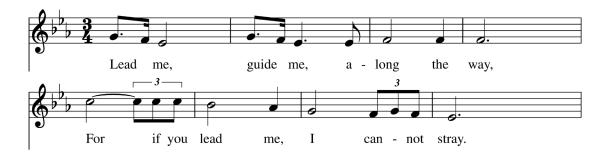
Coffee Hour today is provided by Dan Atwell & Vibeke Orsini.

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† The Liturgy of the Word †

Opening Hymn: Lead Me Guide Thee

WLP #756





Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.



Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. (Silence.) O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

NRSV

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

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 48

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; * in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, * the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- God is in her citadels; * he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled * and marched forward together.

- 5 They looked and were astounded; * they retreated and fled in terror.
- Trembling seized them there; *
 they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
 like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; * God has established her for ever.
- We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, * in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; * your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; * count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

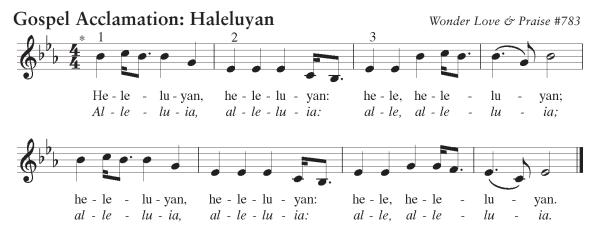
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I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So,

I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

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



Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on

two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Repeat Gospel Acclamation

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Lou McKenney, Assisting Priest

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

Prayers of the People

Written by a Parish member

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor Most High God, you who kindled the fires of the shining stars, O

Jesus, you that are peace and light and life and truth,

People Hear and grant our prayer.

Intercessor That we the Church, the Body of Christ throughout the world,

be continually strengthened and inspired to be the active, living presence of Christ in the world, to the world and to each other, you

that are peace and light and life and truth,

People Hear and grant our prayer.

Intercessor We pray that Justin archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding

bishop, and Lucinda our bishop be ever renewed by the Holy Spirit.

People Hear and grant our prayer.

Intercessor That all who are elected or appointed to positions of authority and

leadership may work for justice, reconciliation, and peace at home and among all nations, you that are peace and light and life and

truth,

People Hear and grant our prayer.

Intercessor That we may have the courage and compassion to be wise and

loving stewards of all creation, you that are peace and light and life

and truth,

People Hear and grant our prayer.

Intercessor That all who suffer or struggle or are in any kind of trouble find

comfort, strength, healing, and peace, you that are peace and light

and life and truth,

People Hear and grant our prayer.

Intercessor For what else do the people of God pray?

(Pause to allow time for people to respond..)

You that are peace and light and life and truth,

People Hear and grant our prayer.

Cycles of Prayer

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Benedict's, Los Osos & for the Creation Care Committee. From our parish prayer list we pray for Sally, Audie, Nancy and Suzanne.

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.

Concluding Collect

O Lord God we are bold to come before you and request of you all we think we want, all we think we need. But in your boundless mercy and infinite wisdom, only grant us what you know we truly need, in the name of our savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Confession of Sin BCP 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence, to allow time for individuals to silently confess specific sins to God.

All 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 EOW 1

Presider 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 BCP 360

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And 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.

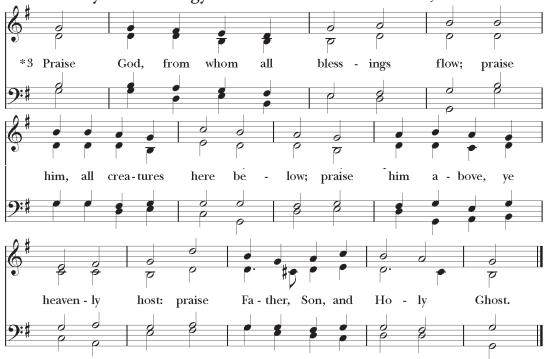
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Welcome to Visitors

For Birthdays, Baptism Anniversaries, Wedding Anniversaries, and Travelers Presider Watch over ______, O Lord, as their days increase; Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when People 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. We ask for courage, patience and vision for Nancy Goehring (7/13), who Presider celebrates a baptism anniversary this week. Strengthen her in her Christian vocation of witness to the world and of People service to others. Presider Send your blessing upon _____ as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. May they so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and People patience that their home may be haven of blessing and peace. O God, whose glory fills your whole creation, and whose presence we Presider 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: Just A Closer Walk with Thee Traditional Performed by Andrew Carter I am weak but Thou art strong When my feeble life is o'er Jesus keep me from all wrong Time for me will be no more I'll be satisfied as long Guide me gently, safely o'er As I walk, let me walk close to Thee To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore Iust a closer walk with Thee Just a closer walk with Thee Grant it, Jesus, is my plea Grant it, Jesus, is my plea Daily walking close to Thee Daily walking close to Thee Let it be, dear Lord, let it be Let it be, dear Lord, let it be



Hymnal 1982: 380 vs. 3



Eucharistic Prayer 1

 $EOW\ (p.\ 57-59)$

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out 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:

Memorial Acclamation

Hymnal 1982 #S-133



Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. John the Baptist and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.



The Lord's Prayer

LEVAS #267







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.





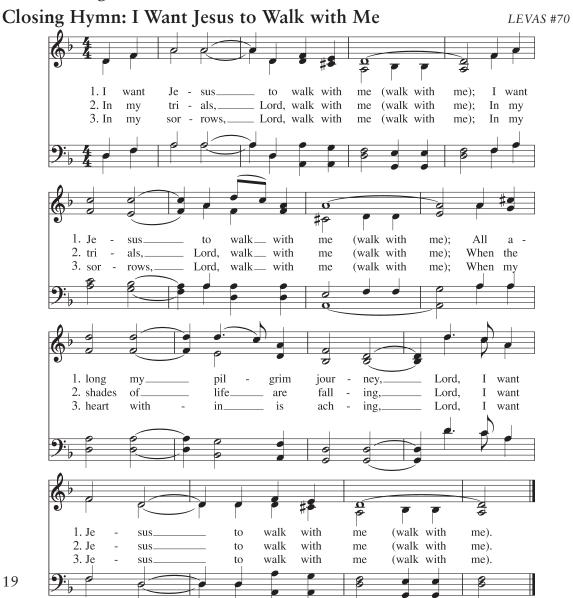
Communion Hymn: Just As I Am

Glory to God #442



Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the A11spiritual 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



Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Serving Today at 10:30

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Mary Lou McKenney, Assisting Clergy

Music: Andrew Carter, Director of Music Ministries

Acolyte: Mary-Nona Hudson Hebrew Scripture: Mary Jane Chambers

Epistle: Nelson Crandall
Intercessor: Barbara Raney
LEM, Psalm Leader: Michael Hudson
Usher: Sherrie DeWitt

Altar Guild: Kathy Butler, Lise Crowley



The Leadership of St. John's

Ministers: All of us!



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