St John's Episcopal Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024 10am

Come hydrate your soul at St John's: A community of connections across generations. Connect to God through worship, service, real life and tradition.

14 Lagunitas Road PO Box 217 Ross, California 94957 (415) 456-1102 info@stjohnsross.org www.stjohnsross.org As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along or enjoy listening. Welcome - we are grateful for your presence!

During the service, please text your prayer request, birthday, anniversary or occasion of thanksgiving to 415.275.0115.

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to the Glory of God

To remember or celebrate a loved one with a donation for our altar flowers, please contact Nancy Strauch at 510-237-5021.

Prelude

Welcome *A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 210

The day of resurrection!

Ellacombe

- The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
- Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

— John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason neale (1818-1866), alt.

Easter Acclamation

PresiderAlleluia, Christ is risen!PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Presider and People

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*.

Song of Praise

Traditional

Sung by all 3X. Congregation stamps their feet as noted.

Christ is risen, Alleluia, trampling [*STOMP*] down death by death. Jesus lives, sing Alleluia, trampling [*STOMP*] down death by death.

Collect of the Day

PresiderGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98:1-6 (Metrical)

Sung by all, seated.

Sing to our God new songs, proclaim The marvels that were done By God's right hand and holy arm The triumph has been won.

The victory our God has won God has this day made known; To all the world God's righteousness Has openly been shown.

Our God recalls for Israel Much love and faithfulness; To all the earth God's victory Has been made manifest.

All nations, shout with joy to God, Lift up your voice and sing; Sing to our God now with the harp; Let all our voices ring.

- Christopher L. Webber (b. 1932), alt.

Please stand.



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Verse: You are God, we praise and acclaim you. You, O God, are eternal. All creation worships you. — *Refrain*

Holy Gospel

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

A moment of silent reflection follows the Sermon.

The Rev. Skip Fotch

The Creed

Sung by all, standing.



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Prayers of the People

Adapted from Women's Uncommon Prayers

Gracious God, we pray in thanksgiving for the unity we share through our death and resurrection in Jesus Christ, that we who have been entrusted with the gift of new life, may bring life to the world and renewed hope to our church; for this we pray. *God have mercy.*

Gracious God, we pray for persistence in prayer; for the courage to seek peace before the battle begins, and for economic justice before the weight of inequality fractures the will of nations; for this we pray. *God have mercy*.

Gracious God, we pray for the courage to hold fast to the ideals of our faith, bringing love to those who live in despair and desperation, and through their cries receive the saving grace that enlightens our common vocation as disciples of Jesus; for this we pray. *God have mercy.*

Gracious God, we pray for the forgiveness of our sins, that the wounds we inflict on one another in the name of righteousness may be healed by the Divine Life that overcomes human frailty; for this we pray. *God have mercy*.

Gracious God, we pray for your presence to surround and support those who suffer or are in need: especially..., we pray for those who have died: especially..., and for the prayers of our community...for this we pray. *God have mercy*.

Gracious God, we pray for the Body of Christ, the Church, that together we may rededicate ourselves in the unity of the Holy Trinity; for this we pray. *God have mercy.*

Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You shower upon us gifts abundant. Grant that we may know and trust these gifts, that we may discover the joy they bring, and inspire us to love and serve out of that joy. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. *Amen*.

Peace

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory & Collection

The ushers take a collection during the offertory anthem. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. Ways of giving to St. John's are listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Offertory *Sung by the choir.*

> Sing to God a new song, let God's praise be in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in the maker, and the children of Sion be joyful in their ruler.

> > —Ps. 149

The Doxology

Gelobt sei Gott

The people stand to sing the Doxology while the collection is presented at the altar.



Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.				
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.			

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

... And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus



The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People Blessed are you now and for ever. *AMEN*.

Lord's Prayer

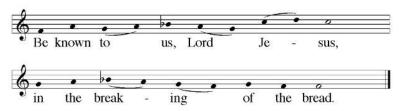
You are invited to raise your hands in prayer and blessing as we pray. And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider and People 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Plainchant, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Please repeat refrain the first time after the cantor.



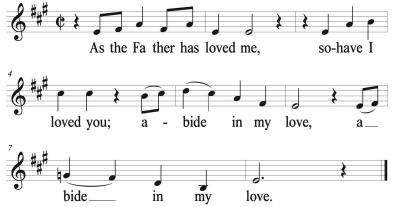
- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. —*Refrain*
- 2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Refrain*

Presider Holy things for holy people.

Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you would like to receive the common cup, please help guide the chalice so you may drink from it. The practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is no longer permitted, in alignment with best health practices. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music As the Father has loved me John Karl Hirten (b. 1956) *Congregation is invited to join in the refrain.*



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If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. —*Refrain*

This is my commandment, that you love one another. Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for a friend. —*Refrain*

You did not choose me, but I chose you And appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, And that your fruit should abide. —*Refrain*

-from John 15

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand.

PresiderLet us pray.Presider and PeopleGod of abundance,you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;you have united us with Christ and one another;and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the worldand continue for everin the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The presider offers God's blessing.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Occasions of Thanksgiving

All those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and occasions of thanksgiving are invited to come forward.

Today, tomorrow and always we rejoice in the hands of God. May God's powerful hands support you. May God's guiding hands lead you. May God's loving hands enfold you. We rejoice in the hands of God. *Amen*. Hymn 529

1. In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but one great family bound by love throughout the whole wide earth.

2. Join hands disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be! Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

3. In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

—John Oxenham (1852-1941)

Dismissal

People	Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!	
Postlude	Processional in Eb Major	David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

*** Members of the congregation are always welcome to watch the organist play the postlude. Walk up the ramp behind the organ console. Parents with children are especially welcome, but please wait until the end to converse! ***

Join us for coffee and fellowship In our parish hall following the service. Coffee and refreshments on the house. Or, support our Youth Ministry at the Espresso Bar: Lattes or espresso drinks: \$3. All proceeds support our Youth Ministry.

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

SUNDAY

8am: Worship 9am: Intergenerational Family Worship (Held in the Parish Hall.) 10am: Worship (in-person in the church & live stream) Children's Sunday School & Morning Youth Group

MONDAY

7pm: Bible Study (Zoom). All are welcome.

TUESDAY

7:30am: Christian Meditation (in-person and online)

WEDNESDAY

2pm: Bible Study (in the Fireside Room). All are welcome.

2nd Tuesday

6pm: Dinner Church in the Parish Hall

2nd SATURDAYS of the Month (usually)

8am: Men's Group

Dinner Church RSVP Requested by this Friday Join us Tuesday, <u>May 14</u>, 6-8pm to celebrate a decade of Dinner Church at St. John's! Special guest appearance by the Rev. Steve Hassett, who co-founded Dinner Church with parishioner Marjorie Sun. This also will be the third and final session on the theme, "Got Time?" Join us for festivities, to eat, share, and build your faith and community. Suggested donation: \$10 per person. RSVP requested by Friday, May 10. Scan QR code to RSVP.



Choral Evensong: May 19 Come join the St. John's Choir and friends for Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 19, at 4pm. This beautiful, meditative, service is based on traditional practice dating back to the 16th Century, and will feature a Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis by our own John Karl Hirten, Preces and Responses by the Elizabethan English composer William Smith, and an anthem by Harold Friedell. There will be a simple wine and cheese reception after the service. All are welcome, and please bring a friend!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education Final Session: Today Join Dr. John Falcone for an exploration of 'Resurrection Economics: Thinking about the Economy as if New Ways Really Were Possible.' Join us in person for session three in the Fireside Room today from 11:30am to 12:50pm.

Session 3: "Scripture, politics, and debt forgiveness."

SVdP bagged lunches: Today During coffee hour, we will be making 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and assembling bagged meals that will be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul's Dining Room to those in need of a meal. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. If you have a few minutes to spare, please join us in the parish hall.

Youth Coffee Cart Training: Today Want to perfect your barista skills? Join us following the 10 am service today from 12-12:30 for a coffee cart training session. Proceeds from the coffee cart go towards youth trips!

Men's Group Meeting: May 11 The St. John's Men's Group will meet for breakfast Saturday, May 11am, at 8am in the Fireside Room at St. John's. Our guest speaker will be James Alexander. James is a one time Marine Corp member who later spent many years behind bars, then transformed his life. He earned degrees in psychology, and now works as a program manager of the homeless services division, Sonoma County Dept of Health Services. Several members of the St. John's Men's Group who volunteer for programs inside San Quentin, including Rev. Jim Ward, got to know James, and would like us to know his story also. RSVP's would be appreciated for this event.

Affordable Housing Civic Academy: June 4 All are invited to attend the Marin Organizing Committee's meeting to learn more about the proposed BAHFA affordable housing bond measure planned for the November 2024 ballot and which, if passed, would unlock \$350–\$700 million for affordable housing and homelessness solutions in Marin.

When: Tuesday, June 4, 7-8:30pm Where: St. Anselm's Church, 97 Shady Lane @Bolinas Avenue in San Anselmo

Gift Card Email Scams These email phishing scams rely on impersonation tactics to engage with victims to ask them to purchase gift cards. The attackers leverage authority and urgency in their requests and will frequently impersonate employees of St. John's as part of the scam. After a few exchanges the person asks you to purchase gift cards and send them the activation codes. These attacks work because they are a simple, quick way to get money, especially when the email is impersonating someone at the church. If you get an email from someone at St. John's asking if you "are available?" or asking for you to only "text them", before responding, reach out to the

sender in a separate email or call them to check if they actually sent the request. Don't reply to the email or use any contact information provided in the email - attackers often provide fake numbers or email addresses that they control.

Annual Fund '24 - Spiritual is Tangible - We have received 96% of our 1mm goal in pledges and gifts from 252 households. If you have not made your pledge/gift, please join us by giving online or making a commitment. Thank you for your generous support!

Men's Group Retreat: Registration Open The Men's Group will hold its annual retreat Thursday afternoon May 30 thru Saturday June 1 — at St. Dorothy's Rest, the Episcopal retreat center deep in the Redwoods near Occidental, California. Enjoy good discussion, good food, and good fellowship. Go to www.stjohnsross.org to register online.

Children's Sunday School @10AM. We will have our Sunday School class in the Fireside Room. After the class we join parents for holy communion in the church.

Sunday Morning Youth Group We meet at the 10 am service – 6th-12th grade in the Youth Room. Join us for doughnuts and good chats!

Sunday Evening Youth Group We meet from 5:00-6:30 pm on Sunday evenings. Join us for games, chatting, crafts, service projects, and more! Dinner is provided.

Music Notes Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni was well known in his day as a church musician and organist. When he was 16 years old, he became chorus master at the cathedral of Assisi. It was here that he began an intense study of the works of Palestrina, on whom he owed his conservative musical style. It served him well, as he composed 325 mass settings and 800 psalm settings as part of his 3500 work oeuvre. He eventually moved to Rome, where he served at most of the major churches, including St. Peter's Basilica. He was apparently highly creative in his exploitation of the acoustics in those vast spaces. At the time of his death, he was working on a piece for 12 choirs, which he was not able to complete. The modest *Cantate Domino* is his best known piece.

"As the Father has loved me" was written for the Reverend Gail Greenwell on the occasion of her installation as Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, San Carlos, California. The piece can be performed by a choir alone or with a congregation. The simple refrain alternates with verses that are sung in two-part texture and the overall aesthetic of the piece is one of folksy populism.

The text "In Christ there is no east or west" was written by John Oxenham (pen name for William Arthur Dunkerley, 1852-1941) for a presentation by the London Missionary Society entitled, "The Pageant of Darkness and Light." He later included it in a book of his poems with the wonderful title *Bees in Amber*. The music was adapted from what was thought to be an African American spiritual "I know the angel's done changed my name," which was popularized in the nineteenth century by the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University. Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, the British composer of African descent, arranged the song in a set of piano pieces, but he was told by Charles Stanford that the tune originated in Ireland and was taken to America by immigrants. The truth will never be known.

SERVING TODAY

(Sunday Worship Prep)

(Sunday Worship I rep)				
Jo Burnett	Altar Guild			
Susan Edwards	Altar Guild			
Patty Griffith	Altar Guild			
Leslie Ross	Altar Guild			
Ellen Clark	Communion Bread Baker			
Anne Doyle	Flower Angel			
8:00 AM (Worship)				
Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider			
Skip Fotch	Clergy - Preacher			
Pat Townsley	Usher			
9:00 AM (Family Worship)				
Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider			
Maggie Doyle	Lay - Preacher			
10:00 AM (Children's Sunday School)				
Connie Granger	Children - One Room: Teacher			
10:00 AM (Worship)				
Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider			
Skip Fotch	Clergy - Preacher			
Anne Doyle	EM			
Ann Philopena	EM			
Matthew Tucker	Lector			
Euie Hill	A/V - Audio			
Brian Wittenkeller	A/V - Video			
Virginia Cunningham	Usher			
Becky Hlebasko	Usher			

Chancel Choir

Kathleen Auld, Betsy Bennett-Smith,* Cynthia Captain, Kari Chao, Danielle Colborn Wright, Kelli Fleitas, Roy Gale, Sepp Hammer,* Ariana Hiscott, Shari Kinney, Eleanor Prugh, Helen Sandeman, Jessica House Steward,* Lee Steward,* Sue Talmage, Paul Thompson,* Cheryl Ziedrich (**section leader*)

PRAYER LIST

Members

Bill See Betsy Rosen Nancy Svendsen Betty Enemark Ted Anspacher Rick Alo Jerry Daly Travis Wright Elliot Fink Marcia Summers Signe Lando The Rev. Jan West JT Sweet Carolyn Reid-Sale Carol Hughes Katie Hoertkorn

Friends & Family

Family member of the Pathik family				
(extended family of Eve Wirth)				
(friend of Eve Wirth)				
(Mother of Jane Heath)				
(mother of Paige Dickow)				
(former parishioner)				
(Father of Donalyn Hellar)				
(Friend of Rankin-Williams)				
(grandson of Marian Price)				
(friend of Melinda Booth & Bill Richardson)				
(Cousin of Helen Sandeman)				
(daughter of Rev. Jan Heglund)				
(sister of Sally Rankin)				
(friend of Maya Farhoud)				
(sister of Judy Gibson)				
(brother-in-law of Eleanor Prugh)				
(Holly Posner's father)				
(mother of Holly Posner)				

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel Responding to the needs of our communities While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

Vestry

Bishop of the Diocese	The Rt. Rev. Austin Kei
of California	The Rt. Rev. Marc Hand
Rector	The Rev. Chris Rankin-
Associate Priest	The Rev. Heather Ericks
Assisting Priests	The Rev. Skip Fotch, the
	and the Rev. James War
Bookkeeper	Henry Auriti
Dir. of Children's Ministry	Sandra Pathik
Dir. of Stewardship	Lee Steward
Choir section leaders	Betsy Bennett-Smith, Se
	Lee Steward, Jessica Ho
	Paul Thompson
Church Administrator	Virginia Kosydar
Music Director	John Karl Hirten
Youth Minister	Maggie Doyle
Treasurer	Susan Aley

The Rt. Rev. Austin Keith Rios (coadjutor) and The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus (coadjutor) The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams The Rev. Heather Erickson The Rev. Skip Fotch, the Rev. Jan West, and the Rev. James Ward Henry Auriti Sandra Pathik Lee Steward Betsy Bennett-Smith, Sepp Hammer, Lee Steward, Jessica House Steward, Paul Thompson Virginia Kosydar John Karl Hirten Maggie Doyle Susan Aley Pres.: The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams Senior Warden: Joannie Ericson Junior Warden: David Kinney Kari Chao, Hadley Dettmer, Nancy Wolcott, Claire Comins, Donalyn Hellar, David Kinney, Alice Pidgeon, Michael Hiscott, David Petterson, Lexi Ford Kernot, and Lauren Tucker

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