

St John's Episcopal Church



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 13

August 2, 2026, 10am

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Welcome - we are grateful for your presence! If this is your first time here, or your first time back in a while, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews (or use the qr code) and give it to an usher or priest. As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along, or enjoy listening.

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

Altar Flowers Given By

Anne Doyle

In Memory of her mother, Dot Paul. She is so missed.

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

Sunday

- 8am: Worship (resumes September 20)
- 9am: Intergenerational Family Worship
- 10am:
Worship w/choir (in-person & livestream)
- Sunday School for children & youth

Monday

- 7:30pm: Women’s Bible Discussion (Zoom) (resumes August 17)

Wednesday

- 1pm: Bible Study (August 12, 19, 26)



cover image
Loaf and Fish. 2020.
Mixed media collage.
Virginia Kosydar (1961-) American

Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Song Come Into God’s Presence John Karl Hirten (b.1956)
Sung by all, repeated ad lib. May be sung as a round.

(Intro) 1 2

Come in-to God's pre-sence, sing-ing joy-ful songs.

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Serve our God with glad-ness, sing-ing joy - ful songs.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

Canticle 9 (Hymn 679) Surely it is God who saves me *Thomas Merton*
Sung by all, seated.

- 1 Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear.
 For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.
 So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring;
 in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

- 2 Make his deeds known to the peoples; tell out his exalted Name.
 Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim.
 Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,
 in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

— Carl P. Daw (b. 1944)
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Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145

Plainsong, Tone 8

Congregation sings the ODD verses with the Cantor



8 O God, you are gracious and full of **compá**ssion, *

slow to anger and / of great **kí**ndness.

9 You are loving to **é**veryone *

and your compassion is / over **á**ll your works.

15 You uphold all **thó**se who fall; *

you lift up those / who are **bó**wed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O **Gód**, *

and you give them their food / in due **sé**ason.

17 You open **wí**de your hand *

and satisfy the needs of every / living **cré**ature.

18 You are righteous in **á**ll your ways *

and lo/ving in **á**ll your works.

19 You are near to those who call up**ón** you, *

to all who call up/on you **fá**ithfully.

20 You fulfill the desire of those who **fé**ar you; *

you hear their / cry and **hé**lp them.

21 You preserve all those who **ló**ve you, *

but you destroy / all the **wí**cked.

22 My mouth shall speak your **prá**ise, O God; *

let all flesh bless your holy Name for ev/er and **é**ver.

Gospel Acclamation

Ross Alleluia No. 2

John Karl Hirten

Sung by all. Cantor will sing the first line, then all continue singing or repeat the first line, ad libitum.



Cantor will sing a verse, after which all repeat the Alleluia.

Holy Gospel**John 6:1-21**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

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

A moment of silent reflection follows the Sermon.

Creed Sung by all, standing

1 I be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au-thor of all things that
 2 I be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and cru-ci-
 3 I be-lieve in God's own Spir-it, bond-ing all the saints with-

4
 be, Mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, Keep-er
 fied; tak-en from the cross, was bur-ied— True life
 in one church, cath-o-lic and ho-ly, where for-

7
 of the sky and sea. I be-lieve in God's son, Je-sus, now for
 there had tru-ly died. I be-lieve that on the third day Christ was
 give-ness frees from sin; in the bod-y's res-ur-rec-tion, for the

11
 us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir-it and of
 raised up from the grave, then as-cend-ed to God's
 break-ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev-er-

14
 Mar-y born to bring a-bun-dant life.
 right-hand. He will come to judge and save.
 last-ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Music: *Beach Spring*, Traditional American

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The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek Truth.

For all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation...and for the prayers sent in by text...Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our Ruler;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A moment of silence is kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

The presider offers God's absolution.

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.*

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

All who hunger, gather gladly

Holy Manna

Sung by all, seated

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er__ glad - ly;__ ho - ly__ man - na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er__ stran - gers; seek - er,__ be a wel-come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er;__ Je - sus__ Christ is liv - ing bread.

5
Come from wil - der-ness and__ wand - d'ring. Here, in__ truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and__ roam - ing.__ Here, in__ joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long - ing.__ Here, in__ peace, we have been led.

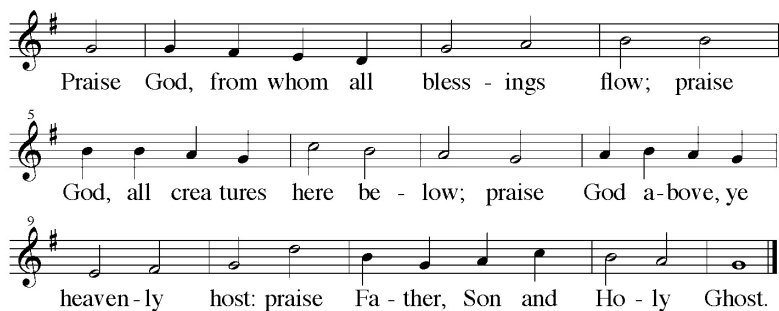
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You that yearn for days of__ full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their lives in grat-i - tude.

13
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The Doxology

Old Hundredth

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



Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Presider God 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 (S-129 in the Hymnal) Sung by all.

Robert Powell (b. 1932)



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:

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

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.

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

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

on earth as it is in heaven.

who trespass against us.

but deliver us from evil.

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens
(1933-1991)

All



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 wish to receive from the chalice please sip directly from the cup and do not dip the bread into the wine, as all evidence suggests that this creates a greater risk of transmitting infection. 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 Meditation

Land of Rest George Shearing (1919-2011)
(Jerusalem, My Happy Home)

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in 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.

Sung by all, standing.

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free;
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends;
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord;
his presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways;
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

—Brian Wren (b. 1936)

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

**** 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 treats in the parish hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Group Breakfast: August 8 Please join us on Saturday, August 8 from 8-10am for a special breakfast and Eucharist for Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams. All men of St. John's are invited to attend this special gathering! A Eucharist Service will be held in the Church at 8am, followed by breakfast and discussion with Rev. Chris in the Parish Hall. RSVPs are requested for this event by email (mensgroup@stjohnsross.org) or text - Paul (415 999 4222) or Keith (415 250 9145).

Women Dining for Agape Farmhands: August 12 Please join us on Wednesday, August 12 from 6-8pm for an evening of fun and fellowship in the parish hall, as we gather to support our programs at Agape Farm in Malawi, Africa. Bring a casserole, or salad, to share (pot-luck style). We will provide the beverages. There will be plenty of food so feel free to bring a woman friend(s). There will be a brief presentation sharing exciting updates on all the progress being made at Agape. To support these programs, we ask that you consider a donation equivalent to what you might spend going out for dinner. RSVP by August 7. info@agapefarmhands.org

Marin Deanery Summer Convocation: August 12 What is a Deanery? Why do we meet and what do we do? The Canons and Constitution of the Diocese of California tell us that we have six geographic deaneries in our diocese. Each Deanery is constituted by ALL Episcopal church members and clergy resident in or serving within the geographic boundary of the deanery. Clergy, Delegates, and Alternates for Convention may vote (if there is reason for a vote); everyone else has a seat and a voice –which means, in good Episcopal tradition, all are welcome! If you attend an Episcopal Church in Marin County, this gathering is for you! Bring your voice and your inspired ideas! We look forward to exploring more of what we may become – together!

Date: Wednesday, August 12

Where: Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, 10 Old Mill St., Mill Valley, Parking in the neighborhood on the streets.

Time: 2:00 - 2:30 pm Arrivals and Refreshments; 2:30 - 4:00 pm Program

Lake Lagunitas Hike: August 22 Join Rev. Chris for a hike around Lake Lagunitas on Saturday, August 22, 9:30am. Come enjoy this beautiful trail followed by refreshments at the picnic area. Suitable for all ages, especially for families with children! Those who wish to bike to the picnic area, meet at St. John's at 9am. Details to follow.

Rev. Chris Farewell Party: August 29 The Wardens and Vestry invite you to a farewell dinner party to celebrate the more than twenty-three year ministry of our rector and his wife, the Rev. Chris and Amy Rankin-Williams. Rev. Chris and Amy, along with their family have made a lasting impact on the faith community of St. John's, Ross. The evening will be filled with toasts and remembrances, laughter and tears, AND a delicious buffet dinner.

What: Farewell Dinner Party

When: Saturday, August 29 beginning with cocktails at 5:30pm (Cocktail attire)

RSVP by August 8: www.stjohnsross.org

Parish Weekend Away: September 11-13 Hiking trails, swimming pool, simple but well-appointed rooms, and amazing food! Join us at The Bishop's Ranch in Sonoma for our annual Parish Weekend Away 2026. This year we'll gather from Friday, 9/11 to Sunday, 9/13 for two days and two nights of fellowship, fun, rest, and spiritual development. Families, singles, and seniors welcome. Online signup www.stjohnsross.org

Grief Ritual: November 1 All are invited to attend a Grief Ritual at St. John's on Sunday, November 1 on All Saints Day. The hours are 12:30pm - 3:30pm. Parishioner Dave Calhoun will facilitate this opportunity to remember that which and those whom we have lost. Early registrations are welcome – please email Dave to reserve a spot or to find out more. dxcalho@yahoo.com

St. John's Women's Retreat: April 29-May 1, 2027 Please save the date for our 2027 Women's Retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest. More information and sign-ups will be coming soon.

Summer Sunday School. We invite all children from preschool to 5th grade to join us for a summer of discovering who God is, exploring His world, and growing in faith through hands-on experiences. We meet in the Fireside Room at 10AM. After the class, the kids will join their parents for holy communion in the church.

Volunteers Needed. Extra hands are needed this summer to help our kids learn, explore, and grow in faith. Interested? You can email the Children's Ministry Director for more information.

Sunday Morning Youth Group On most Sundays, all youth (grades 6th-12th) are invited to meet in the Youth Room at 10am. This Sunday, all are welcome to join Robert and Mike for a conversation about the question of the week. For more information, please contact Rev. Heather.

Music Notes The St. John's choir is on break until August 30, so the congregation steps up and sings out during that time. The beginning of our service includes a simple gathering tune written by John Karl Hirten, followed by the "Collect of Purity," a prayer of centering and preparation for the liturgy. It's traditional to follow that prayer with the *Gloria*, but the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) gives quite a bit of latitude as to what happens at that moment, essentially saying that we can sing any "song of praise." We sing a setting of the First Song of Isaiah, listed as Canticle 9 in our hymnal, "Surely it is God who saves me."

The tune *Land of Rest* was originally found added to a collection of "shape note" hymns entitled *The Christian Harp* (1832). The original name of the tune was *Longing for Home* and was paired with a text beginning "O land of rest, for thee I sigh!" The harmonization of the tune (which first appeared with the "Jerusalem, my happy home" text in the 1940 Hymnal) is by Annabel Morris Buchanan (1888-1983) and was originally printed in her *Folk Harmony of America* (1938) with the heading "Heard as a child from my grandmother, Mrs. S.J. Foster."

The setting of the tune played for communion this week is actually titled "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" and is part of a collection of organ pieces by George Shearing called *Sacred Sounds*. He was well-known as a jazz pianist who had multiple albums on the Billboard charts between 1950 and 1990. His collection of organ pieces reflects that jazz background.

SERVING TODAY

Sun (Worship Prep)

Paige Dickow	Altar Guild
Leslie Harelik*	Altar Guild
Karen Petterson	Altar Guild
Jo Burnett	Communion Bread Baker
Connie Granger	Flower Angel

Sun, 9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams Clergy - Presider, Preacher

Sun, 10:00 AM (Sunday School)

Sandra Pathik Sunday School - Teacher

Sun, 10:00 AM (Worship w/Choir)

John Summerlin	A/V - Audio
Euie Hill	A/V - Video
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Skip Fotch	Clergy - Assisting
Leslie Harelik	Eucharistic Minister
Bill Kaufman	Eucharistic Minister
Marian Mancini	Lector
Skip Fotch	Preacher
Harry Harelik	Usher
Dave Petterson	Usher

Sun, 11:00 AM (Coffee Hour)

Katie McGee Goodies Supplier

PRAYER LIST

Members

Rosemary Morgan
Melinda Booth
Ted Anspacher
Travis Wright
The Rev. Jan West
JT Sweet
Carol Hughes
Signe Lando

Friends & Family

Anne Cain	(neighbor of Shari and David Kinney)
Cindy Chase	(friend of Holly Posner)
Maria Bonilla	(friend of the Posners)
Marlene Anderson	(friend of LaTonya Sumners)
Patrick Dowd	(friend of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Kathy Behrendt	(daughter-in-law of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Liz Colborn	(relative of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Melissa Mikesell	(friend of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Joy Burghardt	(friend of Anne Doyle)
Vera Grigorian	(former parishioner)
Leslie Gay	(friend of Lauren Lamm)
Marcia Summers	(former parishioner)
Martin Ash	(friend of Alisa Quint)
Kayley Jones	(goddaughter of Rick and Marilyn Riede)

In Death

Alf Brandin

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - August 2

Diocesan Schools including the Cathedral School for Boys, St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School, St. Paul's Episcopal School, Trinity School, and the Ventana School; and the preschools, daycare programs, and after-school programs housed in our churches

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

Bishop of California	The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios
Rector	The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams (<i>crw@stjohnsross.org</i>)
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Choral Scholar	Ash Jones
Church Administrator	Virginia Kosydar (<i>virginia@stjohnsross.org</i>)
Music Director	John Karl Hirten (<i>john@stjohnsross.org</i>)
Treasurer	Susan Aley
Youth Ministry	Mike Lessin, Robert McGee
Vestry	President: The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams Senior Warden: Lexi Ford Kernot Junior Warden: Paul Castro Michael Hiscott, David Petterson, Donalyn Hellar, Marian Mancini, Katie McGee, Lauren Lamm, Gene Cheston, Julie Flynn Siler, Katie Hindman (<i>vestry@stjohnsross.org</i>)

AUGUST

SUN

Worship
9am, 10am

MON

Women's Bible Discussion
7:30pm (resumes online 8/17)

8/12
WED

Marin Deanery Summer
Convocation, Mill Valley: 2pm

8/12
WED

Women Dining
for Agape Farmhands: 6pm

8/16
SUN

SVdP Sandwich Making
after 10am worship

8/22
SAT

Lake Lagunitas Hike
w/Rev. Chris: 9:30am

8/29
SAT

Rev. Chris Farewell Party
5:30pm

8/30
FRI

Rev. Chris' Last Sunday
9am, 10am

8/31
MON

Rev. Chris' Last Day
as Rector