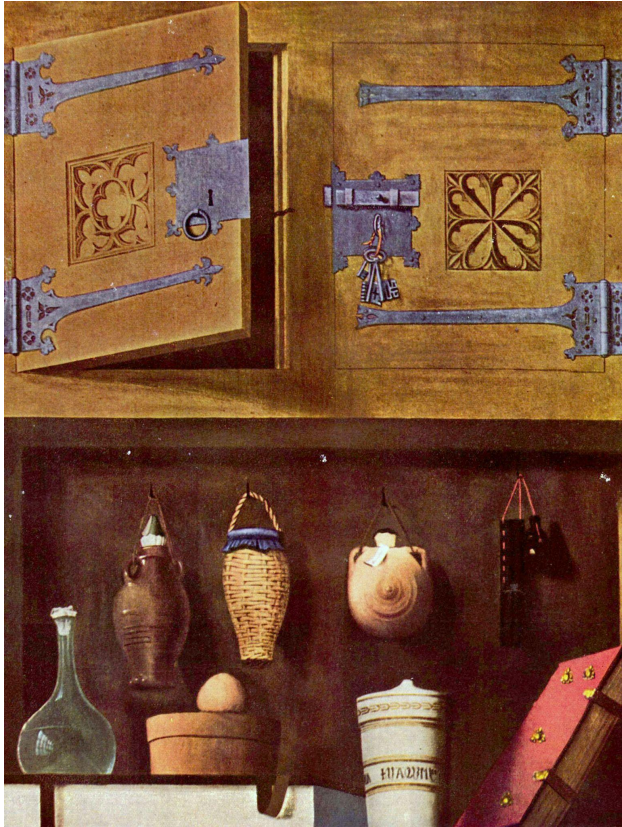


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Welcome - we are grateful for your presence! If this is your first time here, or your first time back in a while, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews (or use the qr code) and give it to an usher or priest. As we worship today, 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.

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FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

Sunday

8am: Worship (resumes September 20)

9am: Intergenerational Family Worship

10am:

Worship (in-person & live stream)

Children's Sunday School

Morning Youth Group

Monday

7:30pm: Women's Bible Discussion (Zoom) (no meeting on August 24)

Wednesdays

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

2nd Saturdays of the Month

8am: Men's Group

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Still Life with Keys and Cabinet, 1650 attributed to the German masters from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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.

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 13 Benedictus es, Domine *Plainsong*
All sing the following refrain after each verse.

praised and exalted above all for - ev - er.

Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors; (R/)
Blessed are you for the Name of your Majesty; (R/)
Blessed are you in the temple of your holiness; (R/)
Blessed are you that beholds the depths,
 and dwells among the Cherubim; (R/)
Blessed are you on the glorious throne of your realm; (R/)
Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, (R/)
Blessed are you, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, (*Refrain Sung Three Times*)

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

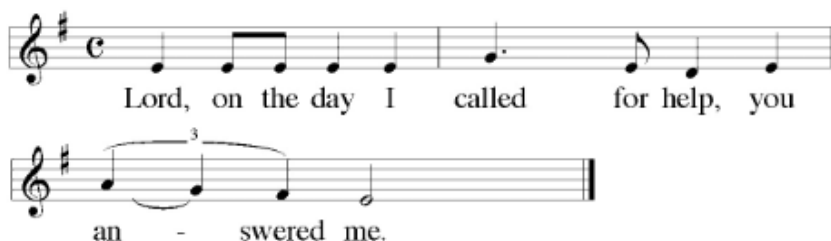
I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Psalm 138

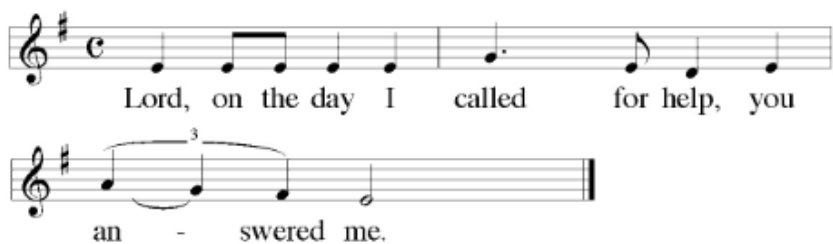
John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

Please repeat refrain after the cantor the first time.



I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down toward your holy temple.

— Refrain



I give thanks to your name
 for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
 You have exalted your name over all.
 On the day I called, you answered me;
 you increased the strength of my soul.

— Refrain

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
 and the haughty he knows from afar.
 You give me life though I walk amid affliction;
 you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.

— Refrain

With your right hand you save me;
 the Lord will accomplish this for me.
 O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
 discard not the work of your hands.

— Refrain

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.

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Heather Erickson

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.**

Commissioning of the Search Committee

Members of the Search Committee and the Wardens come forward.

The Rector addresses the congregation:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation as members of the Rector Search Committee for St. John's Episcopal Church.

Wardens I present to you these persons to be commissioned as members of the Rector Search Committee of St. John's Episcopal Church.

**Doug Aley, Kari Chao, Joannie Ericson, Becky Hlebasko,
Warren Jones (Chair), Paul Kaplan, Julie Flynn Siler**

The Rector asks the Wardens:

Are these persons prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

Wardens I believe they are.

The Rector addresses the candidates:

You have been called to serve this congregation as members of the Rector Search Committee. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Committee We will.

Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of this ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Committee We will.

The Rector addresses the congregation

Will all of you do all in your power to support these people in their service?

Congregation **We will.**

Let us pray. O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all inspiration: Enlighten with your grace the Rector Search Committee of St. John's Episcopal Church.; and so rule their minds, open their hearts, and guide their deliberations, that in their work they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God, I commission you as members of the Rector Search Committee of St. John's Episcopal Church.

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 Hymn 661

They cast their nets in Galilee

Georgetown

Sung by all, seated

- 1 They cast their nets in Galilee just off the hills of brown;
such happy, simple fisher-folk, before the Lord came down.
- 2 Contented, peaceful fishermen, before they ever knew
the peace of God that filled their hearts brimful, and broke them too.
- 3 Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, homeless, in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net, head down was crucified.
- 4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod.
Yet let us pray for but one thing— the marvelous peace of God.

—William Alexander Percy (1885-1942), alt.

The Doxology

Old Hundredth

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

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea tures here be - low; praise God a-bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

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)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blest is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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

Presider

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

Presider and People

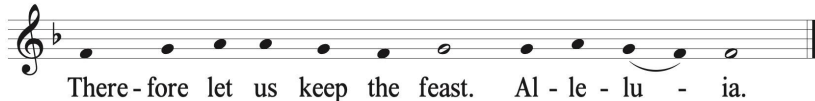
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread (S-152)

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

Choir Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All



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.

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.***Back to School Blessing***All those returning to school - students of all ages, educators, administrators, support staff - are invited to come forward.***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 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

*Austria**Sung by all*

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 he whose word cannot be broken
 formed thee for his own abode;
 on the Rock of Ages founded,
 what can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters,
 springing from eternal love,
 well supply thy sons and daughters,
 and all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river
 ever will their thirst assuage?
 Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
 never fails from age to age.

- 3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
 see the cloud and fire appear
 for a glory and a covering,
 showing that the Lord is near.
 Thus deriving from their banner,
 light by night and shade by day,
 safe they feed upon the manna
 which he gives them when they pray.

—John Newton (1725-1807)

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 to celebrate our confirmands

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcing St. John's New Interim Rector The Vestry is delighted to announce that the Reverend Jane Soyster Gould has been called to serve as Interim Rector of St. John's, beginning September 1. We are truly grateful that she has agreed to serve our parish during this important season.

We are extraordinarily fortunate to have someone of Rev. Gould's experience stepping into this role. A highly experienced priest who recently retired from full-time parish ministry, she most recently served as Rector of St. Luke's/ San Lucas in Long Beach, California from 2017 to 2023. Prior to that, she served for seventeen years as Rector of St. Stephen's in Lynn, Massachusetts. Earlier in her ministry, she served for seven years as Episcopal Chaplain and Coordinator of the Technology and Culture Forum at MIT. Rev. Gould is a mission-driven leader with deep expertise in faith-based community organizing, strategic planning, and mentoring.

Many of you will already know Rev. Gould as she is a member of our own congregation, joining us for worship at the 9 am and 10 am services with her husband, John. She is not coming to us as a stranger, but as a fellow parishioner. Rev. Gould splits her time between Mill Valley and Los Angeles and will be with us for three Sundays a month.

As Interim Rector, Rev. Gould will have the same role and authority as a Rector for most purposes, including overseeing the church staff. (Certain legal authority within the corporate body is reserved to the Vestry until the next Rector is identified.)

Please join us in welcoming Gould to St. John's! We ask for your prayers for her as she begins this new chapter of ministry among us. We are excited and hopeful for Rev. Gould's leadership and guidance during this important transition period at St. John's.

Purse for the Rector It has been an Episcopal Church tradition for a congregation to offer a retiring rector a "purse." This is a financial acknowledgement of their leadership and contributions to the church community. So with Rev. Chris' retirement soon upon us, the Vestry invites you to join many of us in offering him this gift of thanks for his long tenure of caring ministry. Please note that contributions to the purse are not tax deductible. It is preferred that your contribution be made directly to Rev. Chris rather than through St. John's so that your gift does not constitute part of Rev. Chris' compensation which is subject to taxation and pension benefits.

How to Give a Harvest Party: Today All are invited to join us at the "How to Give a Harvest Party" on Sunday, August 23 after the 10am service in the Fireside Room. There you will learn from the experts on what is required to give a Harvest party, from picking a theme, to organizing volunteers, and making your Harvest Party a great event for everyone! Every year we welcome new and innovative ideas to increase participation and support St. John's fellowship between members at our Harvest Gala Auction. Come and join in the fun!

Dinner Church Resumes: September 8 Stressed out about all that's going on in the U.S. and in the world? Would you like to strengthen your spiritual muscles in a safe place? Yes? Then Dinner Church this fall is for you as we tackle Spiritual Fitness 2.0. Dinner and convo in the parish hall, 6 to 8 p.m. To just eat, sign up here so we fix enough food. To cook the meal, sign up here. We start prepping at 5 pm.) We ask for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of groceries.

- September 8: Boosting empathy
- October 20: Cultivating courage
- November 10: Waking up our spiritual brain
- December 8: Designing a more meaningful life

Christian Classics Resumes: September 10 All are invited to participate in a weekly reading and discussion program facilitated by parishioner David Kinney and Rev. Heather. This session's focus is the spiritual disciplines as explored in Richard J. Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline*. The group meets in the Youth Room on Thursdays at 11am beginning on September 10 and ending on December 10.

Welcome Sunday BBQ: September 27 All are invited to attend the St. John's Welcome Sunday BBQ on the lawn. Welcome Sunday marks the beginning of the fall program year for the church with the return of our full offerings for children, youth and adults. A complimentary lunch is provided by our Men's Group. A bounce house will be available for children, youth and adventurous adults. Bring a friend!

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.

Sunday Morning Youth Group On most Sundays, all youth (grades 6th-12th) are invited to meet in the Youth Room at 10am. (Youth are always welcome in church, too!) For more information, please contact Rev. Heather.

- Sunday, August 23: Join Mike for a discussion on the Question of the Week
- Sunday, August 30: No morning Youth Group - all are invited to be in church for Rev. Chris' Farewell Sunday

Youth Confirmation Class Beginning Youth Confirmation Class begins in October (Sundays, 11:30am). We meet a couple of times a month to explore together what it means to live a life of faith in the Episcopal Church, culminating in Diocesan Confirmations at Grace Cathedral on June 5. Youth of all ages are invited (many choose to take the class while in 8th grade). For more information or to sign up, 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.” This week we sing a canticle based on the “Song of the three children” (or “three young men”). It is a passage that appears in the Book of Daniel in Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox (but not Protestant) Bibles. Although the Church of England listed it as non-canonical, it IS used as part of the liturgy and is known in our hymnal as “Benedictus es,” and is translated as either Cantic 2 or Cantic 13. The three men in question are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (aka “Azariah”). They were thrown into a fiery furnace by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar when they refused to bow down to the king’s image. The three are not burned, but are seen walking in the flames, accompanied by an angelic being.

The hymn “Glorious things of thee are spoken” has long been one of the most popular in the hymnal. Since 1889, it has been associated with the tune *Austria* when it first appeared in *The Primitive Methodist Hymnal*. The tune was written by the great Austrian composer Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) after a trip he took to London. He was much impressed by the impact of the British anthem “God save the King,” and how much it stirred the people. Upon returning he wrote the tune to go with a new text written by Lorenz Leopold Haschka entitled “Gott erhalte Franz der Kaiser” (God uphold Kaiser Franz), and the song was first performed in 1797 on the Kaiser’s birthday. New words were written after the establishment of the Austrian Republic in 1918. Meanwhile, next door in Germany, the text “Deutschland, Deutschland über Alles” was written in the 1840s by one Hoffman von Fallersleben. It remained the German national anthem until 1946, when a new one was written with music by Mozart. It is hoped that enough time has passed since the Second World War to enable this tune to be sung again with only happy associations. If that’s not the case, please let the Music Director know.

SERVING TODAY

Sun (Worship Prep)

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

Sun, 9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher

Sun, 10:00 AM (Sunday School)

Connie Granger	Sunday School - Teacher
Sandra Pathik	Sunday School - Teacher

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

Euie Hill	A/V - Audio
Claire Comins	A/V - Video
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher
John Falcone	Eucharistic Minister
Leslie Harelik*	Eucharistic Minister
George Harris	Lector
Harry Harelik	Usher
Tim McClean	Usher

Sun, 11:00 AM (Coffee Hour)

Holly Kaufman*	Goodies Supplier
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PRAYER LIST

Members

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

Friends & Family

Kristen House	(friend of Eve & Russell Wirth)
Hydie Richardson	(sister of Bill Richardson)
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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - August 23

St. Bartholomew's, Livermore

Pastoral Note: A memorial service for former parishioner Alf Brandin will be held at St. John's on Saturday, September 26 at 1pm.

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

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