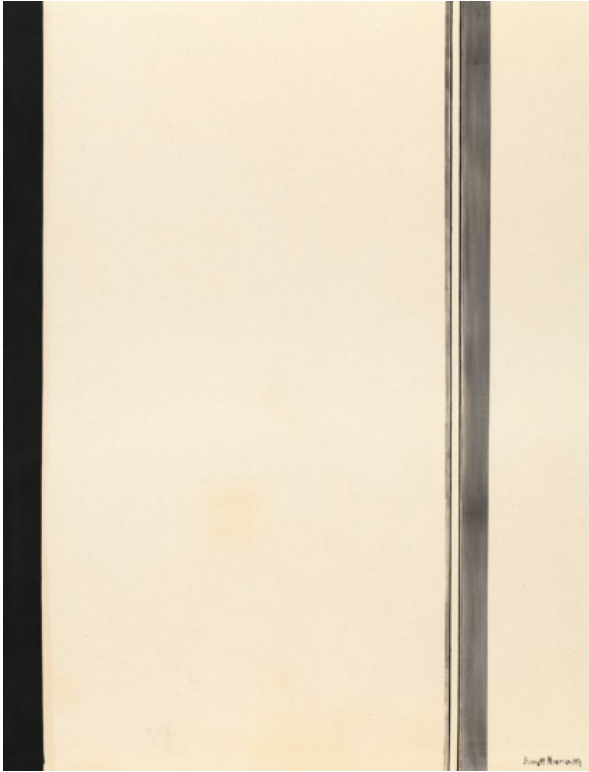


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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17

August 30, 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.

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The St. John's Altar Guild

In thanksgiving for the Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams and his leadership and support of the Altar Guild

Christopher, Clayton, Dan, Daniel, Marshall, Mike, Scott, and Thomas (Chris' clergy colleague group)

With the greatest affection and respect for CRW, and with their thanks to him for showing them the way, they wish your rector and their dear colleague every good thing in retirement. To God be the glory.

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)

2nd Saturdays of the Month

8am: Men's Group



INFORMATION



ALTAR FLOWERS



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Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn

Lord, you give the great commission

Abbot's Leigh

Sung by all, standing

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

Refrain: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

- 2 Lord, you call us to your service:
“In my name, baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: — *Refrain*
- 3 Lord, you make the common holy:
“This my body, this my blood.”
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty: — *Refrain*
- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
“Father, what they do, forgive.”
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society: — *Refrain*
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
“I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity: — *Refrain*

— Jeffery Rowthorn (1934-2025)

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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.

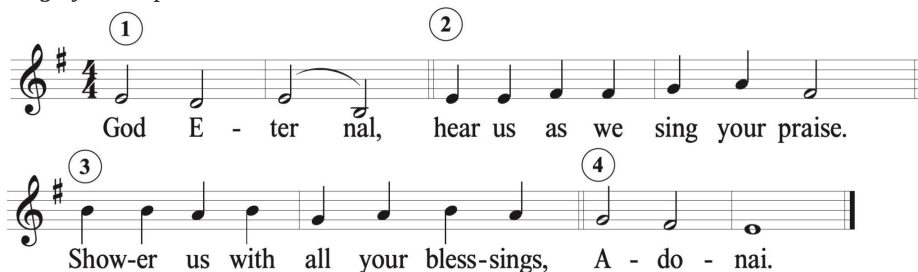
Amen.

Song of Praise

God Eternal

Mah Tovv

Sung by all, repeat as directed



Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 12:9-21

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay,

says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Psalm 26:1-8

Plainsong Tone VI

Please repeat refrain after the cantor the first time.



I have trust - ed in the Lord — and have not fal - tered.

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind. — *Refrain*
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked. — *Refrain*
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds. — *Refrain*
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides. — *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation

Ross Alleluia No. 2

John Karl Hirten

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor will sing a verse, after which all repeat the Alleluia.***Holy Gospel****Matthew 16:21-28***Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams

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 gratitude for those whose faithfulness and generosity laid the foundations of this House of Prayer for All People, we pray for St John's Church in Ross; may we live into our vision to be a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name.

God of love and abundance: *hear our prayer.*

We pray for all those whose lives make up the body of Christ; that God would bless us all with faith to follow Jesus and love one another as Jesus loves us.

God of love and abundance: *hear our prayer.*

As we pray, worship, and celebrate the Gospel, we pray for our mission and ministry in the world; that God would enable us to respond to the needs of our communities while building relationships to support us on our journey of faith.

God of love and abundance: *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the special needs and concerns of our congregation...We pray for those who have died...and the prayers sent in by text...

God of love and abundance: *hear our prayer.*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were being cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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 Music

Siyhamba

arr. Ruth Morris Gray (b. 1961)

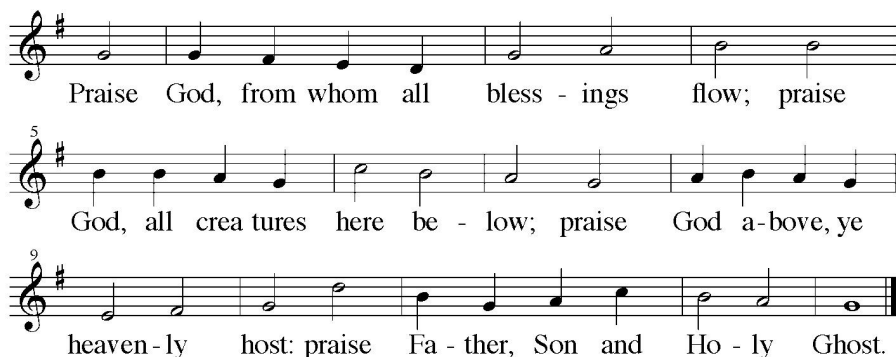
Sung by the Choir

We are marching in the light of God.

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**Missa Simplex**

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

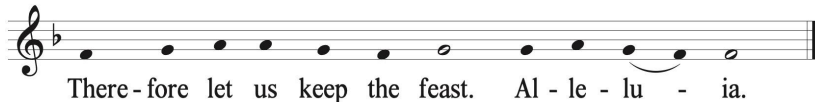
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

—Richard of Chichester (c. 1197-1253)

Earth and All Stars David N. Johnson
Sung by members of the St. John's Choristers and the Choir

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory, loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song! —*Refrain*

Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals, sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre, loud humming cellos, sing to the Lord a new song! —*Refrain*

Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom, sing to the Lord...
Daughter and son, loud praying members, sing to the Lord... —*Refrain*

— Herbert F. Brokering (b. 1926).

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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

Rev. Chris offers the people of St. John's his favorite blessing.

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people so that you will work for justice, equality and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

And the blessing of God, Source, Wellspring and Living Water be upon you this day and always. Amen.

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.

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

Rev. Chris addresses the congregation.

On The Feast of Pentecost in 2003, I began my ministry at St. John's and I was inducted by Bishop Swing as rector of St. John's Church on November 2, 2003. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of St. John's Church ends this day.

Minister

Do you, the people of St John's, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People

We do.

Rev. Chris and the People pray together:

O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Minister prays for Rev. Chris and Amy and offers a blessing.

Almighty God, we thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Rev. Chris among us, and the presence of his family here. Grant that both he and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

Sung by all, standing.

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|---|---|
| 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart. | 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love. |
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- 3 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

— Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and treats in the parish hall to celebrate Rev. Chris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

Farewell event at Creekside: Monday, August 31, 5-7pm Creekside Pizza and Taproom in San Anselmo will hold a farewell event for Rev. Chris on Monday, August 31 from 5-7pm. All Welcome. Come enjoy some pizza and a beverage at Rev. Chris' favorite hangout.

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. 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 Reading and Discussion 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. Please let Rev. Heather know if you need a copy of the book.

MOC Forum: September 20 All are invited to attend a forum hosted by the Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) and St. John's on Sunday, September 20 after the 10am service. The forum focuses on issues impacting Marin's immigrant residents, particularly the increasing activity by ICE in the Bay Area, and the looming termination of Temporary Protected Status for almost 80,000 Californians. Ways to support our friends and neighbors, and ways to advocate for them more effectively will also be discussed.

Christian Meditation: September 22 All are invited to gather in the chapel on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30am for prayer and Christian meditation. Also known as contemplative prayer, meditation seeks God in the stillness and silence, beyond word and thought. The group meets in-person and via Zoom. For more information, please email parishioner Melinda Ching.

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!

Harvest Gala: October 17 We are gearing up for our Harvest Gala - The Masquerade Ball - on Saturday, October 17 from 5-9pm. There will be delicious food, festive dancing, and mysterious masks all around - everyone is invited! Tickets are \$100/person (kids under 18 are free). You can purchase your tickets online at stjohnsross.org/give. In addition to exciting Harvest Parties, we are now accepting other items for our online silent auction. These can range from gift certificates to delicious local restaurants, elegant wines, tickets to shows or sporting events, or even vacation homes you are willing to donate for a week...all in support of our wonderful St. John's-Ross community. Please email our Director of Stewardship, Lee Steward (stewardship@stjohnsross.org), to donate an item to the silent auction. The silent auction opens at noon on Friday, October 2. Thank you for your support.

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 coming soon.

No Sunday School. There will be no Sunday School this Sunday, giving families the opportunity to worship together on the Rector's final Sunday before his retirement. A supervised children's activity will still be available in the Fireside Room for children who would prefer it, though we invite families to remain together and share in this special Sunday as a church family.

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. *Note: Sunday, August 30: No morning Youth Group - all are invited to be in church for Rev. Chris' Farewell Sunday*

Youth Confirmation Class 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 Ruth Morris Gray is an active music teacher, composer, arranger, choral conductor, and pianist. She is Chair of the Performing Arts Department at Rosemead High School in Rosemead, CA, where she directs four choirs and teaches AP Music Theory and Piano. Previously, Ruth taught piano for five years at The Master's College, in Santa Clarita, CA. She has been involved in directing adults and children of all ages in church music for over 25 years.

An English-born son of a clergyman, Martin How was educated at Repton School and later at Clare College, Cambridge. Most of his career was spent teaching at the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) where he was known for developing training programs for young singers. These programs are used by churches all over the world. "Day by Day" is a simple but effective piece that can be sung by people of all ages.

Jeffery Rowthorn was an Anglican bishop who was born and educated in England before moving to the United States. He worked at the Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut, and Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Each stanza of "Lord, you give the great commission," written in 1980, is a user-friendly guide to priest and parishioner alike as to how to serve and interpret the world in Christ's name: Heal the sick, baptize and teach, the body and blood, the act of forgiveness, and the knowledge that Christ will be with us to the end. This hymn was requested by the Rector as it was also used as part of his installation here at St. John's

David N. Johnson was a prolific and highly regarded composer of church music throughout much of the 20th century. Johnson and Herbert Brokering wrote the tune and text, respectively, of "Earth and All Stars." Brokering was a noted hymn-writer and Lutheran pastor who grew up in Nebraska but served at churches in Pennsylvania, New York, and Texas, among other places. He wrote the text in 1964 for the ninetieth anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. In his own commentary on the poem, found in the *Hymnal Companion of the LBW* (1961), he wrote, "I tried to gather into a hymn of praise the many facets of life which merge in the life of the community. So there are references to building, nature, learning, family, war, festivity." He also wrote, "Many of the images through which I visualize the rhyme and rhythm of the gospel came to me in Nebraska and Iowa. Season, emotions, death and resurrection, bread, wine, water, wind, sun, spirit—have made great impressions on my imagination. Words want to be seen. Words have their roots and visuals in images. We see what we know. We imagine

the language of faith. The image power we have is an enormous gift from God. We are in God's image." The hymn and tune appear as number 412 in *Hymnal 1982*.

SERVING TODAY

Sun (Worship Prep)

Paige Dickow	Altar Guild
Leslie Harelik*	Altar Guild
Karen Petterson	Altar Guild
Anne Doyle	Communion Bread Baker
Jill Abelson	Flower Angel

Sun, 9:00 AM (Family Worship)

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

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

Keith Granger	A/V - Audio
Brian Wittenkeller	A/V - Video
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Preacher
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Assisting
The Rev. Skip Fotch	Clergy - Assisting
Leslie Harelik*	Eucharistic Minister
Marjorie Sun	Eucharistic Minister
Mary Kay Dolejsi	Lector
Harry Harelik	Usher
Chris Russell	Usher

PRAYER LIST

Members

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

Friends & Family

Nancy Phillips	(friend of Sandy and Tom Bertelsen)
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

Dolly Parton, Tim Curry

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Augustine's, Oakland; St. Aidan's, San Francisco; and St. Aidan's, Bolinas

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

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Assisting Priests	The Rev. Skip Fotch The Rev. James Ward
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Stewardship	Lee Steward (<i>stewardship@stjohnsross.org</i>)
Choir Section Leaders	Mitch Ashley, Betsy Bennett-Smith, Lee Steward, Jessica House Steward, Paul Thompson
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
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