

St John's Episcopal Church



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September 20, 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.

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

Sunday

8am: Worship
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)

Tuesday *(once a month)*

7:30am: Christian meditation
6pm: Dinner Church

Wednesday

1pm: Bible Study

Thursday

11am: Christian Classics Lite

Saturday *(once a 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

Processional Hymn 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven *Lauda anima*
Sung by all, standing

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favor to all people in distress.
 Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.
- 3 Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.
 In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.
- 4 Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
 sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

—Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

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

God E - ter nal, hear us as we sing your praise.

Show-er us with all your bless-sings, A - do - nai.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jonah 3:10–4:11

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry

east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

Psalm 145:1-8
Sung by the choir

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

- 1 I will exalt you, O Holy God, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 You are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Ross Alleluia No. 2

John Karl Hirten

Cantor will sing the first line, then all continue singing or repeat the first line.



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

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

7



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

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?

Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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.**

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

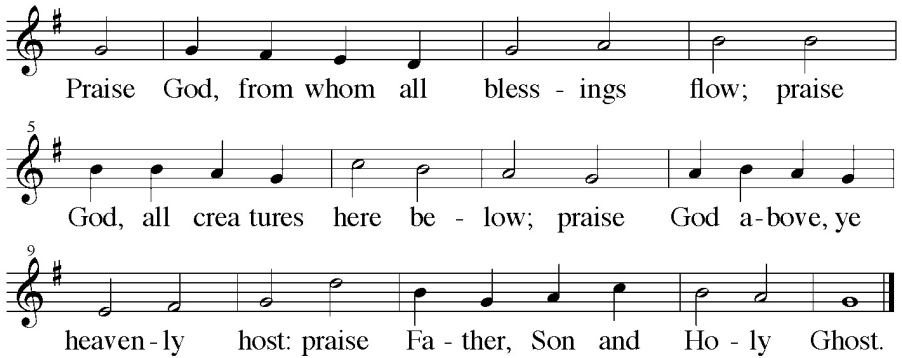
Simile est regnum Cristobal de Morales (c. 1500-1553)

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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 prayer.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Most Holy Mary, the Godbearer, Blessed John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **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



Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

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. 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

Steal Away

Spiritual, arr. Malcolm Archer

Sung by the Choir

(b. 1952)

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.
Green trees a-bendin', poor sinner stands a-tremblin'.
The trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.
Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God 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 world
and continue for ever
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. Afterwards, all say:

**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 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Slane

Sung by all

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.

- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

—Jan Struther (1901-1953)

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Dismissal

Leader

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.

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The Rector Search: A Progress Report

The search committee has been hard at work. We're following the Diocese's guidance closely, and we're taking one piece of their advice to heart: a proper search takes about a year, so we're giving ourselves the room to do it right.

A word of thanks to St. John's farsighted and longtime treasurer, Nigel Heath, as well as to our current treasurer Susan Aley, as well as to many others. We're so grateful to all of you for the work you've done over the years towards securing a church-owned Rectory for a rector's family to live in. That purchase is not completed yet, but when it is, the house is likely to be an important draw for candidates who need housing when they're moving to Marin — so this is a genuinely valuable step for the search.

Hearing From You

The first key step over the next few months is getting feedback from the congregation — not just from those of us who linger over coffee hour after the 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. services, but from everyone. This fall, that will happen through two channels: a parish-wide survey, and a series of "listening parties" with small groups.

The survey — officially the "Congregational Assessment Tool," or "CAT" for short (we didn't pick the acronym, and no, it has nothing to do with Mango, the orange Tabby cat who lives on the Bishop's Ranch) — went live today. It runs for four weeks, through Sunday, October 18th. Our goal is that every voice in the parish gets heard, so we'll be announcing it weekly at all three Sunday services, through Connect, and via email for the next month.

It takes about 15 minutes to complete and can be found here:
surveymonkey.com/r/STJOHNROSSCA.

What Comes Next

Once the survey results are in, the search committee will launch into small-group sessions through October and November — so keep an eye on Connect and your inbox for chances to take part.

After we've discussed and collated everything from the survey and the small groups, we'll prepare a position posting, along with a description of our parish community and what we're looking for in a new Rector. We'll begin working on that this winter and it

should go live in early spring of 2027. We hope to start interviewing candidates later in the spring, with finalist visits mid-year.

From there, the search committee will bring a recommendation to the Vestry, with the goal of welcoming our new Rector late next summer (perhaps by August of 2027).

If you have questions about the process, please reach out to the search committee at search@stjohnsross.org.

St. John's Search Committee: Doug Aley, Kari Saunders Chao, Joannie Ericson, Becky Hlebasko, Paul Kaplan, Julie Flynn Siler, Warren Jones (*chair*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOC Forum: today 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.

Becoming Beloved Community - Anti-Racism Class and Training: today This class and training is for anyone who would like to deepen their understanding of systemic racism and explore how we, as a people of faith, may work together to build beloved community. There are six modules (though we will only meet together four times - there will be a bit of home learning). Each module includes a video "talk" and questions for reflection and discussion. This course fulfills our diocesan anti-racism training requirement for Convention Delegates, Deanery Delegates, and Vestry members. It may also be done individually. Please let Rev. Heather know if you would like to sign up or if you would like direct access to the online course. The in person class meets on Sundays at 11:30am in the Youth Room on September 20, October 11, and October 18.

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! And if you would like to volunteer to help, please email the men's ministry or contact Rev. Heather.

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi: October 4 On Sunday, October 4 both the 9am and 10am services will include a blessing of animals. The 10am service will be held outside on the front lawn. Please bring your pets to be blessed at the service. Children may also bring stuffed animals if they wish. This service is always one of the highlights of the year.

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 at www.stjohnsross.org 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, to donate an item to the silent auction. The silent auction opens at noon on Friday, October 2. Thank you for your support.

Grief Ritual: November 1 All are invited to participate in the St. John's 2027 Grief Ritual to be held after church on All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 1, from 12:30-3:30pm. Parishioner Dave Calhoun will return to Marin to facilitate this opportunity to remember that which and those whom we have lost. Dave offers a video announcement here for you to hear a little more about the ritual. Email Dave to reserve a spot, or to find out more.

Bible Study: Wednesdays All are invited to attend bible study on Wednesdays at 1 pm in the Youth Room for our ongoing series on the "Ten Commandments." We are discuss where the Ten Commandments came from, what they meant to Jesus, and what they might mean to us today. No preparation required! Please contact Ethan Dettmer for more information.

Christian Classics Lite: Thursdays All are invited to participate in the second season of our 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 Path to Spiritual Growth* (Special Anniversary Edition). The group meets in the Youth Room on Thursdays, 11am-noon, beginning on September 10 and ending on December 10. Please let Rev. Heather or David Kinney know if you would like to be included on our email list and if you need a copy of the book.

Sunday School @ 10AM. Children from preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us for a combined Sunday School class in the Fireside Room. This Sunday, we'll learn that we are all important in God's family and that Jesus is with us when we gather in His name. After class, the children will join their parents in the church for Holy Communion.

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.

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.

St. John's Choristers, our children's choir, has started up again for the fall. Singing in a choir is a great way to gain confidence, learn how to participate in a group dynamic, and meet new friends. They sing at the 10 AM service once or twice a month. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 3:45 in the Parish Hall. Please email John Karl Hirten at john@stjohnsross.org or call him at St. John's for more info.

Music Notes Our opening hymn this week is a paraphrase of Psalm 103. It was sung as the processional hymn for the marriage of Elizabeth II and Prince Philip Mountbatten, at her request. The wedding took place on November 20, 1947, which coincidentally was the hundredth anniversary of the death of Henry Francis Lyte, the text's author.

Lyte studied at Trinity College in Dublin, and won the poetry prize there for three successive years. His book *The Spirit of the Psalms*, published in 1834, contained over 280 paraphrases of the psalms, of which the most well-known is "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven.". When the hymn first appeared in early editions, the refrain was not "Alleluia! alleluia!" but rather "Praise him! Praise him!" Both versions are in use today. One stanza which was later omitted is as follows:

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
Blows the wind, and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One!

Cristóbal de Morales is considered to be the most influential Spanish composer before Victoria. Born in Sevilla, he trained as a chorister at the cathedral and later worked in Avila and, eventually in Rome in the papal choir. Highly regarded in his day, a contemporary described him as "the light of Spain in music." *Simile est regnum* is a setting of the beginning of today's gospel, starting out with a typically polyphonic texture (in which the four voices imitate or play off of each other singing their parts at different times to combine in a fluid way), until the voice of the "landowner" (God) is heard. At this point, the texture becomes homophonic (when all the voices are singing the same rhythm at the same time) to emphasize the words of God.

Jan Struther's text "Lord of all hopefulness" was first paired with the tune *Slane* in the 1940 Episcopal Hymnal, where it made an immediate impact because the straightforward (almost simplistic) imagery of the text matched the immediacy of the tune. The text is in the form of a "collect" (as found in priestly prayers throughout the liturgy) which includes an address describing an attribute of God (e.g., "Lord of all hopefulness, whose trust no cares can destroy") followed by a petition relating to it ("be there at our waking, etc.).

SERVING TODAY

Sun (Worship Prep)

Anne Doyle	Altar Guild
Holly Kaufman*	Altar Guild
Susan Mackenzie	Altar Guild
Shelley Wilson	Altar Guild
Ellen Clark	Communion Bread Baker
	Flower Angel

Sun, 8:00AM (Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy
Charlie Hoeveler	Usher

Sun, 9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson

Sun, 10:00 AM (Sunday School)

Sandra Pathik	Sunday School - Teacher
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Sun, 10:00 AM (Worship w/Choir)

Brian Wittenkeller	A/V - Audio
John Summerlin	A/V - Video
The Rev. James Ward	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher
John Falcone	Eucharistic Minister
Connie Granger	Eucharistic Minister
Michael Hiscott	Lector
Lukas Bringard	Usher
Virginia Cunningham	Usher

Sun, 11:00 AM (Coffee Hour)

Goodies Supplier

PRAYER LIST

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Sandy Bertelsen
Rosemary Morgan
Melinda Booth
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)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Matthew's, San Mateo and St. Anna's, Antioch

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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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