

St John's Episcopal Church



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 24

October 18, 2026, 10am

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN

To the Glory of God

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) (next meeting 10/26)

Tuesday (*once a month*)

7:30am: Christian meditation (12/8)
6pm: Dinner Church 10/20)

Wednesday

1pm: Bible Study

Thursday

11am: Christian Classics Lite

Saturday (*once a month*)

8am: Men's Group (11/14)



INFORMATION



ALTAR FLOWERS



GIVE

Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 372

Praise to the living God

Leoni

Sung by all, standing

- 1 Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.
The one eternal God ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!
- 2 Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.
- 3 His Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spake of old: he speaketh still.
Established is his law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, on land.
- 4 Eternal life hath he implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.

— Medieval Jewish Liturgy; r. Max Landsberg (1845-1928)
and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider and People

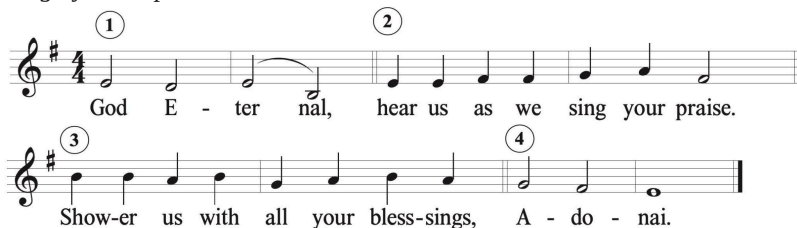
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 *Please be seated.*

Exodus 33:12-23

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses said to the Lord “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

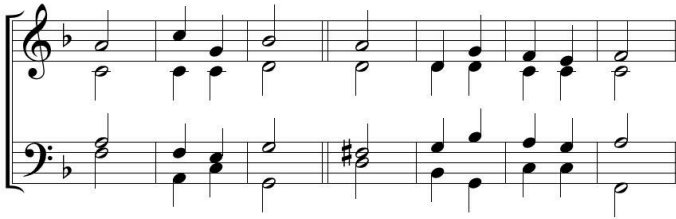
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-9

Ray Francis Brown (1897-1965)

Congregation sings the verses in Plain type.



- 1 Sing to God a / **nĕw** /song; *
sing to God, / all the / **whōle** / earth.
- 2 Sing and bless God's / holy / Name; *
proclaim the good news of sal/vation from / day to / day.
- 3 Declare God's glory a/mong the / nations *
and God's / wonders a/mong all / peoples.
- 4 For God is great and / greatly to be / praised; *
more to be / feared than / **āll** / gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, / they are but / idols; *
but it is / God who / made the / heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence / of God's / presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor / of God's / sanc-tu/ary!
- 7 Ascribe to God, you / families of the / peoples; *
ascribe to / our God / honor and / power.
- 8 Ascribe due honor to God's /ho-ly / Name; *
bring offerings and / come in/to God's / courts.
- 9 Worship the Most High in the / beauty of / holiness; *
let the whole earth trem/ble be/fore our / God..

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.



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Jane Soyster Gould

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
5 fied; tak-en from the cross, was bur-ied- True life
6 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
8 there had tru-ly died. I be-lieve that on the third day Christ was
9 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
12 raised up from the grave, then as-cend-ed to God's
13 break-ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev-er-
14 Mar-y born to bring a-bun-dant life.
15 right-hand. He will come to judge and save.
16 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

Grant, All Loving God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. God of mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. God of mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us offer our thanksgivings for God's goodness in our lives and in the world. God of mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially...; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We offer the prayers sent by text...; God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. God of mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

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.

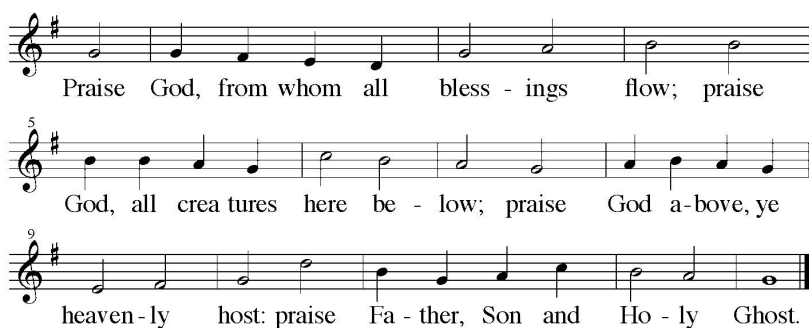
O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song;
 O sing unto the Lord all the earth.
 O sing unto the Lord, bless his name;
 shew forth his salvation from day to day.
 For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.
 Declare his glory among the heathen,
 declare his wonders among all people.
 For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.

— from Psalm 96

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.

<i>Presider</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Presider</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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



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

Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you 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 Music

Give almes of thy goods

Christopher Tye

Sung by the choir

(1500-c.1572)

Give almes of thy goods, and turn not thy face from any poor man.
And then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

— Based on Tobit 4

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 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

Sung by all.

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
- 3 Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

— Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.

Dismissal

Leader

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia. Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and treats in the parish hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to our Harvest '26 Sponsors:

Individuals

- Katie Beacock
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- June and John Sullivan
- Sue Talmage and Skip Fotch

Businesses

- Creekside Pizza and Taproom
- De La Montanya Winery
- Mancini Family Wines
- Sweet Family Winery

And a special thanks to our superstar Kari Chao who envisioned, created, and managed our elegant gala this year - The Masquerade Ball - Thank you.

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. This course fulfills our diocesan anti-racism training requirement for Convention Delegates, Deanery Delegates, and Vestry members. Please let Rev. Heather know if would like direct access to the online course. This Sunday at 11:30am we meet for our final in person session.

Online Auction Ends Today at 5pm Today is the last day of our Harvest '26 silent auction. You must complete your bids before 5pm on Sunday, October 18. This year's silent auction offers several elegant wines and tastings, incredible African safari and Lake Tahoe vacations for your family or as a wonderful Christmas gift to a loved one, as well as delightful Harvest parties. Go to www.stjohnsross.org.

Dinner Church: This Tuesday All are invited to a meal and discussion for session 2 of our fall series, Spiritual Fitness Training 2.0. This time we'll be exploring 'courage.' We gather in the parish hall from 6-8pm on Tuesday, October 20. Please RSVP as a dinner guest by Friday, October 16. Go to www.stjohnsross.org

Agape Farm Night at Creekside Pizza: This Tuesday Join us for a delicious evening of pizza, spirits, and community at Creekside Pizza—all while helping support a wonderful cause on Tuesday, October 20 from 6–8pm at Creekside Pizza in San Anselmo. A portion of the pizza and spirits proceeds will be donated to Agape Farm in Malawi, Africa, helping support the farm’s important work of educating children and empowering girls and women.

Survey Deadline: October 21 Please submit completed surveys by Wednesday, October 21. Surveys are available online here. If you need a paper copy of the survey please email the Search Committee and one will be mailed to you. Completed paper surveys can be turned into the church office. We aim for 100% participation and we encourage everyone to complete the survey as soon as possible before the October 21st deadline. The questions are based on a third-party data set of queries used by thousands of parishes in their rector searches. Using the survey feedback from our parish provides a wider context for the goals for our rector search. If you have any questions about this process, please review the material on the church website Rector Search - St. John's Episcopal Church, Ross or contact the search committee. (update 10.14.26)

Aging & Disability Forum: October 25 Marin's population is the 3rd oldest in the state and the 25th oldest in the country, but the resources available here in our county do not match the rapidly growing issues affecting our aging community. All are invited to attend a forum hosted by the Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) and St. John's on Sunday, October 25 from 11:15-12:15 in the Parish Hall. Questions? Please email Karen Petterson, Margaret Partlow, or John Falcone.

Annual Hat Drive Is On This year marks the 7th anniversary of St. John's making hats for our unhoused neighbors in Marin. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we've been able to keep many people warm — and there are still many more we could reach if others join in! The San Rafael Street Chaplaincy will distribute the hats at their Thanksgiving event. You're welcome to include small gifts, toiletries, or cards along with your donation. Drop-off instructions will be provided closer to the date in mid-November. You can help by:

- Purchasing hats to donate
- Donating gloves or socks
- Knitting or crocheting hats (it's not too early to start!)

Choral Evensong: November 1 Come join the St. John's Choir for Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 1, at 4pm. This beautiful, meditative, service is based on traditional practice dating back to the 16th Century. The service will include music of Stephen Paulus, John Karl Hirten and Joanna Forbes L'Estrange.

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. Email Dave to reserve a spot, or to find out more.

Mark You Calendar: Christian Meditation All are invited to gather in the chapel on Tuesday, December 8 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. Please note there will be no gathering in October and November.

Women's Bible Discussion: Mondays All women are invited to participate in our exploration of Paul's Letter to the Galatians. We meet on zoom, 7:30-8:30pm. No preparation required. Please contact Rev. Heather for more information. Our next meeting is on October 26.

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." The commandment of the week is the 10th and final commandment "You shall not covet. 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. The group meets in the Youth Room on Thursdays, 11am-noon, beginning on September 10 and ending on December 10. The Spiritual Discipline of the week is "Solitude." Email Rev. Heather or David Kinney for more information.

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. The goal is always to keep things moving along, and fun. Open to children 6 y.o. and up and there is no audition to join. Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays at 3:45 PM. Please email John Karl Hirten at john@stjohnsross.org or call him at St. John's for more info.

Sunday School @ 10AM. We welcome all children from preschool through 5th grade to our Sunday School. Throughout the program year, Class Hope (preschool – 2nd grade) will learn Sacred Stories through the Godly Play curriculum, and Class Faith (3rd–5th grade) will explore lessons connected to the Sunday liturgy. This Sunday, all children will meet for a combined class in the Fireside Room, before joining their parents in the church for Holy Communion.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed! We're looking for volunteers to help nurture and support our children as they grow in faith. Whether you can teach regularly or simply lend a hand from time to time, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested in volunteering, please email the Children's Ministry Director.

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 November (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 hymn “Praise to the living God” and its accompanying tune both have roots in the Jewish liturgy. The text is a paraphrase of the *Yigdal* (which means “magnify”), and it is based on the “13 Creeds,” the Jewish articles of faith formulated by Moses Maimonides (1130-1205) and later versified by Daniel Ben Judah Dayyan.

The first English version of the *Yigdal* is by Thomas Olivers, “The God of Abraham praise,” which can also be found in our hymnal as #401. The language in that version, from 1763, was intentionally Christianized, whereas the version we sing today retains its Hebrew orientation. This is due to the efforts of a German rabbi living in Rochester, NY. In 1884, Rabbi Max Landsberg asked the local Unitarian minister, Newton Mann, to help compose a version suitable for both Christian and Jewish worship, which they did, but in a different meter than the former version. So Landsberg approached Mann’s successor, William C. Gannett, to come up with a version that matched the tune *Leoni*.

The anonymous tune was sung in Jewish worship as early as the early 17th Century, but it was formally written down by the Cantor of the Great Synagogue in London, Meier Leoni, in 1763, at the request of Thomas Olivers, an Anglican clergyman. The tune is still sung today in synagogues.

Harry Emerson Fosdick was one of America’s foremost preachers. Trained in the Baptist church, he became increasingly frustrated with growing fundamentalist element in that tradition. He was one of the first clergymen to view the Bible as a record of the unfolding of God’s will, as opposed to the literal “Word of God.” The Riverside Church in New York City was built essentially for him (with heavy funding from the Rockefellers). Non-denominational, the church was opened in 1930, with great fanfare. Apparently, Fosdick faced the time with hopeful enthusiasm but also with humility and even fearful apprehension. To mark the occasion, he wrote his famous hymn “God of grace and God of glory” at his summer home in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, with its urging us to face the call of Christ to be disciples, and to pray for the wisdom and courage to face that hour, rather than to revel in it. The tune, composed in 1903 by John Hughes for a Welsh *Gymanfa Ganu* (a hymn festival), is named for a valley in Wales. Fosdick was apparently not happy with the pairing of his text with that tune, preferring *Regent Square* instead (see Hymn 93).

SERVING TODAY

Sun, Oct 18 (Worship Prep)

Leslie Limpert	Altar Guild
Margaret Partlow	Altar Guild
Judy Valentine	Altar Guild
Beverly Wynn*	Altar Guild
Kegan Donlan	Communion Bread Baker
Liz Peer	Flower Angel

Sun, Oct 18, 8:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Jane Gould	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Jane Gould	Clergy - Preacher
Pat Townsley	Usher

Sun, Oct 18, 9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Jane Gould	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher

Sun, Oct 18, 10:00 AM (Sunday School)

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

Sun, Oct 18, 10:00 AM (Worship w/Choir)

John Summerlin	A/V - Audio
Vance Frost	A/V - Video
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Jane Gould	Clergy - Preacher
Anne Doyle	Eucharistic Minister
Marjorie Sun	Eucharistic Minister
Jo Burnett	Lector
Jan Heglund	Usher
Becky Hlebasko	Usher

Sun, Oct 18, 11:00 AM (Coffee Hour)

Jill Abelson	Goodies Supplier
Holly Kaufman*	Goodies Supplier

PRAYER LIST

Members

Dean Foose
George Harris
Suzan Sweet
Sandy Bertelsen
Rosemary Morgan
Melinda Booth
Travis Wright
The Rev. Jan West
JT Sweet
Carol Hughes
Signe Lando

Friends & Family

Maureen Giesler	(aunt of Carrie Pratt)
Maggie Bock	(friend of Anne Doyle)
Maria Bonilla	(friend of the Posners)
Marlene Anderson	(friend of LaTonya Sumners)
Kathy Behrendt	(daughter-in-law of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
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

Weston, newborn son of Peter and Sarah, grandson of Ann Ragsdale-Cohen on the anniversary of his death

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Luke's, San Francisco

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

Bishop of California	The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios
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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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