



San Jose Episcopal Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II

September 13, 2020 at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

All are welcome at San Jose Episcopal Church

We welcome you to San Jose Episcopal Church, a traditional parish focused on the Holy Eucharist and the best of the Anglican tradition, which welcomes all people and embraces many points of view. Our commitment is to work, worship, and minister in the service of our Lord; and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we intend to live prayerfully and joyfully in each other's company. We welcome everyone who wants to join us on any part of this holy pilgrimage. Above all, know that we are blessed to have you worship with us.

For more information, please visit www.sanjoseepiscopal.com or you may contact an usher or member of the clergy.

About Worship in the Episcopal Church

If our liturgy (worship) is unfamiliar to you, we hope the information below will be helpful.

If you require help, please inform one of our ushers or simply turn to one of your neighbors in the pews, let them know you are a visitor and they will gladly help.

Our liturgy is rooted in the practices of ancient Christianity. Everything you see and hear today, including the prayers, music, architecture, physical postures, and responses, hold deep meaning about our beliefs, and are intentional and outward expressions of our faith.

- **Responses spoken by the people are in bold.**

Directions are printed in italics.

- Families with children of all ages are welcome at our worship services. Spiritual coloring sheets, crayons, and other resources are in the rear of the church.
- There are many postures of prayer observed in the Episcopal church, usually standing or kneeling, but please do what you find most comfortable.
- Restrooms are located outside of the main church entrance to your right as you exit.

About Receiving The Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at San Jose.

- During this period of social distancing, the clergy will bring communion to your pew.
- If you wish to receive a blessing instead of bread, cross your arms over your chest.
- Notify the clergy if you require a gluten-free wafer.

Thee We Adore

*Musical offerings given at the 9:30 service.***The Word of God**

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.****The Collect for Purity**

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.**

Gloria *Spoken by all.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.*People:* **And also with you.***Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31 *Please be seated.*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114 *Spoken in unison at 8:00. Sung by the cantor at 9:30.*

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Tr. Peter Williams

*Lora Mitchell, Cantor**Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand; bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 *Please stand.**Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Sermon** *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed *All stand and speak in unison.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In the beginning of creation, God brought order out of chaos and intended for his beloved creatures a world of peace, beauty, and harmony. This day we ask the God of peace to once again bring harmony and balance to a world torn apart by the divisions of sin and the darkness of human hearts. Gracious God, curb the chaos of racism, bigotry, and pride that has fueled and fuels still divisions between human beings who are all equally created in your own image. *(Silence)*

Curb the chaos of violence and destruction, which is never endorsed by the Gospel of love given in your Son our Lord. *(Silence)*

Curb the chaos of grief for the families of men and women unjustly killed in our world and for the families of police and first responders unjustly targeted while trying to serve in their own callings. *(Silence)*

Curb the chaos of our political system, devolving rapidly from the ideals of freedom, representation, and voice into the mire of gaining power through separation and division. *(Silence)*

Curb the chaos of our own hearts as we sit bewildered by forces that seem hopelessly beyond our ability to control. Remind us daily that love and grace are expressed in action, not sentiment, and that everywhere we choose to do the right thing instead of the wrong thing, your power flows through us. *(Silence)*

Finally, gracious God, remind us that true peace, lasting peace, is available only in relationship with you. Turn each of our hearts to find the peace you offer, even in the toughest of times, and give us the courage to express our faith and offer your love, as intended, to a hurting and broken world.

Concluding Collect

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Peace *All stand and greet one another in the name of Christ.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Lora Mitchell, Cantor

Henry Van Dyke

Hymn to Joy, Beethoven

Adapt. Edward Hodges

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p.361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer A continues on page 362 of the Book of Common Prayer. The people may stand or kneel.

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion

Elevation

Leon Boellmann

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Allein Gott in der Höb sei Ehr

J. S. Bach, BWV 715

All glory be to God on high

Go Forth in the Name of Christ

As you depart following worship today, remember that your service to Christ for this week has only begun! Please pray for those in need, work for the Kingdom of God, and look for opportunities to celebrate and spread the Good News of Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer for:

Member names in bold

Pete Richter, Beverly Shaw, Wendy Monger, Nick Freyer, Nick Woodworth, Ted Pina Sr., Denise Press, Sara Farris, Carolyn & Bud Tyler, Mike & Betty Dubovsky, Sally Whitcomb, Susan Arnold, Cheryl Peele, Nell Mincer McCubbin, Roberta Miller, Billie, Sandra Dean, Chrissi Hills, Carol Johnson, Jerry & Bobbi Hanks, Frank Green, Cheyney Johnston, Jane Gut, Robert Menger, Patti Harvey, Joyce Deaux, Bill VanAs, Auriel Rundle, Charles Hughes, Bill Kent, Heather Hood, Ann Bachmann, Sybil Crawford, Barb Day, Helen Dean, Rick & Gloria Ferry, Nan Hucker, Jackie McKenzie, Burt & Marilyn Mendel, Lee Nimmicht Jr, Anne Powell, Dee Rea, Winnie Rowand, Jackie Weeks, and Jon Wheeler.

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Birthday Celebrations

13th Peggy Bennett

13th Brynn Spediacci

16th Sara Farris

17th Brian Logullo

13th Cindy Sohacki

15th Savannah Meyer

16th Caleigh Morrison

17th Anastasia McDaniel

13th Jennie Szaltis

15th Susan Whittaker

16th Hector Smith

18th Will Pittman

Anniversary Celebrations

13th Everette & Kristin Seay

13th Steve & Jhan Shaaber

Virtual Music Education Wednesdays

Beginning Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

This is designed for, and open to all members of our parish! Join Director of Music Zeek Smith on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 23, for VME. Subject matter will vary week-to-week. Some weeks will focus on reading music, others on music history, and others on music appreciation. Contact Zeek Smith to be put on the ZOOM invite list.

Praying Together at Home: A Guide through the Daily Office

In a time when many of us are distanced, how can we still pray together as community? Join Deacon Gray as he discusses one of the ways we can pray together between Sundays: the daily offices in the Book of Common Prayer. In this short podcast series, you will hear about the history of the offices, how to pray Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, as well as the shorter offices of Noonday Prayer, an Order for Evening, and Compline. And you will hear about the benefits this form of daily prayer can offer us as a community and for you personally. Episodes are now available and will be released each week through the first week in September. You can listen to this series on Anchor at <https://anchor.fm/gray-hodsdon> or find the podcast on Spotify. For more information, check last week's eBlast or contact Gray at frhodsdon@sanjoseepiscopal.com or call the church office.

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