



San Jose Episcopal Church

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 18

Holy Baptism

September 10, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.



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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.

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.

Families with children of all ages are welcome at our worship services. 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.

We now have assisted listening devices available for use during livestreamed services. Please contact an usher to request one. Users will need to supply their own headphones or earbuds. Instruction cards are available when you request a device.

About Receiving the Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at San Jose. If you are unable to receive at the altar rail, notify an usher and the clergy will come to your pew. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of bread, cross your arms over your chest. Please notify the clergy if you require a gluten-free wafer.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

The tower bell is rung to signal a time of preparation. The people remain seated.

Prelude

Opening Hymn *The people stand.*

Hymnal 400

Omit verses 2, 3, and 6



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 12:1-14 *Please be seated.*

Reader: A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

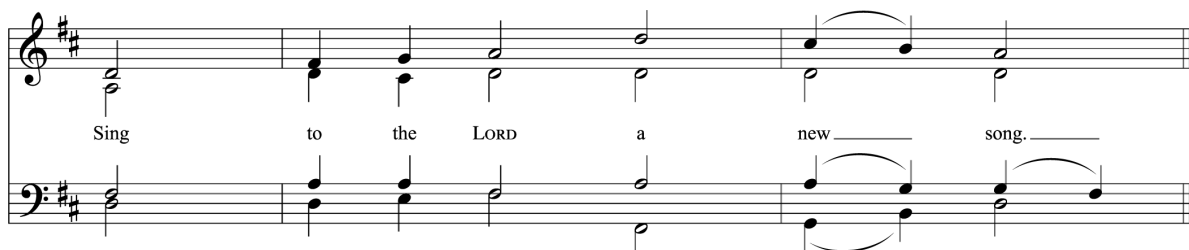
This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149

Mit Freuden zart (H82 #408)



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Choir: Sing to the Lord a new song.
All: **Sing to the Lord a new song.**
Choir: Hallelujah!
 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

All: **Sing to the Lord a new song.**
Choir: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
 and adorns the poor with victory.
 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.

All: **Sing to the Lord a new song.**
Choir: Let the praises of God be in their throat *
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;
 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
 and punishment on the peoples;

All: **Sing to the Lord a new song.**
Choir: To bind their kings in chains *
 and their nobles with links of iron;
 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
 this is glory for all his faithful people.
 Hallelujah!

All: **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Reader: A reading from Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1673)
Liebster Jesu, Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism

- Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
- Family:* I present Hadley Quinn Scott to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
- Family:* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
- Family:* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- Family:* I renounce them.
- Celebrant:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- Family:* I renounce them.
- Celebrant:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
- Family:* I renounce them.
- Celebrant:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
- Family:* I do.
- Celebrant:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
- Family:* I do.
- Celebrant:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
- Family:* I do.
- Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Hadley in her life in Christ?
- People:* **We will.**
- Celebrant:* Let us join with Hadley who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

- Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?
- People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Hadley who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Hadley, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Celebrant: Hadley, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The people stand as able.

The Peace *The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

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

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements



While the altar is prepared for Communion, there are several ways in which you can contribute to the offering.

- You may place your offering into the collection plate as it is passed.
- You may scan the QR code to the left to give online.

Thank you very much for your generosity!

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Jubilate Deo

Dale Wood



Words from *Songs of Praise*, alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) alt.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Wonder, Love, and Praise 858



Land of Rest, arr. Marcia Pruner

harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

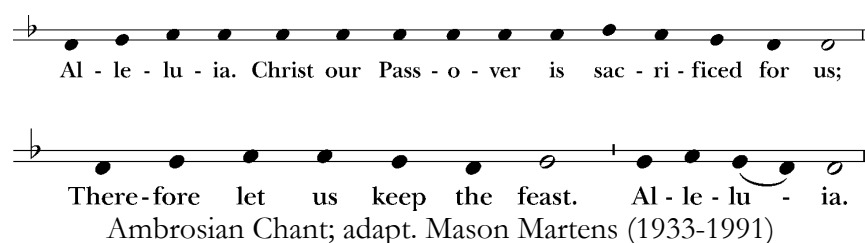
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God

Hymnal S 152



After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

Closing Hymn

Wonder, Love, and Praise 778



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
 2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
 3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
 4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
 the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
 to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,
 Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to-gether that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.
 free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
 our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955)

Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these, or other appropriate words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Earth and All Stars

Keith Kolander