

San Jose Episcopal Church



The First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024 at 10:30 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.

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.

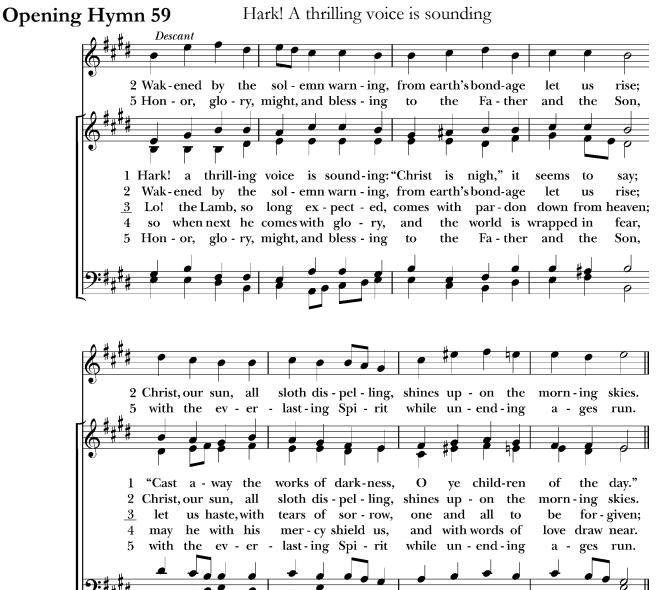
We now have assisted listening devices available for use during livestreamed services. Please contact an usher to request one. Users will need to supply their own headphones or earbuds. Instruction cards are available when you request a device.

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

Prelude



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk, desc. Alan Gray

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

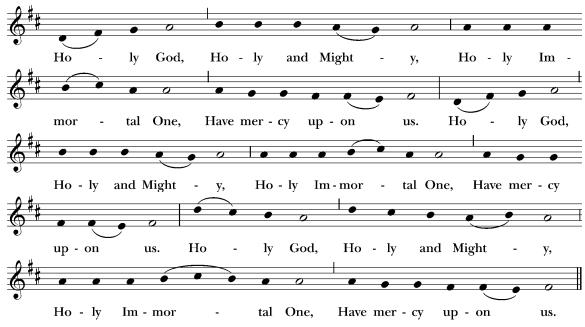
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

The following hymn is sung, all standing

Merton

Trisagion Hymnal S 100



Setting: New Plainsong, David Hurd

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Psalm 25:1-9



The choir sings the antiphon first, then all repeat.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

my God, I put my trust in you; *

let me not be humiliated,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. All sing antiphon.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all the day long. All sing antiphon.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *

for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. All sing antiphon.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *

and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. All sing antiphon.

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader: A reading from 1st Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Words: Charles Wesley Music: *Helmsley*, harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, alt.

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things

taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Please be seated.

The Rev. Stephen C. Britt

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.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty 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. *Silence*

Lord, in your 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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your 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 he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

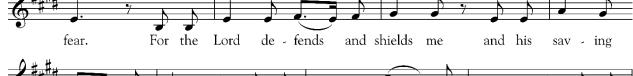
The Peace The people stand and greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

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

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Malcolm Archer **Offertory** People, look east Hymn 679 v. 1 Surely it is God who saves me Thomas Merton God Ι shall Sure - lv who saves me; it is trust - ing him, not









Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr., para. of *The First Song of Isaiah* Music: *Thomas Merton*, Ray W. Urwin

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.

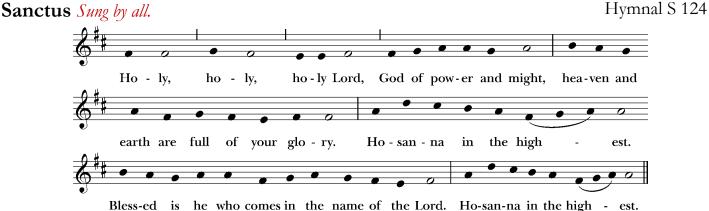
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:



Setting: New Plainsong, David

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues until the following is said

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



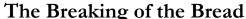
The Celebrant continues until the following is said

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**.

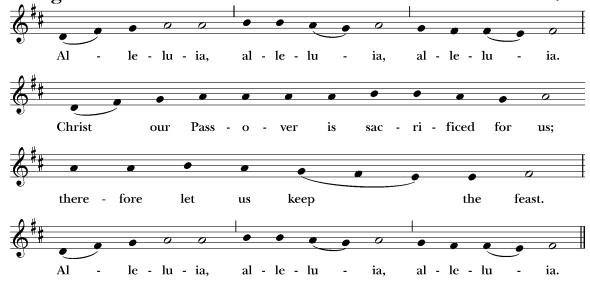
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.



Hymnal S 154



Setting: New Plainsong, David

Communion

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Christine Alfano

Richard Strauss

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

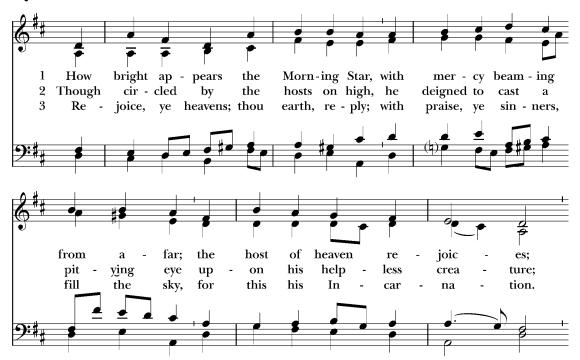
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

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

Closing Hymn 497

How bright appears the Morning Star

Wie schön leuchtet





Words: William Mercer, after Philipp Nicolai Music: *Wie schön leuchtet,* arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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