



The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, May 31, 2022 7 p.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

- **COVID-19 Protocols: Face Masks (N95 or KN95)** are required indoors, encouraged outdoors when in close proximity to others. **Physical distancing** is required indoors. **Eating** is only allowed outdoors.
- **Contact Tracing:** Please give your name and some form of contact information to the usher so that we can notify you if someone attending today's service later gets COVID.
- **Restrooms** are located on both ends of the building.

LITURGY OF CONFIRMATION WITH RECEPTION & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

from the Book of Common Prayer (1979), Enriching Our Worship, and the New Zealand Prayer Book

† The Liturgy of the Word †

Opening Hymn: The First One Ever, Oh, Ever to Know

Hymnal 1982 #673



1 The first one ev - er, oh, ev - er to know of the
2 The first one ev - er, oh, ev - er to know of Me -
3 The first ones ev - er, oh, ev - er to know of the



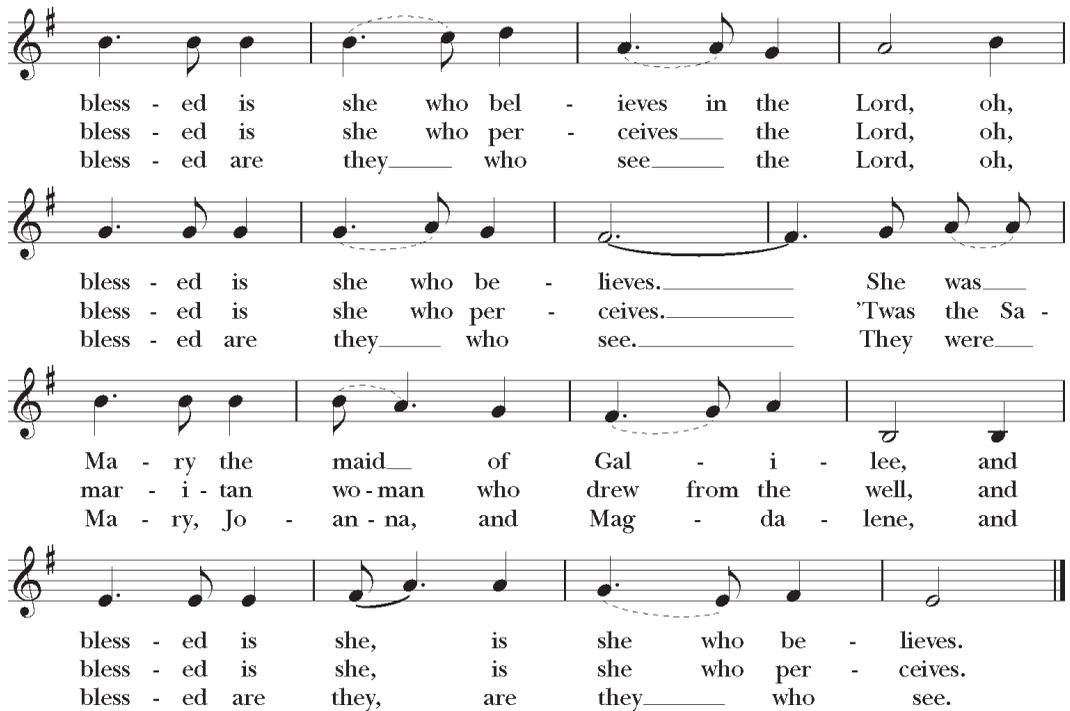
birth— of Je - sus, was the maid Ma - ry, was—
si - ah, Je - sus, when he said, "I am he," was the Sa -
ris - ing of Je - sus, his— glo - ry to be, were—



Ma - ry the maid— of Gal - i - lee, and
mar - i - tan wo - man who drew from the well, and
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, and Mag - da - lene, and



bles - ed is she, is she who be - lieves. Oh,
is bles - ed she, is she who per - ceives. Oh,
bles - ed are they, are they— who see. Oh,



bless - ed is she who bel - ieves in the Lord, oh,
 bless - ed is she who per - ceives the Lord, oh,
 bless - ed are they who see the Lord, oh,
 bless - ed is she who be - lieves. She was
 bless - ed is she who per - ceives. 'Twas the Sa -
 bless - ed are they who see. They were
 Ma - ry the maid of Gal - i - lee, and
 mar - i - tan wo - man who drew from the well, and
 Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, and Mag - da - lene, and
 bless - ed is she, is she who be - lieves.
 bless - ed is she, is she who per - ceives.
 bless - ed are they, are they who see.

Opening Acclamation

BCP 413/EOW 4

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God, Creator of all.

Collect of the Day

New Zealand Prayer Book 656

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray. (Silence.) Everloving God, by your grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and hailed her as the mother of the Lord. Fill us with your grace, that we may acclaim her Son as our Saviour and rejoice in our fellowship with him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introduction to the First Reading

Our first reading is the Song of Hannah, which Hannah prays after dedicating her son Samuel to the Lord's service in the Temple.

1 Samuel 2:1-10

EOW 1, Canticle C

Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in you, O God; *
my triumph song is lifted in you.

My mouth derides my enemies, *
for I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like you, *
nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; *
Only God is knowing and weighs all actions.

The bows of the mighty are broken, *
but the weak are clothed in strength.

Those once full now labor for bread, *
those who hungered now are well fed.

The childless woman has borne sevenfold, *
while the mother of many is forlorn.

God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; *
gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.

God raises the poor from the dust; *
and lifts the needy from the ash heap

To make them sit with the rulers *
and inherit a place of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are God's *
on which the whole earth is founded.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the bell ringing anymore before continuing.

Psalm 113

Inclusive Language Psalter, Based on BCP Translation

- 1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of God*
praise the Name of God.
- 2 Let the Name of God be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of God be praised.
- 4 God is high above all nations, *
and their glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like our God, who sits enthroned on high, *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 God takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 God sets them with the rulers, *
with the rulers of his people.
- 8 God makes those of a childless house *
to be joyful parents of children.

Introduction to the Epistle Reading

The Epistle reading comes from Paul's letter to the Romans, in a section where he outlines instructions for godly living.

Romans 12:9-16b

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

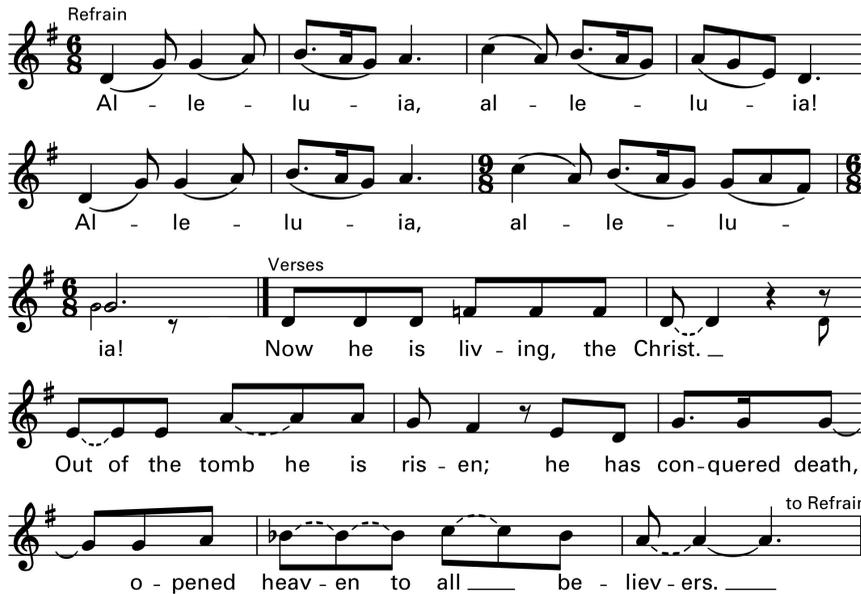
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Introduction to the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story of Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visiting her cousin Elizabeth, pregnant with John the Baptist. Mary's song of praise, known as the Magnificat, echoes themes from the Song of Hannah we heard in the first reading.

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Finian O'Carroll, Christopher Walker



Refrain

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

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

Verses

ia! Now he is liv - ing, the Christ. _

Out of the tomb he is ris - en; he has con - quered death,

o - pened heav - en to all _ be - liev - ers. _

to Refrain

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-57

(NRSV)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home. Now
the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.*

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Repeat Gospel Acclamation

Sermon The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby, Bishop of El Camino Real

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

Presentation of the Candidates

New Zealand Prayer Book 387

Bishop God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us.
In baptism God declares that love;
in Christ God calls us to respond.

Sponsor Bishop Lucinda, I present Jill Talvensaari for Confirmation.

Sponsor Bishop Lucinda, I present Judy Verbeck to be received into this Communion.

Sponsor Bishop Lucinda, I present Lise Crowley who desires to reaffirm
her baptismal vows.

Sponsor Bishop Lucinda, I present Nancy Goehring who desires to reaffirm
her baptismal vows.

Sponsor Bishop Lucinda, I present Sarah Simms who desires to reaffirm
her baptismal vows.

Sponsor Bishop Lucinda, I present Sherrie DeWitt who desires to reaffirm
her baptismal vows.

Sponsor Bishop Lucinda, I present Nelson Crandall who desires to reaffirm
his baptismal vows.

Bishop Jill, Judy, Lise, Nancy, Sarah, Sherrie, and Nelson, we welcome you as you come to profess and reaffirm your faith. At your baptism you were made a disciple of Christ, and we signed you with the cross. Come now to receive the laying on of hands with prayer, to strengthen you for the work of God's kingdom.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil? *BCP 415*

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop (to the congregation) Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People (loudly!) **We will!**

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 416-417

Bishop Let us join with those who are recommitting themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop 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 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News
of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop 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 Candidates

BCP 417-418, 305-306

Deacon Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed
their commitment to Christ.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of Faith

Confirmation

BCP 418

Bishop Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Jill with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

Reception

Bishop Judy, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Reaffirmation

Bishop Lise, Nancy, Sarah, Sherrie, and Nelson, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God,
let your hand ever be over these your servants;
let your Holy Spirit ever be with them;
and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word,
that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Because the sharing of the peace symbolizes being reconciled with one another before receiving communion, it is particularly appropriate to seek out anyone with whom you may have had a conflict recently and offer a sign of peace at this time.

† The Holy Communion †

The Offertory

Tonight's offering will go to support the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Your generosity to the Discretionary Fund provides financial support to those with special needs beyond what a parish is normally able to attend to—whether clergy or lay.

If you're participating online, you can find links to donate on the Virtual Worship page of our website: www.st-john-aptos.org/virtual-worship.html

Offertory Solo: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker

Sung by Andrew Carter

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.

Presentation Hymn: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Caribbean)

My Heart Sings Out #18

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!', 'hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!', 'hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -', and 'lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!'.

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 57-59

Presider The Lord 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.

Presider

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

Hymnal 1982 #125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

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.”

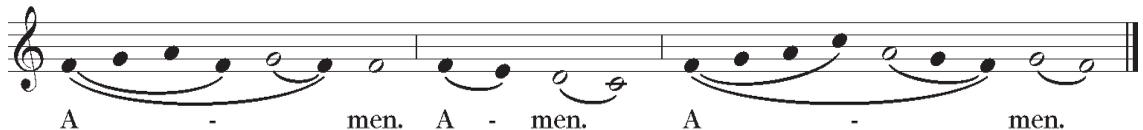
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Elizabeth, Blessed John the Baptist,
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.

Great Amen

Hymnal 1982 #143



The Lord's Prayer

Jack Noble White

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven _ _ Hal - lowed be your name;



your king - dom come; your will be done on earth_ as in heav'n.



Give us to - day our dai - - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those _____



who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial_ _ _



and de - li - ver us from e - vil. _ _ for the king - dom the po - wer _ .



and the glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er.



A - men, A - men, A - - men, A - men, A - men.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982 #154

As the bread is broken, the Fraction Anthem is sung.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion is an act of renewing one's commitment to Christ and receiving grace to continue to follow him. Please join us in the circle, even if you choose not to receive communion, which you can indicate by crossing your arms over your chest as the servers come by. If you choose not to receive, the priest will say a blessing over you instead.

Distribution of Communion

The bread is distributed first. Please hold out your hands to indicate your desire to receive; the priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available if needed; they are in a separate gold container on the paten (plate) with the bread.

The wine will be served in the common cup (chalice) and from a flagon (pitcher) that is not shared with others. To receive from the non-shared flagon, you must have brought a cup from home; hold out that cup as the servers come around so they can see that you would like to receive from the flagon instead of the chalice. If you would like to abstain from the wine entirely, cross your arms over your chest when the wine comes by.

For Online Participants: Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those not physically present to receive communion can say this prayer while communion is being distributed: "In union, O Lord, with the faithful of St. John's, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and

body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.”

If you live in Santa Cruz County and would like someone to bring you communion at home, please contact Mother Tracy at rector@st-john-aptos.org or 831-708-6828.

Communion Hymn: We Gather Here

Glory to God #510



1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
 2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
 3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;



his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
 the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
 we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;



for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
 the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host;
 now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait



come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.



(1) No one is a strang - er here; ♯ ev - ery - one be - longs;
 (2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.



Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs
 Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

Communion Hymn: Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken *Hymnal #301, 302*

1. Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
 2. Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly
 3. Watch o'er thy Church. O Lord, in merc - cv. save it from

soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were
 Name with - in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im -
 e - vil, guard it still, per - fect it in they love, u -

spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
 -mor - tal Je - sus thy Son to us im - parts.
 -nite it, cleansed and con - formed un - to thy will.

look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the
 Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure, didst give us
 As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, was in this

tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the
 food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the Bread e -
 bro - ken bread made one. so from all lands thy Church be

to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.
 -ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Post-Communion Prayer

EOW 1 p. 70

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: In Boldness, Look to God

Voices Found #94

1 In bold-ness, look to God for help, like wo - men folk who
2 In bold-ness, lean on God for strength, and heal - ing from dis -
3 In bold-ness, learn of God the truth of Ma - ry's bet - ter
4 In bold-ness, love, nor count the cost. Con - front the world's harsh

dared: to ask that Je - sus heal a child, that
ease: of mind and bod - y, heart and will, whose
part: by fear and cen - sure un - de - terred, de -
stare: like one who washed the feet of Christ, and

crumbs of grace be shared, that out - cast ones be
bond - age Je - sus frees. Reach out and touch the
ter - mined in her heart to kneel at Je - sus'
wiped them with her hair, poured per - fume to a -

wel - comed to the feast God has pre - pared.
hem of Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.
feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.
noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby, Bishop
Assisting Priests: The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller, Rector
The Rev. Eliza Linley, Assisting Priest
Deacon: The Rev. Joan Anderson
Musician: Andrew Carter, Director of Music Ministries
Acolyte: Tina Grubbe
Hebrew Scripture Reading: Barbara Raney
Epistle Reading: Robbie Kilpatrick
Intercessor: Brian Raney
Usher: Bart Coddington
Altar Guild: Kathy Butler & Eileen Fernald