

# TIME AFTER PENTECOST November 15, 2020

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE A Tempo Guistu - Allegro G. F. HANDEL/ARR. J WALSH (from A Second Set of Six Concertos, Concerto IV, HWV 319, 1/2)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

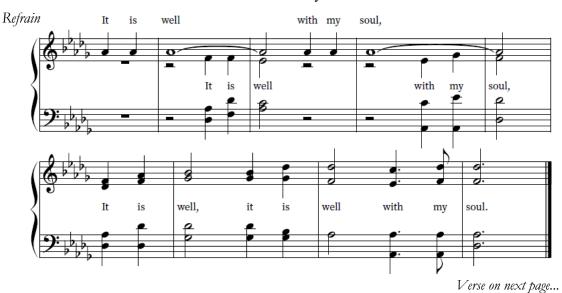
WELCOME

Pastor Amy Kienzle

MUSIC FOR CENTERING

It Is Well with My Soul

HYMN 785





#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sin in the community of God and each other.

Pause to reflect on sin and confess from within.

## O God, hear the cry of your people.

There are days when the storms threaten to break over us, and the waves seem relentless. Our hearts falter, and our spirits are weak. Disasters of our own making make us weary, and we confess that we cannot do this alone.

Sung refrain

O God, hear the lament of your people.

Where the poor cry for mercy, we turn a blind eye. Where the lonely reach out a hand, we so often withdraw our own. Where justice begs to be spoken, we stay quiet in our own comfort. And though you promised to be with us on rough water, we forget and cling to other shores.

Sung refrain

O God, hear the cry of your people.

Forgive us our sin, strengthen our hearts, open our eyes that we may boldly step into the call of your Holy Spirit; To shine in the dark; Speak out for the ostracized; And stand firm when the gusty winds of this world prevail.

People of God take heart, and have no fear. The anchor holds when the storms are cruel. Your way is never all alone. Hear these words: the sin that weighs you down is no more! You are forgiven in the name of Jesus, the very one who stands with you; in this life and in all that is to come. Rejoice greatly and rest in Christ's never-ending love for you and all creation.

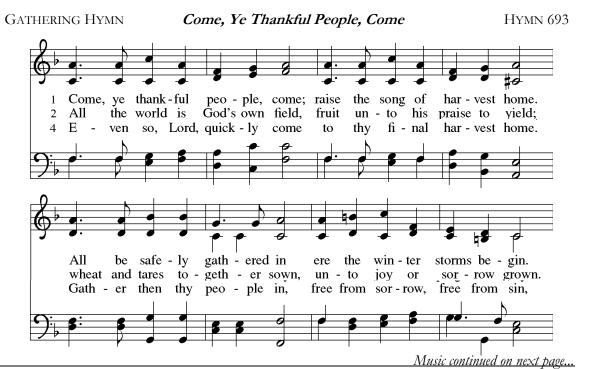
Sung verse

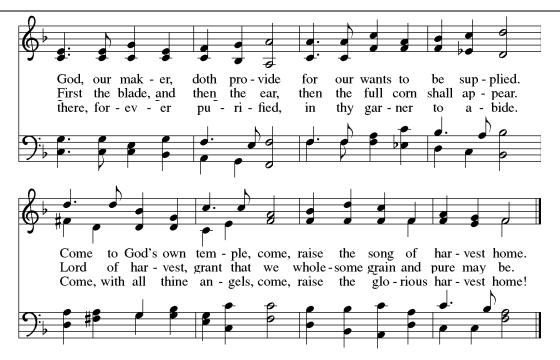
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With my soul

With my soul. It is well, it is well, with my soul. Amen.





## GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master,

you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Word

PSALM 90 In Every Age T. R. SMITH

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song; 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.



Verses You return us to dust, saying, "Return, O children, to earth." For to you a thousand years are like yesterday passed, or as a watch of the night. **Refrain.** 

You sweep us away in a dream. At dawn we are like morning grass that rises to the morning sun, then withers and fades. *Refrain*.

Teach us to treasure our days. Give wisdom to our hearts. Return, O Lord, how long must we wait? Pity your servants. *Refrain.* 

Fill our day-break with your love that we may rejoice in song. May your gracious eye watch over us and the work of our hands. *Refrain.* 

LESSON Kim Maness, Lector 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.



Verse Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning; you have the words of everlasting life. Refrain.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Alleluia

See previous

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kim Hendricks

SERMON

Vicar Katie Holeman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Lucy Lindgren

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

**PEACE** 

The peace of Christ be with you and your household.

And also with you.

## **THANKSGIVING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

In this time of national emergency and global concern, we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's lavish love with our tithes and offerings.

We thank God for your commitment to St. John's, including your giving pledge/plan for 2021. To make a pledge online, please go to www.stjohnslc.org and click on the "2021 Pledge" tab at the top of our Home page. You may also mail your pledge to the church (St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811), call 916-444-0874, or email linda.baldwin@stjohnslc.org.

If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our Worship With St John's Card here.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Suite in D Major for Trumpet Mvt. 3 - Aria

G. F. HANDEL

Victor Pietrzak, Trumpet

#### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. O God of justice and love,

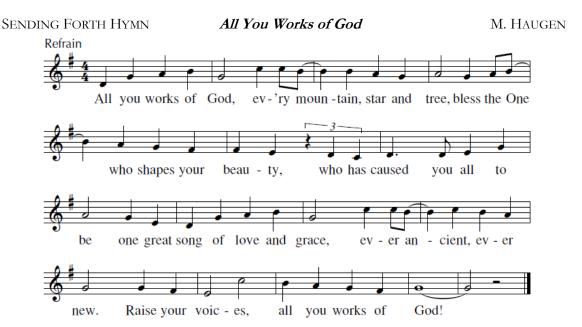
we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and Holy Spirit, be honor and glory. Amen.

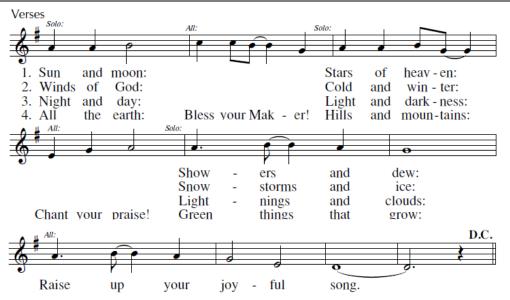
#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## **SENDING**

## BENEDICTION





DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,

and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE Allegro G. F. HANDEL/ARR. J. WALSH (from A Second Set of Six Concertos, Concerto IV, HWV 319, 4)

## SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Preacher Vicar Katie Holeman
Liturgist Pastor Amy Kienzle

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Children's Sermon Kim Hendricks
Assisting Minister Lucy Lindgren

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Assistant Director of Worship & Music

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Viola Howie Montenegro
Trumpet Victor Pietrzak

**Cantors** Joel Barkel, Josh Maddox,

Heather Mercer, Howie Montenegro,

Nicole Newell, Mark Thomas

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