



TIME AFTER PENTECOST
September 20, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Capel"

L. SOWERBY

*(As is often the case, this tune is set to a number of hymns including
"This is the day the Lord has made")*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Frank Espegren

MUSIC FOR CENTERING
& CONTEMPLATION

Come and Fill our Hearts
Confitemini Domino

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Latin: Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!
Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause to reflect on sin and confess from within.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world

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. Almighty and eternal God,

you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

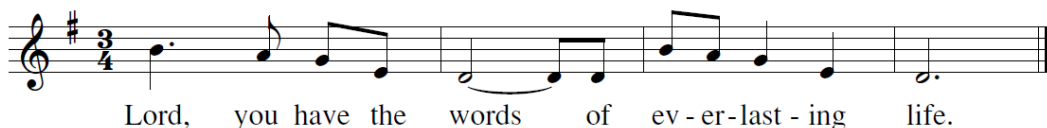
PSALM 19

I Will Praise Your Name

D. HAAS

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

Refrain



Verses The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the Lord's rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom. **Refrain.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever;
the decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just. **Refrain.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart,
the command of the Lord is clear, giving light to the eye. **Refrain.**

They are worth more than gold, than the finest gold,
sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. **Refrain.**

LESSON

Andrea Jessop, Lector

Jonah 3:10-4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. Verse sung by cantor.



Verses Let your heart rejoice in the Lord. Let your word proclaim his deeds. Let your voice sing out to the world that our God has come to save. **Refrain.**

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-6

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Alleluia

See previous, refrain only

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Eliseo Paniagua

SERMON

Pastor Frank Espregen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Mary Robinson

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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. You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERTORY title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.

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

Ubi Caritas

L. ROSANIA

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.

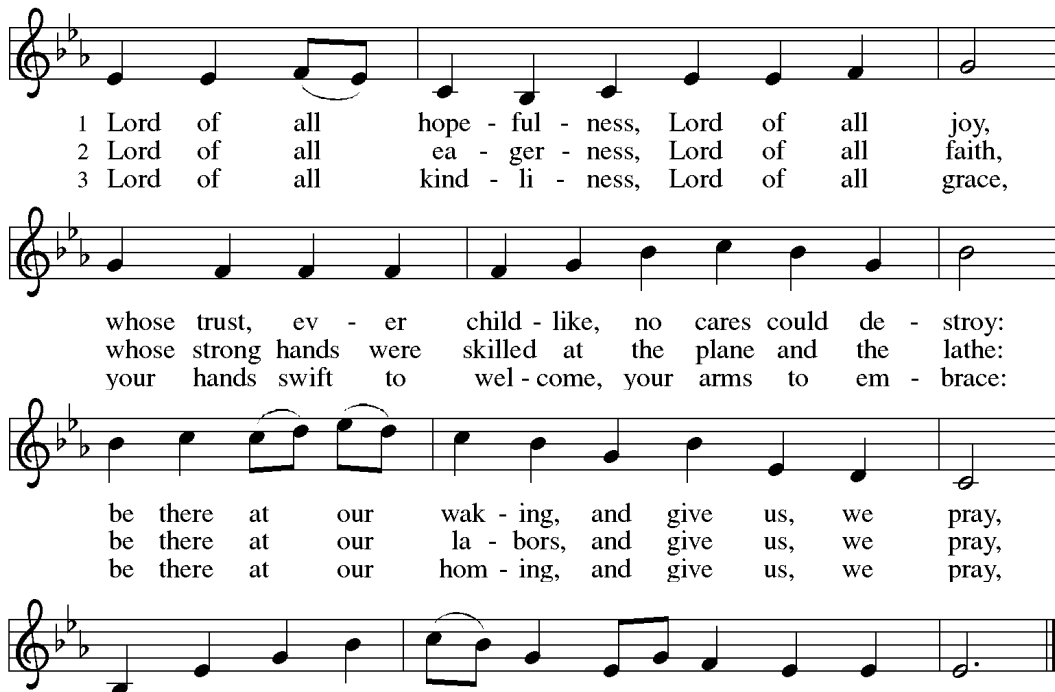
SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

HYMN 765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,
and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

Marcia Religiosa
(from Sonata No. 6 for organ, Op. 119, no. 3)

J. RHEINBERGER

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Frank Espegren
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