



SEASON OF EASTER  
*May 17, 2020*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude in E Flat Major, Opus 99 No. 3</i>	C. SAINT-SAENS
RINGING OF THE BELLS		Order of St. John
WELCOME		Vicar Carolyn Brodt

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The tomb is empty, the cross is left bare.**

We testify to the hope and promise that is ours,  
**even if we have not seen Christ face to face.**

We have seen the risen Christ in the faces of neighbors and friends,  
**through the love and encouragement of family and the stranger.**

Christ is there in the courage of those serving the sick and most in need,  
**and in the faces of our unhoused neighbors.**

As we walk this Easter road,  
**we look for how Christ walks with us and is made known in unexpected ways.**

Christ is risen indeed,  
**Alleluia!**

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1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

## 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 ever-living God,

**you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# WORD

PSALM 112

*Blessed Are They*

T. EIRAS

Bles - sed, Bles - sed are they, who  
hun - ger and thirst for ho - li - ness, For  
e - ver will they be ful - filled.

*Verses* The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed.  
The Lord gives food to the hungry, and the Lord sets captives free. **Refrain**  
The Lord gives sight to the blind, raising up those who were bow'd down.  
The Lord loves the just. The Lord protects the stranger. **Refrain**  
The fatherless and the widow the Lord sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, through all generations. **Refrain**

## LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia*

S. ANGRISANO/T. TOMASZEK

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -  
lu - ia! 1 to Verse Final 2 Fine

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*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 John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

*After the reading:* The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

**Alleluia**

*See previous, refrain only*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Frank Espegren

SERMON

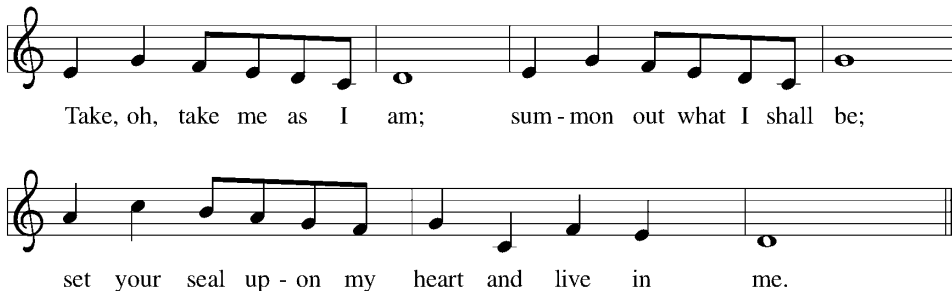
Pastor Amy Kienzle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE

**Take O Take Me As I Am**

HYMN 814



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.*



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom,

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I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see.  
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.  
 Come and rest in me.  
 all will know my name.  
 up, now walk and live!

*To stanza 2*  
*To refrain*  
*To refrain*  
*To refrain*

*Refrain*

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

*To stanzas 3 and 4*

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God,

**our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

*Please dip your finger in bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.*

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We have gathered here in communion with you, O Christ, through this virtual portal of time and space. While we are not able to partake of the body and blood of Jesus in the sacrament, we join in prayer to express our longing in this time of fasting from communion:

**O Christ, I believe that you are present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the full sacrament, I invite you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Help me to remember that nothing in heaven or on earth can separate me from the love of God through you. Amen.**

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## 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

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SENDING FORTH HYMN

### *I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say*

HYMN 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Share this Good News  
**and live God's love in the world!**

### POSTLUDE

### *Fugue in E Flat Major, Opus 99, No. 3*

C. SAINT-SAENS

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## SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

<b>Welcome</b>	Vicar Carolyn Brodt
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Amy Kienzle
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Pastor Frank Espegren
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Rebekah Turnbaugh
<b>Assistant Director of Communications</b>	Esperanza Foft
<b>Director of Worship &amp; Music</b>	Steven Johnson
<b>Assistant Director of Worship &amp; Music</b>	Eliseo Paniagua
<b>Organist</b>	Dr. Ryan Enright
<b>Violist</b>	Howie Montenegro
<b>Oboist</b>	Sara Atwood
<b>Cantors</b>	Joel Barkel, Nicole Gonda, Josh Maddox, Heather Mercer, Howie Montenegro
<b>Audio/Visual Technicians</b>	John Bogni, Tim Reese

