

TIME AFTER PENTECOST July 5, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fanfare, Prelude and Fughetta (from Five Pieces, nos. 1 & 2) H. WILLAN

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Frank Espegren

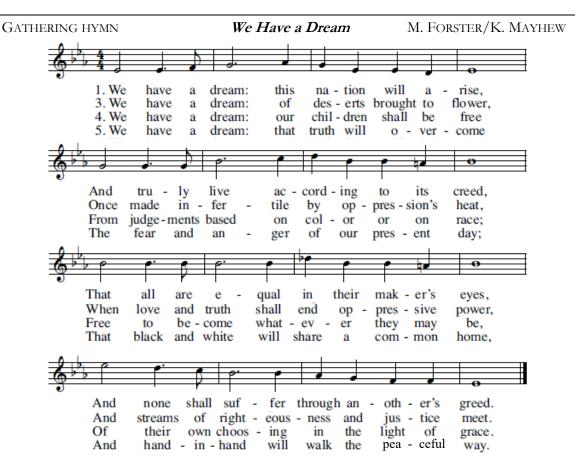
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Christ died to save all people so that we might be freed from sin to serve with all people. Yet we live in a world where evil exists and sin resides. We cannot escape it of our own will. Despite good intentions, we hurt each other and do not see the face of God in our neighbors. And so with all the people of God we confess the sin that separates us from the One and from one another.

Pause to reflect on sin and confess from within.

Oh Most Human One come down to earth, You know our world of pain and suffering, and love it still. Forgive us our sins, save us from the time of trial, restore us to hope, rejoin us to you, and reconcile us to each other. We confess this to you and ask for your forgiveness in the name of + Christ. We reclaim our baptismal calls into the body of Christ. We are beloved. We live into the joy and freedom to love and serve with all people!

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. You are great, O God,

and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Kim Maness, Lector

Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63

My Soul Thirsts

D. SCHUTTE

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



Verses I have walked in your temple, and seen your might deeds.

Your love, O Lord, means more to me, than all my days of life. *Refrain.*

I can count on your mercy to feed my hungry heart, for when I lift my hands in need, a banquet you provide. *Refrain.*

I will make my dwelling in the shelter of your wings. Your hand, O Lord, will keep me safe through darkest night and day. *Refrain.*

LESSON

Ellie VanAcker, Lector

Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

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Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

See previous, V. 3 & 4

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Frank Espegren

SERMON

Pastor Amy Kienzle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Lucy Lindgren

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

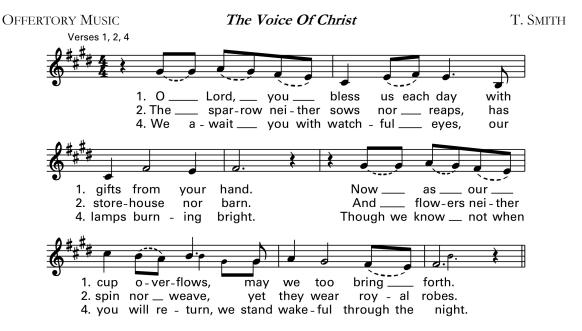
The peace of Christ be with you and your household. **And also with you.**

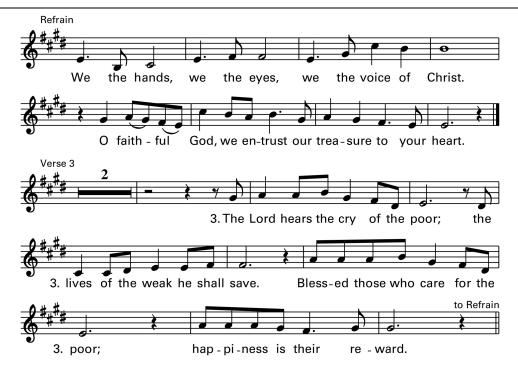
THANKSGIVING

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. 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 Offental 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 PRAYER

Let us pray. God of goodness and growth,

all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. 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

Finale Jubilante (from Five Pieces, no. 5)

H. WILLAN

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Presider Pastor Frank Espegren

Lectors Kim Maness, Ellie VanAcker

Preachers Pastor Amy Kienzle

Children's Sermon Pastor Frank Espegren
Assisting Ministers Lucy Lindgren

Assistant Director of Communications

Director of Worship & Music

Steven Johnson

Assistant Director of Worship & Music

Eliseo Paniagua

Organ Dr. Ryan Enright
Piano Steven Johnson
Viola Howie Montenegro

Cantors Joel Barkel, Josh Maddux, Heather Mercer

Howie Montenegro, Nicole Newell,

Audio/Visual Technicians John Bologni, Tim Reese

