

WITH ALL PEOPLE

TIME AFTER PENTECOST
July 12, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Ciacona

J. MUELLER

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.

Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

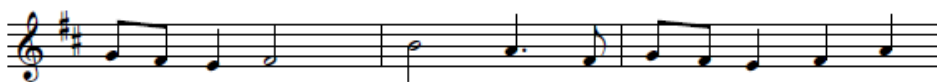


life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
 love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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 God,

we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

WORD

PSALM 33

The Lord Fills the Earth with His Love

P. INWOOD

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



Verses The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right, and he fills the earth with his love. **Refrain.**

By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
The Lord collects the waves of the ocean, he stores up the depths of the sea. **Refrain.**

They are happy whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. From the
heavens the Lord looks forth, and he sees all the children of the earth. **Refrain.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **Refrain.**

LESSON

Rhonda Holmen, Lector

Isaiah 55:10-13

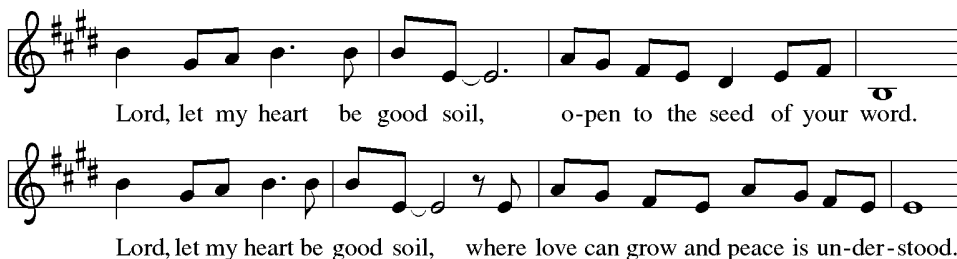
*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land
in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

HYMN 512



Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

HYMN 512



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jon Haug

SERMON

Pastor Frank Espegren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Suzi Taylor

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 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

The Prayer for Peace

H. TITUS

Carrie Hennessey, Soloist

*Oh, God, lead us from darkness to light. Oh, God, lead us from death to immortality.
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti unto all. Shanti, Shanti unto all.*

*Oh Lord God Almighty, May there be peace in celestial regions. May there be peace on Earth.
May the waters be appeasing and May herbs be ever wholesome and may trees and plants bring peace to all.
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti unto all.*

*May all things be a source of peace to us. May all things be a source of peace to us.
And may Thy Peace itself bestow your peace on all. May that Peace also come from me.*

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.

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.

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

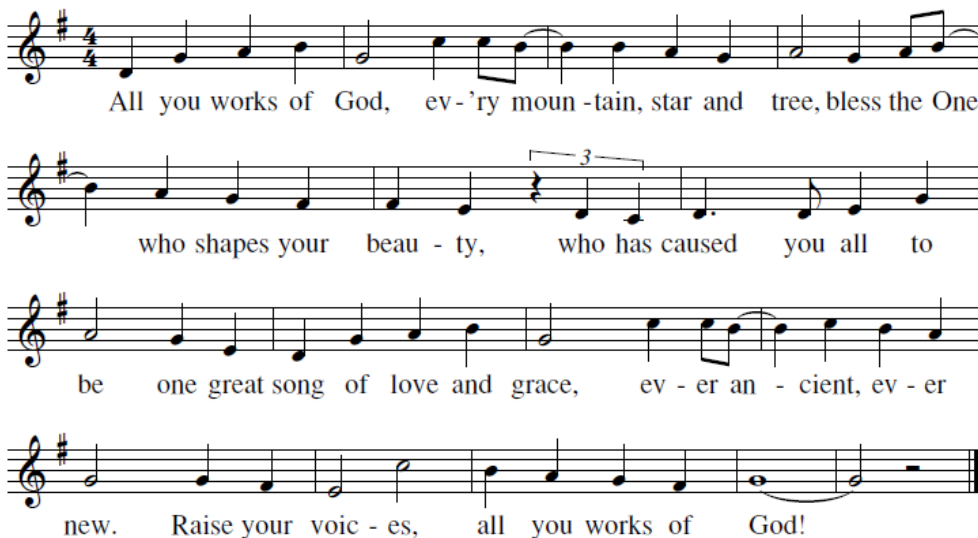
BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

All You Works Of God

M. HAUGEN

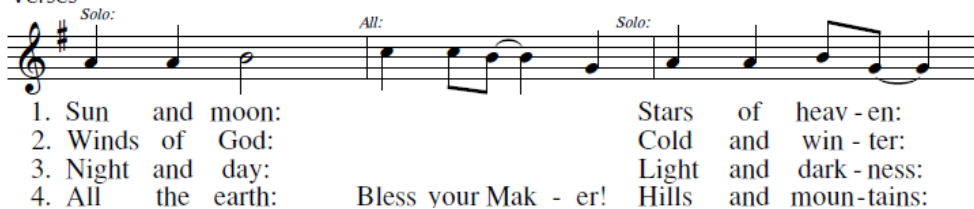
Refrain



The musical notation for the Refrain is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music with corresponding lyrics. The first line is: "All you works of God, ev-'ry moun-tain, star and tree, bless the One". The second line is: "who shapes your beau-ty, who has caused you all to". The third line is: "be one great song of love and grace, ev-er an-cient, ev-er". The fourth line is: "new. Raise your voic-es, all you works of God!". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth line.

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who shapes your beau-ty, who has caused you all to
be one great song of love and grace, ev-er an-cient, ev-er
new. Raise your voic-es, all you works of God!

Verses



The musical notation for the Verses is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music with corresponding lyrics. The first line is: "1. Sun and moon: Stars of heav-en:". The second line is: "2. Winds of God: Cold and win-ter:". The third line is: "3. Night and day: Light and dark-ness:". The fourth line is: "4. All the earth: Bless your Mak-er! Hills and moun-tains:". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth line.

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Music continued on next page...

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Recessional

J. MUELLER

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Frank Espegren
Presider	Pastor Jon Haug
Lector	Rhonda Holmen
Children's Sermon	Pastor Jon Haug
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Assistant Director of Communications	Esperanza Foft
Director of Worship & Music	Steven Johnson
Assistant Director of Worship & Music	Eliseo Paniagua
Organ	Dr. Ryan Enright
Piano	Steven Johnson
Viola	Howie Montenegro
Soloist	Carrie Hennessey
Cantors	Joel Barkel, Josh Maddux, Heather Mercer
	Howie Montenegro, Nicole Newell
Audio/Visual Technicians	John Bologni, Tim Reese

