St John's Episcopal Church



Ordinary Time Proper 23 October 13, 2024 10am

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14 Lagunitas Road PO Box 217 Ross, California 94957 (415) 456-1102 info@stjohnsross.org www.stjohnsross.org As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along or enjoy listening. Welcome - we are grateful for your presence!

During the service, please text your prayer request, birthday, anniversary or occasion of thanksgiving to 415.275.0115.

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Altar Flowers Given By

Nancy Strauch

in loving memory of her sister Jane and her father Harry on their birthdays. Leslie and Rick Limpert

in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Holly and Bill Kaufman

in thanksgiving for Ryan and Eric on their birthdays

To remember or celebrate a loved one with a donation for our altar flowers, please contact Nancy Strauch at 510-237-5021.

Prelude

Welcome *A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Hymn 655

O Jesus, I have promised

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- Sung by all, standing.
 - O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end: be thou for ever near me, my Teacher and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
 - 2 O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
 - 3 O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Teacher and my friend.

— John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

Opening Acclamation

PresiderBlessed be the one, holy, and living God.PeopleGlory to God for ever and ever.

Presider and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Song of PraiseJubilate Deo (Canon)Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)Please join in singing the music below, repeated ad lib. May be sung as a round.



Collect of the Day

PresiderGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

First Reading

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Please be seated. A Reading from the Book of Job.

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me.
There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
"If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me;

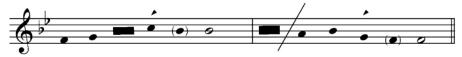
If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90: 12-17

Plainsong

Congregation joins with the choir on the ODD verses.



- 12 So teach us to number **oúr** days * that we may apply our / hearts to **wís**dom.
- 13 Return, O God; how long will you tárry? * be gracious / to your sérvants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the **mórn**ing; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the / days of **óur** life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you af**flíct**ed us * and the years in which we suf/fered ad**vérs**ity.
- 16 Show your servants your **wórks** * and your splendor / to their **chíld**ren.
- 17 May the graciousness of our God be up**ón** us; * prosper the work of our hands; pros/per our **hánd**iwork.

Gospel AcclamationRoss Alleluia No. 1John Karl HirtenRefrain is sung twice each time.



Cantor will sing a verse, after which all the Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

A moment of silent reflection follows the Sermon.

The Rev. Francis Matumba

The Creed

Sung by all, standing.



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Prayers of the People

Grant, All Loving God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. God of love and mercy: *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Let us offer our thanksgivings for God's goodness in our lives and in the world. God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially...; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We offer the prayers sent by text...; God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *A moment of silence is kept.*

Minister and People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

The presider offers God's absolution.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

Peace

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory & Collection

The ushers take a collection during the offertory anthem. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. Ways of giving to St. John's are listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Offertory	O How Amiable	Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

O how amiable are thy dwellings O Lord of hosts.

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Blessed are they who dwell in thy house, O Lord, ever singing thy praise.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

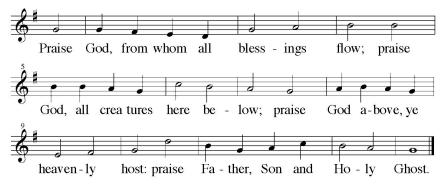
and establish thou the work o our hands upon us, from everlasting. Thou art God.

— from Ps. 84 and Ps. 90.

The Doxology

Old Hundredth

The people stand to sing the Doxology while the collection is presented at the altar.



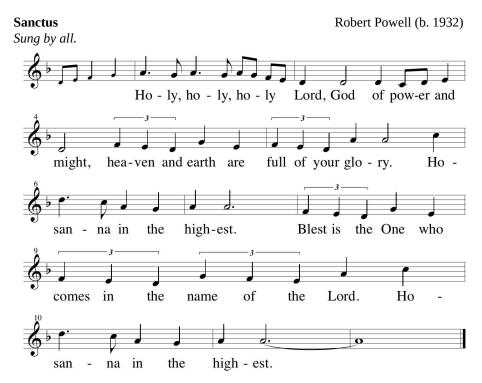
Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

God.
aise.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

... And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory! *The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:* Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People Blessed are you now and for ever. *AMEN*.

Lord's Prayer

You are invited to raise your hands in prayer and blessing as we pray. And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider and People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Plainchant (Peregrine Tone)

Please repeat refrain the first time after the cantor.



Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. -Refrain

Presider Holy things for holy people.

Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you would like to receive the common cup, please help guide the chalice so you may drink from it. The practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is no longer permitted, in alignment with best health practices. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion

Jesu, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright. Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned, Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, round thy throne.

- Martin Janus (c. 1620-1692), tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand.

PresiderLet us pray.Presider and PeopleGod of abundance,you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;you have united us with Christ and one another;and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the worldand continue for everin the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The presider offers God's blessing.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Occasions of Thanksgiving

All those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and occasions of thanksgiving are invited to come forward.

Today, tomorrow and always we rejoice in the hands of God. May God's powerful hands support you. May God's guiding hands lead you. May God's loving hands enfold you. We rejoice in the hands of God. *Amen*.

Hymn 460, sts 1, 3, & 4 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL

 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood. Jesus, out of every nation, Has redeemed us by his blood.

- 3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

—William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Dismissal

	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People	Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*** Members of the congregation are always welcome to watch the organist play the postlude. Walk up the ramp behind the organ console. Parents with children are especially welcome, but please wait until the end to converse! ***

Join us for coffee and fellowship In our parish hall following the service. Coffee and refreshments on the house.

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

SUNDAY

8am: Worship 9am: Family Worship (Held in the Parish Hall.) 10am: Worship (in-person in the church & live stream) Children's Sunday School & Morning Youth Group

MONDAY

7:30pm: Bible Study (Zoom). All are welcome. (no gathering on October 14)

TUESDAY

7:30am: Christian Meditation (in-person and online)

WEDNESDAY

2pm: Bible Study (in the Fireside Room)

THURSDAYS 11am: Christian Classics Lite (in the Youth Room)

2nd TUESDAY 6pm: Dinner Church in the Parish Hall

2nd SATURDAYS of the Month (usually)

8am: Men's Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCAM Alert: A parishioner's email was hacked and several people received requests for Amazon gift cards. DO NOT EVER respond to a request to buy gift cards for someone. If someone really needs assistance they can call you. If you are unsure call the person who emailed you. These are always phishing scams and it is best to report the email as phishing.

Sunday Forum: October 20 Hope Beyond Hope Beyond is a non-profit organization that connects women with women who are incarcerated in the California prison system through an app that facilitates writing to each other (similar to texting). For more information, please attend the Sunday Forum on October 20th during coffee hour.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study is offered weekly in person in the Youth Room, 2-3pm, led by Ethan Dettmer. In this informal gathering we dive deep into books from the bible. No experience or preparation required. We are currently making our way through the book of Genesis. (*No meeting on October 16.*)

Thursday Mornings: Christian Classics Lite We will gather 11am-12 noon on Thursday mornings until mid-November. Led by parishioner David Kinney, the group will be working with the text, Devotional Classics, edited by Richard Foster and James Bryan Smith. The text offers short excerpts from books that have stood the test of time, and each week we will use the text as a springboard for conversation and learning. Contact Rev. Heather with questions or to sign up.

Community Outreach: Handmade Hat Drive This year marks the 5th anniversary of St. John's making hats for our unhoused neighbors in Marin. The San Rafael Street Chaplaincy will distribute the hats at their Thanksgiving event so it's not too early to start knitting or crocheting hats. As in the past, it is optional to include other small gifts, toiletries or cards if you like. Please email parishioner Leslie Limpert if you plan to participate or need further instructions. Further details on drop off will be provided later.

Children's Sunday School, 10am. The children will meet in their respective classrooms for Sunday School. Class Hope (Kindergarten through 2nd grade) will gather in the Fireside Room, while Class Faith (3rd to 5th grade) will meet in the Garden Room near the Youth Room. After class, the children will join their parents for Communion in the main service.

An Invitation There's an opportunity to volunteer and teach in Sunday school for the upcoming program year 2024-2025. If you are interested, please email Sandra Pathik, Director of Children's Ministry.

St. John's Choristers, our children's choir, is starting to get ready for Christmas! Singing in a choir is a great way to gain confidence, learn how to participate in a

group dynamic, and meet new friends. My goal as director is always to keep things moving along, and fun. Open to children 6 y.o. and up and there is no audition to join. Rehearsal times are currently on Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays at 3:15 PM, depending on schedules. Please email John Karl Hirten at john@stjohnsross.org for more info.

Confirm Not Conform 2024-2025 Our youth confirmation class returns today from 12-1pm in the Youth Room!

Haunted Church 2024 Calling all ghouls and ghosts! Haunted Church is back! Help design + build, get creative with costumes + makeup, join the team for set up + clean up, become a creature of the night in the Haunted Church itself, or lend a hand as a night-of volunteer. Haunted Church is from 6-7:30 on Halloween Night! Contact Maggie Doyle, Youth Minister for details

Sunday Morning Youth Group We meet at the 10 am service – 6th-12th grade in the Youth Room. Join us for doughnuts and good chats!

Sunday Evening Youth Group We meet from 5:00-6:30 pm this Sunday evening. Join us for games, chatting, crafts, service projects, and more! Dinner is provided. **Youth on Instagram** Follow the St. John's Youth Group at st.johnsrossyouth

The St. John's Choir is always looking for new members! Although you do not need to be a sight-reading "wiz," we do expect that you know the basics of music reading (i.e., finding your place in a choral score) in order to reap the benefits and contribute to the experience. For more information and to schedule a meeting with our music director, John Karl Hirten, contact him at john@stjohnsross.org.

Music Notes Based on Luke 9. 57, "Lord, I will follow you wherever you go," the hymn "O Jesus, I have promised" was written by John Ernest Bode for the confirmation of his three children. It says much more than that, however, and it's a prayer for Christ's presence for all times, whether it be the struggle against sin amidst the temptations of the world, and the struggle with the "storms of passion." Bode was rector of a church in Westell, Oxfordshire, and well-known scholar and hymn writer. *Nyland* is a Finnish tune of unknown origin. It was first published as part of the appendix of a church chorale book for Finland's Evangelical Lutheran Church. A later issue of this book stated that it was a "folk tune" sung near Kuatane, a village in Etalapohjanmaa which is in South Ostrobothnia. Fortunately the tune is easier to sing than it is to pronounce the town of its origin.

Canadian composer Eleanor Daley studied both in Canada and England. Her works have been performed by arts organizations throughout North America, including the Elmer Iseler Singers, the Amadeus Choir, the Bach Children's Chorus, and the Texas Choral Directors Association. Her *a capella* work "I Sing a Maiden" was performed in New York in 2014 by a 400-voice choir as part of an International Women's Day celebration.

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" is the most well known English title of Bach's possibly most recognized choral piece. Originally, it is the sixth movement of Cantata 147 *(Herz un Mund und Tat und Leben)* and the original title is *Wohl mir, dass ich Jesum habe* (Good for me that I have Jesus).

The hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" is one of the most popular hymns sung today, and it first appeared jointly with the Welsh tune *Hyfrydol* in *Hymnal 1940* (the predecessor to our current hymnal). The author was William Chatterton Dix, and the text first appeared in his *Altar Songs, Verses on the Holy Eucharist* (1867). It is based on several New Testament passages (John 6, Hebrews 9 and Revelations 5, and Dix entitled it "Redemption by the Precious Blood." The tune was composed by Rowland Hugh Prichard in 1830, when he was only twenty years old.

SERVING TODAY

(Sunday Worship Prep)

Paige Dickow	Altar Guild
Leslie Harelik	Altar Guild
Karen Petterson	Altar Guild
Nancy Saunders	Altar Guild
Kegan Donlan	Communion Bread Baker
June Sullivan	Flower Angel

8:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Francis Matumba	Clergy - Preacher
Charlie Hoeveler	Usher

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Francis Matumba	Clergy - Preacher
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Assisting

10:00 AM (Children's Sunday School)

Connie Granger	Children's Sunday School - Class Hope: Teacher
Sandra Pathik	Children's Sunday School - Class Faith: Teacher

10:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Francis Matumba	Clergy - Preacher
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Assisting
Jeanette Anspacher	EM
open	EM
Claire Comins	Lector
Euie Hill	A/V - Audio
Brian Wittenkeller	A/V - Video
Harry Harelik	Usher
Jan Heglund	Usher

Members

Ward Kallstrom Ted Anspacher Nancy Wolcott Bill See Betty Enemark Travis Wright Elliot Fink Marcia Summers The Rev. Jan West JT Sweet Carolyn Reid-Sale Carol Hughes Katie Hoertkorn

Friends & Family

Laily Majlessi Debbie Miller Chris Sohl Kayley Jones Rosario and Oscar Rob Staley Ariel Leslie Joanne Aguilar Millan Adam Nicolopoulos Hisham Awartani Tanya Jaspering Marcy Heller Gigi Short Jay Warner Peter Hoyt Dilys Hoyt

(daughter of a friend of Anne Doyle) (friend of Holly and Bill Kaufman) (friend of Shari and David Kinney) (goddaughter of Rick and Marilyn Riede)

(friend of Anne Doyle) (friend of Joannie Ericson) (sister of Martin Coyne) (friend of the Rankin-Williams) (grandson of Marian Price) (daughter of Rev. Jan Heglund) (sister of Sally Rankin) (sister of Sally Rankin) (brother-in-law of Eleanor Prugh) (Holly Posner's father) (mother of Holly Posner)

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel Responding to the needs of our communities While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

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Bishop of California	The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios
Rector	The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams
Associate Priest	The Rev. Heather Erickson
Assisting Priests	The Rev. Skip Fotch, the Rev. Jan West,
	and the Rev. James Ward
Bookkeeper	Henry Auriti
Dir. of Children's Ministry	Sandra Pathik
Dir. of Stewardship	Lee Steward
Choir section leaders	Mitch Ashley, Betsy Bennett-Smith, Lee Steward,
	Jessica House Steward, Paul Thompson
Church Administrator	Virginia Kosydar
Music Director	John Karl Hirten
Youth Minister	Maggie Doyle
Treasurer	Susan Aley
Vestry	Pres.: The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams
	Senior Warden: Joannie Ericson
	Junior Warden: David Kinney
	Kari Chao, Hadley Dettmer, Nancy Wolcott,
	Claire Comins, Donalyn Hellar, David Kinney,
	Alice Pidgeon, Michael Hiscott, David Petterson,
	Lexi Ford Kernot, and Lauren Tucker

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