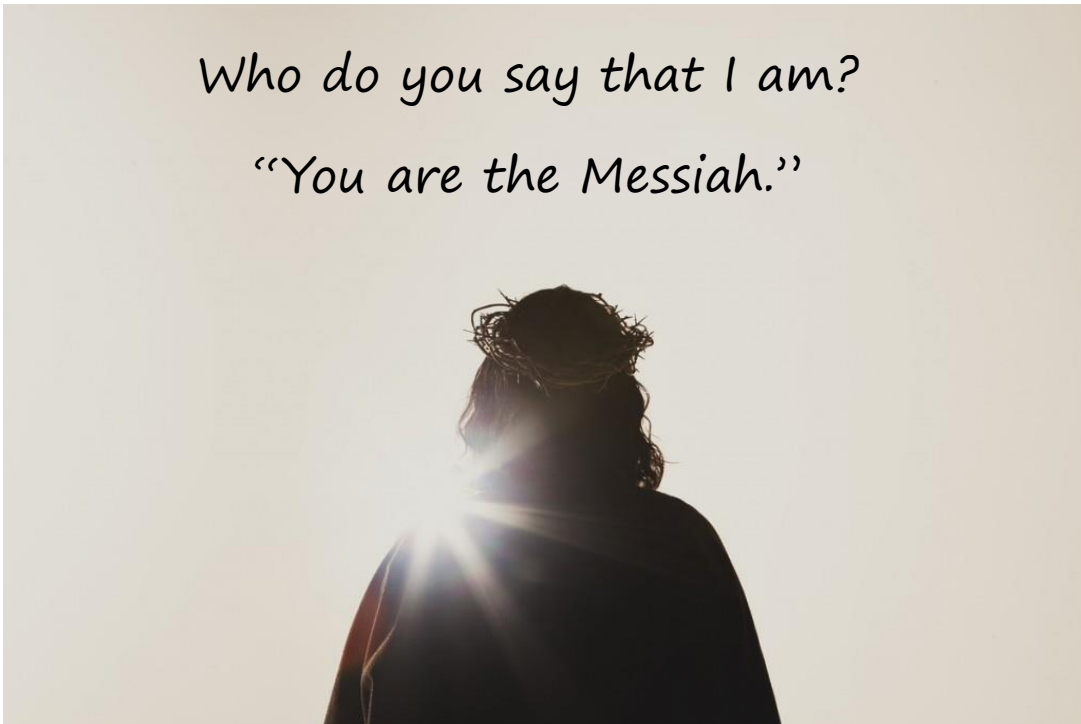


Welcome to  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Chula Vista, CA

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 12, 2021  
9:00 am

Who do you say that I am?  
"You are the Messiah."



***No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey,  
you are welcome here!***

# Lighting of Altar Candles

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Processional Hymn

### *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Hymnal 522, vs. 1, 2 & 4

Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -  
of our God; he whose word can - not be  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -  
bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.  
on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their  
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to  
sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn  
round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

## Salutation

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen***

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.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 19:1-2, 4, 6-11, 14**      *Caeli enarrant*

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
***and the firmament shows his handiwork.***

One day tells its tale to another,  
***and one night imparts knowledge to another.***

Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
***and their message to the ends of the world.***

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
***nothing is hidden from its burning heat.***

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
***the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.***

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
***the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.***

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
***the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.***

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
***sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.***

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
***and in keeping them there is great reward.***

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
***O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.***

### **A Reading from the Letter of James**

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the

same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**      *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Gospel**

Mark 8:27-38

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*          **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

## The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Presider* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty 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. Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land; the country of Afghanistan and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your 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. Lord, in your 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 he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those affected by recent natural disasters and all those listed on our parish prayer lists, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your 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. Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Together let us pray for those serving in the armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families

***Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and challenges; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Presider* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **The Confession**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

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

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

## Birthday, Anniversary and Traveler Prayers

### Remembrance of September 11, 2001

#### The Offertory

*There is an offering plate available as you enter the church to leave your offering.  
You may also give online by using the "Give Now" button on our St. John's website: [www.saint-johns.org](http://www.saint-johns.org)  
Your generous offering helps us to continue the mission and ministry of the parish.*

#### Offertory Anthem

#### Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



Praise him a - bove, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, [with St. John] and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***therefore let us keep the feast.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
***have mercy upon us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
***have mercy upon us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
***grant us your peace.***

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God

## **Communion**

### **Spiritual Communion**

There have been times when people have not always been able to gather in person to fulfill our desire to receive Holy Communion. For these times, the Church provides the practice of Spiritual Communion. I invite all who are watching our liturgy online to receive Christ spiritually. Let us pray together:

***Blessed Jesus, I believe that we are fed with the spiritual food of your Body and Blood.  
Since I cannot receive You physically today, I now desire to receive you spiritually into  
my soul. Unite my heart with those of my community gathered to celebrate the great  
meal of thanksgiving and make us all one with you. May this spiritual communion  
strengthen my faith and grant me confidence in your loving care now and forever.  
Amen.***

### **Prayer After Communion**

*Presider* Let us pray

*People* ***Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## The Blessing

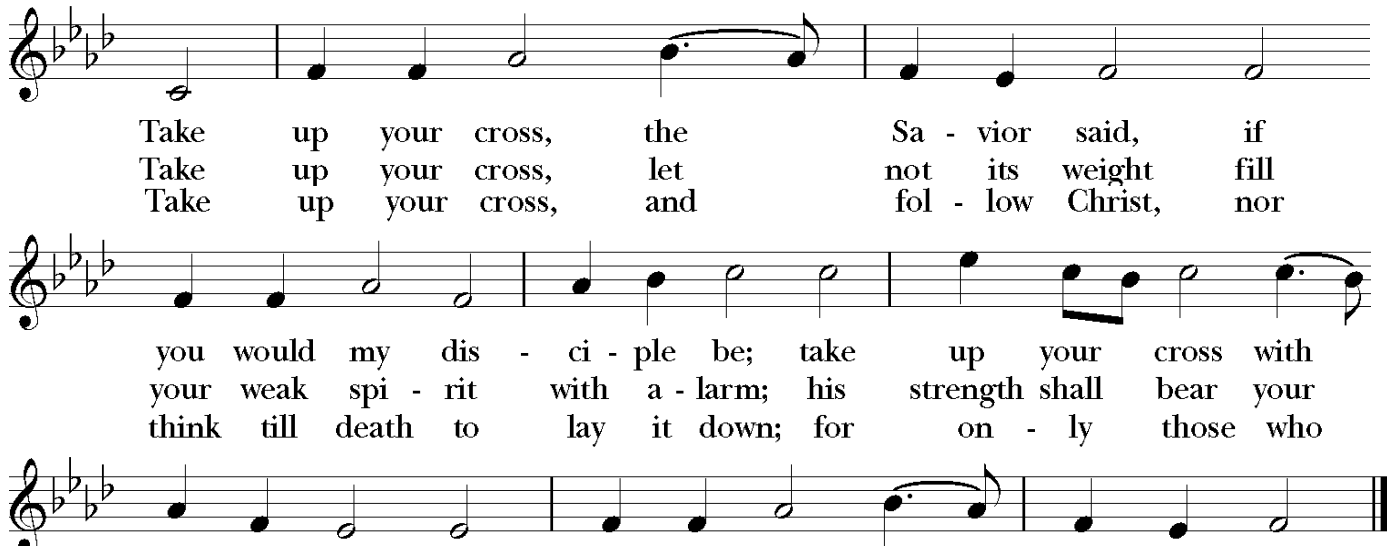
*Presider* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

Hymnal 675, vs. 1, 2 & 5



Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor  
you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who  
will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Liturgical Ministers

<b>Presider/Preacher</b>	Rev. Roger Haenke
<b>Reader/Prayers</b>	Jeff Bates
<b>Psalmist/Vocalists</b>	St. John's Choir: Jeff Bates, Tom Brzeczek, Alice Burnham, Pamela Brittain, Denise Eddleman, Jane Ferguson, Ted Garcia, Joe and Maria Love, Marge Moore, and Leslie Parker
<b>Organist</b>	Cheryl Seppala
<b>Ushers</b>	Linda and David Dennehy
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Iris Atkins
<b>Livestream</b>	Cliff Berkowitz

## **Altar Flowers**

The Altar Flowers are given by Bill and Diane Gustafson in memory of Rose Urbancic and Jeff Sederoff and by Alice Burnham in memory her father, Methuselah Musoke.

## **St. John's Mission Statement**

St. John's is a Christian community that intentionally gathers to experience God's love through Episcopal worship, education, fellowship, and ministry to the wider community.

## **St. John's Prayer Lists**

*Today and every day include some time for prayer, for yourself,  
for your church family, and for those in need.*

## **For Our Military**

Matt Jensen, Drew Shorkey, Cody Crossland, Cameron Ronie, Chariti Paden, Mark Stanfield, Sean Robinson, Jonathan Martinez, TK Nguyen, Christopher Lindshield, Timothy Lindshield, Jeremy Colton, David Sanchez, Jonathan Baldera, Nick Wyatt, Jamal Warner, Matt Hernandez, Daniel Getreu, Jocelyn Hernandez, Devon Strunk, Taylor Harrold, Jorge Zuazua, Katherine Milam, Sebastian Morales, Richie Lebron, Roberto Johnson and the crew of USS Essex.

## **For Strength in Time of Need**

Scott Hunter, Steve Magill, Gary & Shirley McCarren, Ann Lindshield, Lyne C., Kim B., the Mount family, Rodney Muñoz, Oliva Escobar, Joe Cabral, Ted Garcia, Dean Nightingale  
The McClure family and Adam Beneschan.

*Names are kept on the Prayers List for 4 weeks and should be submitted by Wednesday.  
If you wish to add a name, please email Maria Love at: [maria@saint-johns.org](mailto:maria@saint-johns.org).*



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