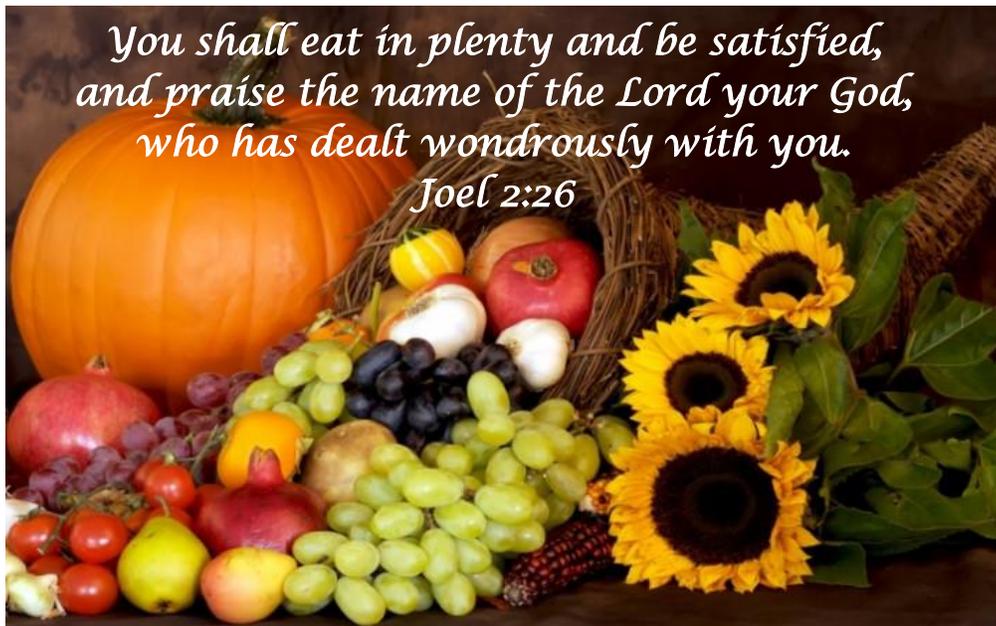


Welcome to  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Chula Vista, CA

**Thanksgiving Eve**

**November 24, 2021**  
**7:00 pm**



***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

*Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

Hymnal 290, vs. 1-3

Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:  
All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:  
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;

God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to  
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn  
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the

be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,  
shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that  
tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to

come, raise the song of har - vest - home.  
we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.

## 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.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; 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 the Prophet Joel

Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
***then were we like those who dream.***

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
***and our tongue with shouts of joy.***

Then they said among the nations,  
***"The Lord has done great things for them."***

The Lord has done great things for us,  
***and we are glad indeed.***

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
*like the watercourses of the Negev.*

Those who sowed with tears  
*will reap with songs of joy.*

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
*will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.*

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Gradual**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Hymnal #416

For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,

*Refrain*

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

## The Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

*Gospeller*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so free - ly given

Faith and hope and love di - vine, peace on earth and joy in heaven

*Refrain*

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

## Homily

## 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.*

## A Litany of Thanksgiving

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

***We thank you, Lord.***

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;

***To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
Amen.***

## The Peace

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

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

## 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.***

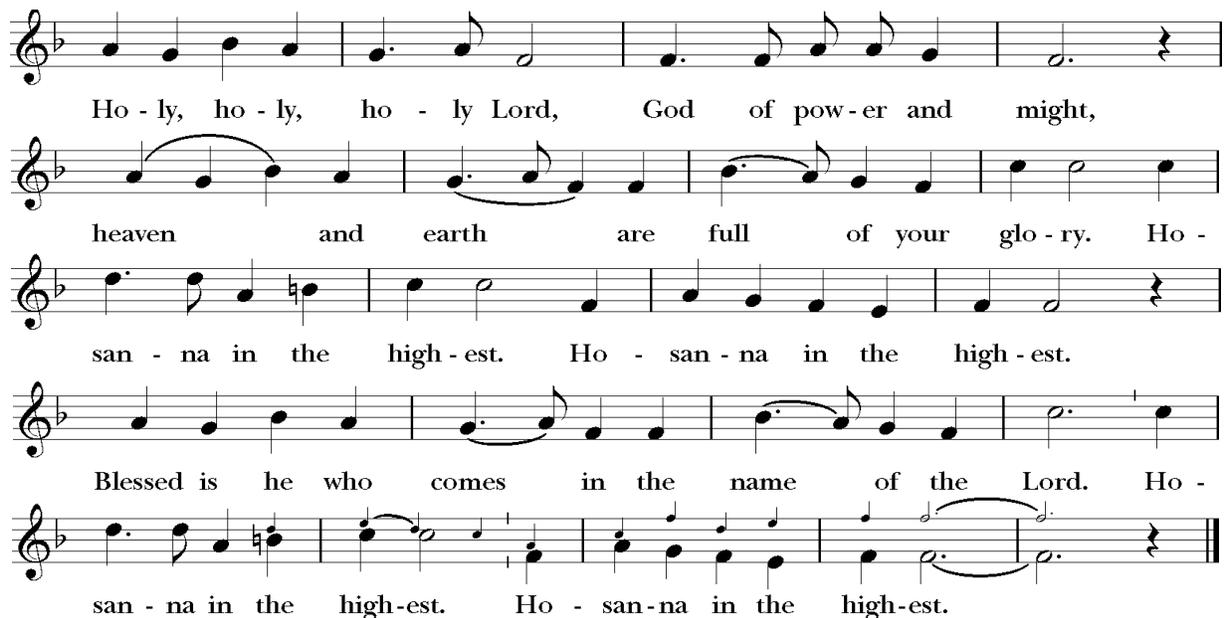
Lift up your hearts.

***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.***

*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

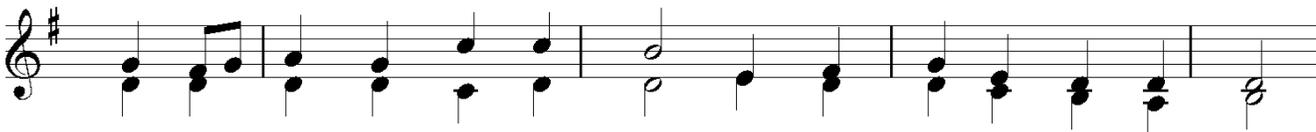
*Presider* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

*Praise to God, Immortal Praise*

Hymnal 288, vs. 1-3



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;  
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;  
3 As thy pros - pering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;



boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:  
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:  
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;



all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.  
sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

## 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, Chelsey Nyaradi and Leslie Parker
<b>Organist</b>	Cheryl Seppala
<b>Acolytes</b>	Scott Bricknell, Malia Attaway
<b>Ushers</b>	David Dennehy
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Iris Atkins
<b>Livestream</b>	Cliff Berkowitz

## 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, 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, Bernie Duignan, Lisa Means, Glenn Dunn, Darlene Hallsten, Helen McElvaney, Evan McClure and Julie Croom.

*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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