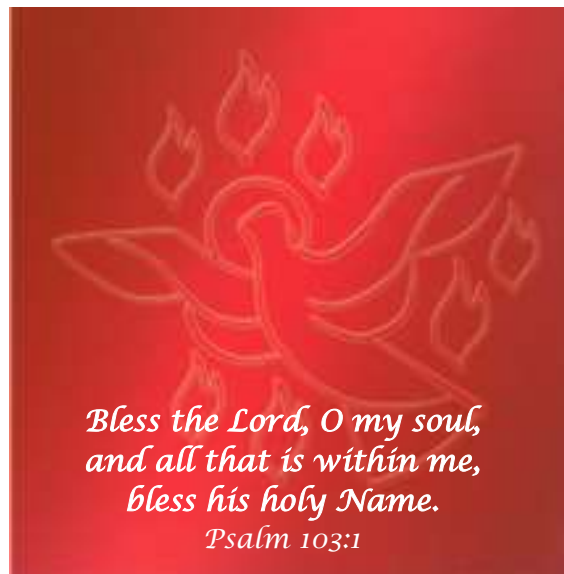


Welcome to
St. John's Episcopal Church
Chula Vista, CA

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
with
The Visitation of Bishop Susan Brown Snook

September 17, 2023
9:00 am



A reception and visit with Bishop Susan will follow the liturgy in Nale Hall
All are welcome to attend

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

The Celebrations of Faith

Confirmation of

Alena Peña Sellari

Ashley St. John

Samantha St. John

Reaffirmation of Faith

Georgía Mendéz



Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude

Welcome

Processional Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymn 410

Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People ***One God and Father of all.***

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 Genesis

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-13

Benedic, anima mea

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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! _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gradual 'Celtic Alleluia'. The first staff is in 6/8 time and the second staff is in 9/8 time. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' and 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____'.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

- Bishop* The candidates for Confirmation will now be presented.
- Rector* I present Alena Peña Sellari, Ashley St. John, and Samantha St. John for Confirmation.
- I present Georgia Mendéz who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.
- Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
- Candidates* ***I do.***
- Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
- Candidates* ***I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.***
- Bishop* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
- People* ***We will.***
- Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

- Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?
- People* ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***
- Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People* ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***
- Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People* ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop Let us now pray for *these persons* who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer***

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer***

Leader Fill them with your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer***

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer***

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer***

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer***

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer***

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

For Confirmation

Bishop Defend, O Lord, your servant *Alena / Ashley / Samantha* with your heavenly grace, that *she* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *she* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

Bishop *Georgia*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Hymn of Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymn 686



1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my
2 Here I find my great-est trea-sure; hith-er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer-cy nev-er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con-strained to be! Let thy good-ness, like a
ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:
Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by
Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger wan-dering
prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to
flam-ing tongues a-bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res-cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

Recognition of Candidates

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Birthday, Anniversary and Traveler Prayers

Prayer of Healing

Recognition of Cheryl Seppala – 50th Anniversary as organist of St. John’s

The Offertory

Your generous offering helps us to continue the mission and ministry of St. John’s parish.

Today, the undesignated plate offering will be given to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund.

Offertory Anthem

The 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

Celebrant 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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion

Spiritual Communion

I invite all who are watching our liturgy online to receive Christ spiritually. Let us pray together:

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. We are grateful to know there are many ways to experience your presence, but in whatever way we do, we know you come into our hearts, minds and souls. Unite my heart with those of my family of faith 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

Celebrant Let us pray

***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

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People ***The maker of heaven and earth.***

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People ***From this time forth for evermore.***

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

People ***Thanks be to God***

Recessional Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn 376



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Postlude

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving
for the 50th Anniversary of Cheryl Seppala as the organist of St. John's.

Liturgical Ministers

Presider/Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Brown Snook, <i>Bishop</i>
Assisting Priests	The Rev. Roger Haenke, <i>Rector</i> , The Rev. Cathey Dowdle
Reader/Prayers	Tom Brzeczek, Pamela Brittain
Psalmist/Vocalists	St. John's Choir: Jeff Bates, Tom Brzeczek, Alice Burnham, Pamela Brittain, Bob Dunn, Denise Eddleman, Jane Ferguson, Ted Garcia, Joe and Maria Love, Marge Moore, Chelsey Nyaradi, Nancy Painter and Leslie Parker
Organist	Cheryl Seppala
Acolytes	Malia Attaway, Marge Moore and Lynn Naranjo
Ushers	Bill and Irene Cheney
Eucharistic Minister	Iris Atkins, Debbie Lothspeich
Livestream	Cliff Berkowitz, Jamie Attaway

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, Sebastian Morales, Roberto Chavez, Ryan Lothspeich, Andrew C. Dugger, Dan and Chelsey Nyaradi, Gen. G.J. Heinrich and Pedro Bonilla.

For Strength in Time of Need

Steve Magill, Gary and Shirley McCarren, Ann Lindshield, the McClure family, Josey Felts, Barbara Oliveira, Linda Longoria-Neff, Celia Vasquez, Ann and Bill Rogers, Alec Hauer, Cynthia Watten, Karen Polk, Donald Starr, Bob Milam, Cookie Tichonchuk, and Barbara Duncan.

*(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: info@saint-johns.org.)*

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**St. John's Episcopal Church
celebrates
Hispanic Heritage Month**

**POTLUCK
DINNER**



SOCIAL



**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 5TH
6:00PM**

**LA MISA
IN
ENGLISH**



**WEAR
TRADITIONAL
CLOTHING
OF YOUR
COUNTRY**



**MUSIC
&
DANCING**



**BRING
A
FRIEND**

**Celebrating
Latino/Hispanic
People, Culture
and Faith**

Potluck Dinner
Bring a favorite dish and
recipe representing
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