

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

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 4, 2025**  
**9:00 am**



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

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Processional Hymn

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

Hymnal 182



Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and  
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion  
prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

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.***

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
***Amen.***

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 9:1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm 30      *Exaltabo te, Domine*

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
***and have not let my enemies triumph over me.***

O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
***and you restored me to health.***

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
***you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.***

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
***give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.***

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
***his favor for a lifetime.***

Weeping may spend the night,  
***but joy comes in the morning.***

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed."  
***You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."***

Then you hid your face,  
***and I was filled with fear.***

I cried to you, O Lord;  
***I pleaded with the Lord, saying,***

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
***will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?***

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
***O Lord, be my helper."***

You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
***you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.***

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
***O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.***

### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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! \_\_\_\_

*Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and for the World.

For the peace and welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples,  
let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the welfare of our world, for the leaders of all nations, and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who risk their lives to ensure our freedom, to heal, protect, comfort, and keep us safe,

***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.***

*Celebrant* 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**

*Celebrant* 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.***

*Celebrant* 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**

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

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



## Birthday, Anniversary and Traveler Prayers

### The Offertory

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### 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

*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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, 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.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Lord, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

***We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. John, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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

## **Communion**

*You are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. We offer Holy Communion under both forms of bread and wine. After receiving the bread, indicate to the Chalice Bearer if you prefer drinking from the cup or intinction by the Chalice Bearer (dipping the bread into the wine). If you do not want to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## 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

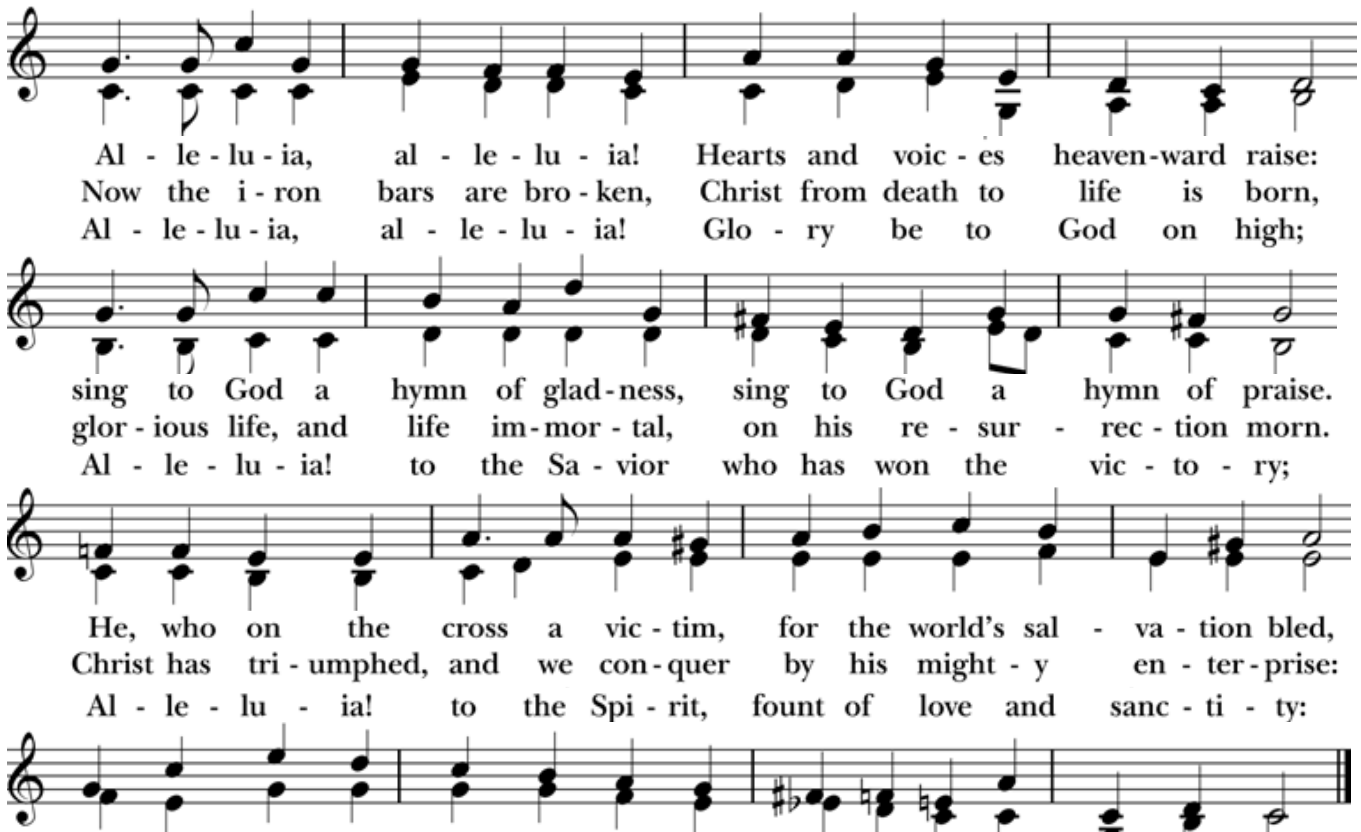
*Celebrant* May God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. ***Amen.***

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

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia

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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:  
 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:  
 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

## Postlude

## Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant/Preacher

Rev. Roger Haenke

Reader/Prayers

Iris Atkins, Jim Lindshield

Psalmist/Vocalists

St. John's Choir: Jeff Bates, Bob Dunn, Alice Burnham,  
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 Marge Moore, Nancy Painter,  
 Leslie Parker, Tom Welch

Organist

Cheryl Seppala

Acolytes

Malia Attaway, Scott Bricknell, Marge Moore  
 Lynn Naranjo

Ushers

Gregg and Elizabeth King

Eucharistic Minister

Iris Atkins, Debbie Lothspeich, Alex Valdez-Ber

Livestream

Cliff Berkowitz, Jamie Attaway

## **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers are given by Debbie Lothspeich in commemoration of the heavenly birthdays of Les, Florence and David Cooper.

## **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, Roberto Chavez, Ryan Lothspeich, Andrew C. Dugger, Dan and Chelsey Nyaradi, Gen. G.C. Heinrich, Pedro Bonilla, Patrick King, Connor Feeny, and Sebastian Morales and the crew of the USS Nimitz.

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

Steve Magill, Gary and Shirley McCarren, the McClure family, Alec Hauer, Karen Polk, Bob Milam, Bill Rogers, James Kellogg Burnham III, Mike Gollihur, Linda Longoria-Neff, Fr. George Keith, Tami Loehr, Liz Dewar, Patty Casillas, Duncan and Celia Wright and family, Nancy Stewart, Jamie Attaway, and Niki Phan.

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

## 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.

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