

Welcome to

St. John's Episcopal Church

Chula Vista, CA

EASTER

April 5, 2026

9:00 am

ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS RISEN!



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

Prelude

Processional Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Hymnal 207

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

Presider 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.**

The Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal S-280

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.

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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 Gospel

John 20:1-18

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Susanna DesMarais

Invitation

Presider Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I invite you to renew your solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows *(Please stand as you are able)*

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Presider 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.***

Presider 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.***

Presider 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.***

Presider 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.***

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

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

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

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

Presider 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.***

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sin, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

Litany

Presider On this most Holy Morning, let us pray as we renew our own Baptismal vows, by saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Open our hearts to your grace and truth. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Fill us with your holy and life-giving spirit. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Send us into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Presider Grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs and all the saints; and we pray that, encouraged by their example, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in light, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

The Offertory

Your generous offering helps us to continue the mission and ministry of the parish. You may give here or online by using the "Give Now" button on our St. John's website: www.saint-johns.org or by scanning the QR code.



Offertory Anthem

The St. John's Choir

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

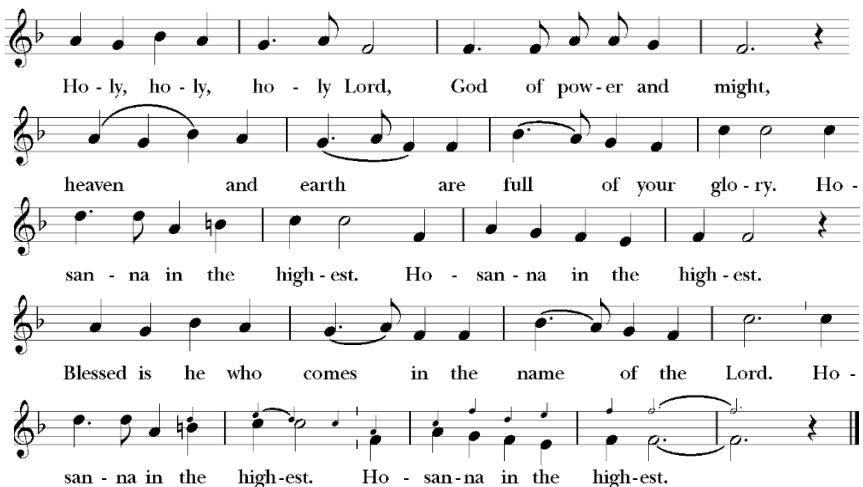
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, 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.

Father, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

***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.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Presider This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

The Iona Community Worship Book

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion

Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. 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 having your host intincted (dipped) by the Chalice Bearer. If you would rather not have 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 you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of bread and wine, body and blood. Unite my heart with those of my family of faith gathered to celebrate the great meal of Holy Communion this day and make us all one with you today and every day. May this strengthen our faith and grant us confidence in your loving care now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Presider 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

May Almighty 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.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

Hymnal 210



1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude

***All children are invited to the courtyard for an Easter Egg Hunt-
Please wait for Rev. Susanna's instructions***



Easter Flower Dedications

*We remember before God all those who rejoice with us,
whose hope is in the Word made flesh,
and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore.*

***In loving memory of Dorothy Gillis, Florence Cooper, Norma Dunn,
Joy Tripp, and Ann Lindshield
given by Debbie Lothspeich***

***In memory of my father Colonel Paul Edward Nottage
and my mother Doris Imogiene McDonald Nottage
given by Janie Burchartz***

***Blessings for family and friends
given by David and Linda Dennehy***

***In thanksgiving for many blessings
given by Bill and Diane Gustafson***

***In memory of my son Burvin and my husband Joe
given by Iris Atkins***

***In memory of the Musoke and Burnham families
given by Alice Burnham***

***In memory of Joseph and Josephine Zajkowski
and Darlene Stanard***

given by Barbara Duncan

In memory of Ann Lindshield

given by James Lindshield

In memory of Marianna Welch and Maria Machado

given by Tom Welch

In memory of Norma Dunn

given by Bob Dunn

In memory of my sister, Zahira Ojeda

given by Norma Ojeda

In memory of Phoebe, Paul and Kate DesMarais

given by Rev. Susanna DesMarais

In memory of Marie, Clair, Pat and Beverly Shively

given by Lynda Hilliard

In memory of Sallye, Fr. Jerry, and Larry Graves

given by Jane Ferguson

In memory of Mitch Young and Lorraine Barnes

given by Lynn Young and Kurth Barnes



Liturgical Ministers

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| Presider/Preacher | Rev. Susanna DesMarais |
| Organist | Cheryl Seppala |
| Reader/Intercessions | Alice Burnham, Jim Lindshield |
| Ushers | Gregg and Elizabeth King |

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

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, Sebastian Morales, and Isaiah Faue.

For Strength in Time of Need

Gary and Shirley McCarren, Alec Hauer, Karen Polk, Bob Milam,
Bill Rogers, James Kellogg Burnham III, Linda Longoria-Neff, Lynn Young,
Fr. George Keith, Jeff M., Steve Magill and Heather Wallace,
Terri Valdez, Walt Kennedy, Denise Allen, Emily and Eric Quintero,
David Stewart, Linda Burchak, and Heather Brosche.

*(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.)*

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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