

Welcome to

St. John's Episcopal Church

Chula Vista, CA

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

9:00 am



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

Prelude

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Stewardship Reflection

Processional Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymnal 680



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

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

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,***

***you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *please sing the response where bold*

Lord, you have been our refuge

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,

from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say,

"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past

and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream;

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes;

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?

be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works

and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;

prosper the work of our hands;

prosper our handiwork.

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Hymnal 609



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the



1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -



1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Don Quinton

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 Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need. Surround them with your healing and your peace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, especially Brian Kraus, confident that they now rest in your embrace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Together let us pray:

Heavenly God, who is always present in our lives, grant us courage, discernment and wisdom to discover our congregation's ministries and needs. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, help us choose a rector who will pastor, preach and teach us in the ways of your son, Jesus Christ our Savior. We ask this in the name of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Presider Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin

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

***God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.***

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

The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

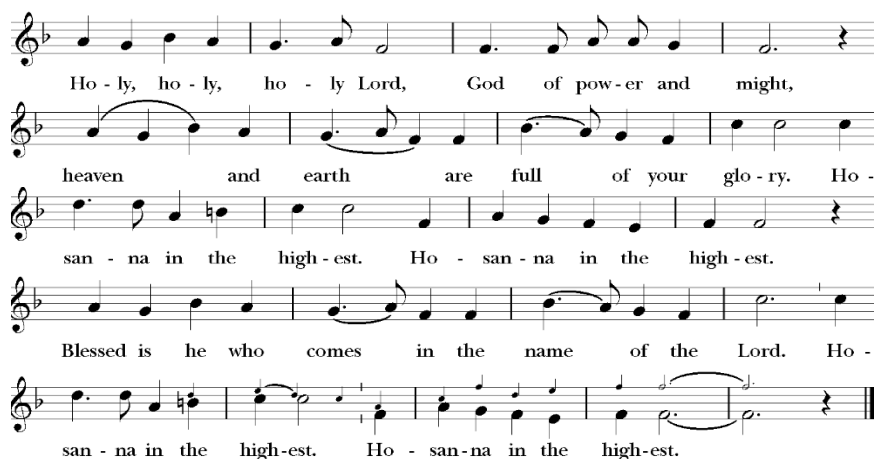
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is 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:



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,

and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.***

Oremos como nuestro Salvador
Cristo nos enseñó,

***Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el
poder, y tuyo es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People ***Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.***

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.

Communion

Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. After receiving the bread, indicate to the Chalice Bearer if you prefer drinking from the cup or having your host dipped by the Chalice Bearer. You are invited to come forward for a blessing if you would prefer; indicate this 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

***Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life
of Christ our Savior. 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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymnal 423



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Bill and Diane Gustafson
 in memory of Brian Kraus.

Liturgical Ministers

Presider/Preacher	Rev. Don Quinton
Organist	Cheryl Seppala
Reader/Intercessions	Alice Burnham, Diane Gustafson
Ushers	Judy Butcher, Judy McKay

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, Isaiah Faue, Landon McNeely, and Max Scherrell.

For Strength in Time of Need

Gary and Shirley McCarren, Alec Hauer, Bob Milam, Bill Rogers, James Kellogg Burnham III, Linda Longoria-Neff, Lynn Young, Karen Polk, Fr. George Keith, Jeff M., Terri Valdez, Michael Dugger, Cookie Tichonchuk, Eric Dunn, Erika Ellsworth, Kristin Bracey, David Dennehy, Georgia Mendez, Michael Figueroa, Ann Rogers, Alice Burnham, Bob Brunner, and Amanda Williams.

*(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.)*

Announcements

Healing Service and Holy Eucharist with Fr. Don Monday, October 26 at noon



We invite all who are seeking physical, emotional, or spiritual healing—either for themselves or on behalf of a loved one—to join us for Holy Eucharist and a service of healing with anointing.

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group

Iron sharpens Iron will meet at Dark Horse Coffee at 310 3rd Ave, CV. Join Rev. Don for a conversation based men's group encouraging spiritual growth through reading, prayer, reflection and mutual support.
9:00am on Tuesday.



Stewardship Drive ***Plenty Good Room***



Over the next few weeks, you will hear from leaders in our parish about Plenty Good Room and how our generosity makes a difference. Please prayerfully reflect on the resources God has placed in your care, and consider how you might share them joyfully in the year ahead.

November 1: All Saints' Day Brunch



Following worship on November 1st, St. John's will have a potluck brunch celebrating all the saints of St. John's as we conclude our pledge drive. There's plenty good room for everyone- please bring a brunch dish to share.

Ofrenda in Nale Hall



Beginning October 25th, St. John's, in conjunction with First UU, will build an ofrenda in Nale Hall. You are invite to add any pictures of your deceased loved ones to the ofrenda, and you may add flowers or favorite foods as we get closer to All Saints Day. The ofrenda will remain in Nale Hall until November 8th.

Halloween Party

Members of Saint John's will not be hosting a Halloween party this year. Stay tuned for further events.

Election Day Prayer Service **Tuesday November 3 at Noon**

On November 3, this country will begin the election process again. During this time of deep political polarization, let us come together to pray for our country and our people. Let us unite our hearts and our prayers for the common good through our life together. The church will be open half an hour before and half an hour after the prayers for your own personal prayers or meditations.



St. John's Clergy

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The Rev. Susanna DesMarais, *Interim Priest-in-Charge*
The Rev. Don Quinton, *Assisting Priest*

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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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