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St. John's Episcopal Church

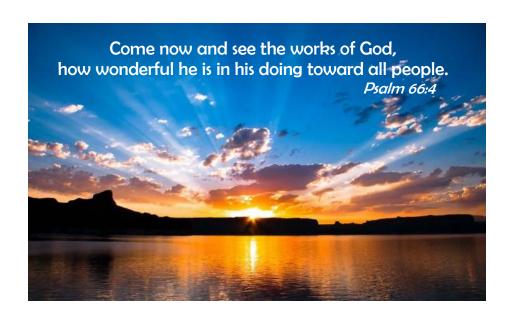
Chula Vista, CA

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

with

The Celebration of Holy Baptism of James Daniel Shea

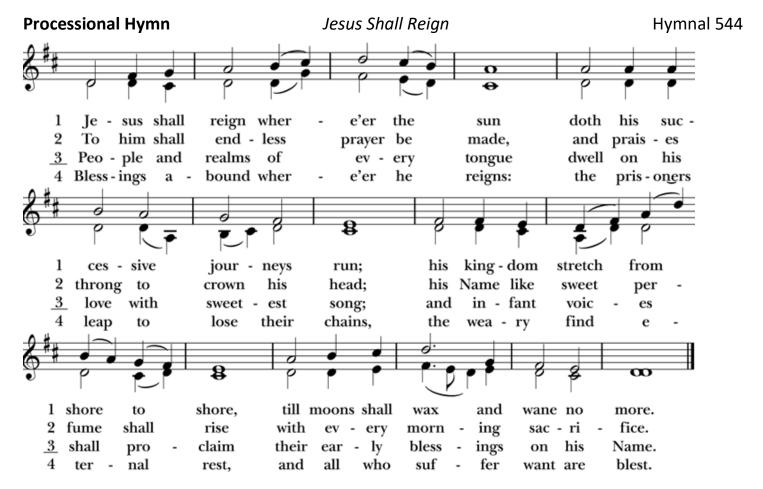
July 6, 2025 9:00 am



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

Prelude

Welcome



Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 66:10-14

Thus says the Lord:

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her -- that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:1-8 *Jubilate Deo*

Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name."

Come now and see the works of God,

how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.

Bless our God, you peoples;

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

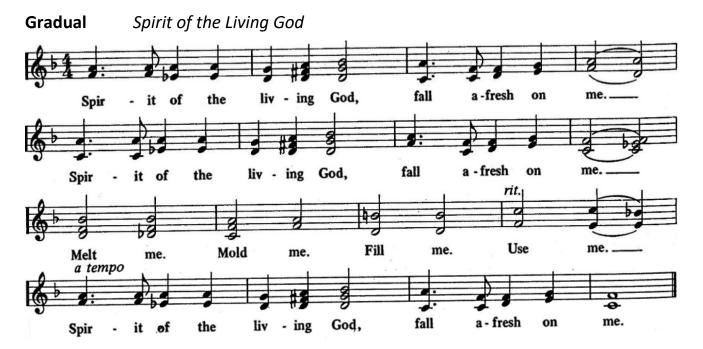
Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Gospel Luke 10:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

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

Sermon

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Baptism

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents We present James Daniel Shea

to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up

in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full

stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel

against God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support James

in his life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with James, who is being bound to Christ

and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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 Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for James

who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Water

We thank you Almighty God for the water of Baptism. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

The Priest says the following words as water is poured over the person

James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen**.

James, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

People **Amen.**

James, receive the light of Christ.

May you shine as His light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

People **Amen.**

The Priest presents to the newly baptized a Baptismal shawl made by the Daughters of the King. The shawl enfolds the newly baptized with the love and prayer of the Family of St. John's.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon James the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace.

Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give him an inquiring and discerning heart,

the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Celebrant Together, let us welcome this newly baptized saint.

People We receive you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified,

proclaim his resurrection,

and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Birthday, Anniversary and Traveler Prayers

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

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.

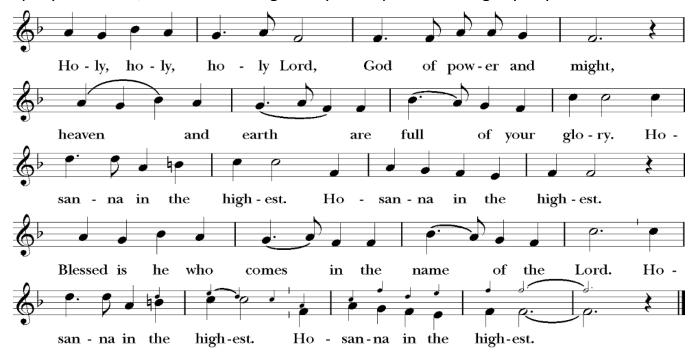
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is 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:



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 and 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

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

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

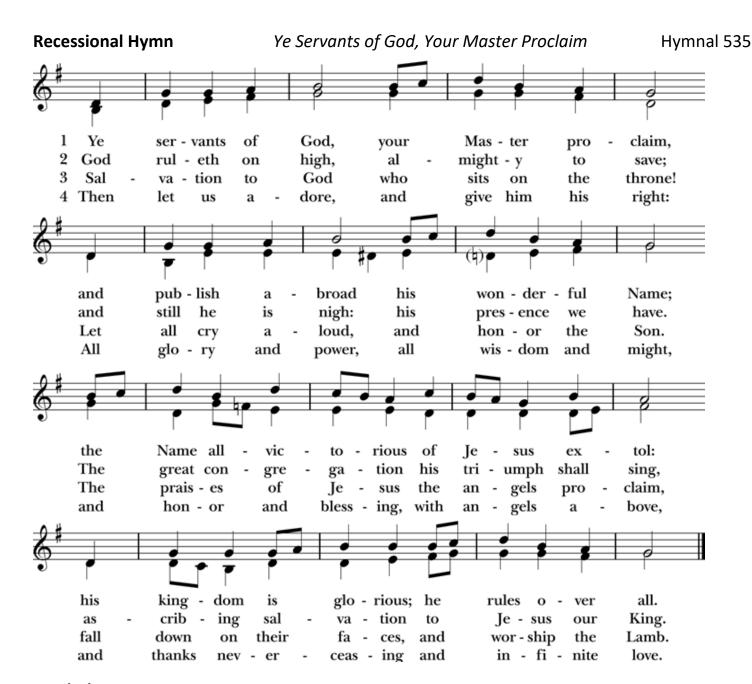
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.



Postlude

Holy Baptism

Candidate for Baptism James Daniel Shea

Parents Daniel and Christina Shea

Godparents Tanya and Brian Niemela

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Bob Dunn in memory of Norma Dunn.

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant Rev. Roger Haenke

Preacher Rev. Susanna DesMarais

Reader/Prayers Judy Butcher, Alice Burnham

Psalmist/Vocalists St. John's Choir: Jeff Bates, Bob Dunn, Alice Burnham,

Pamela Brittain, Denise Eddleman, Jane Ferguson,

Frank Hafner, Don Lamar, Joe and Maria Love,

Marge Moore, Nancy Painter,

Leslie Parker, Tom Welch

Organist Cheryl Seppala

Acolytes Scott Bricknell, Marge Moore, Malia Attaway,

Lynn Naranjo

Ushers Gregg and Elizabeth King

Eucharistic Ministers Iris Atkins, Debbie Lothspeich. Alex Valdez-Beer

Livestream Cliff Berkowitz, Jamie Attaway

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, Jim Lindshield, Cynthia Schilling, Ron Keppel, and Carole Bracey.

(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.

Food Collection

First Unitarian Universalist's South Bay Food Pantry

Help support First Unitarian Universalist's Food Pantry by donating the following items:

Food Items

- Hearty soups, stews, and chilis, with pop-tops (instead of cans needing a can opener)
- Peanut butter
- Canned fish and chicken
- Protein bars and meal-replacement shakes

Small Hygiene Products

- Toothpaste
- Safety razors
- Packs of wet-wipes
- Soaps
- Shampoos
- Sunscreen
- New socks

Additional Item

• Small empty egg cartons for dividing large flats of eggs into smaller units for distribution.

Please place all items in the basket/bin provided in Nale Hall



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Celebrate Pride

July 16th Light Up the Cathedral

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral invites you to join us for the 10th annual Light Up the Cathedral for Pride on Wednesday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m. With interfaith partners and LGBTQIA+ affirming communities, we will celebrate love, inclusion, and the sacred worth of every person. This evening of prayer, music, and witness concludes with the lighting of our Cathedral in rainbow colors—a visible sign of God's love for all. As Pride Week begins in San Diego, we welcome all people of faith and goodwill to stand with us in unity and joy.



July 19th San Diego Pride Parade

Come march with Episcopal Diocese of San Diego including St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral and other churches throughout the diocese in the San Diego Pride Parade on Saturday, July 19th! Together, we'll celebrate God's inclusive love and stand in joyful solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ siblings. All are welcome - whether you're a parishioner, clergy, friend, or ally. Wear something bright, bring water, and help us show the world what courageous love looks like. Meet at St. Paul's Cathedral at 8am to walk to the starting area or sign up in the Narthex to carpool with members of St. John's.



Save the Date

August 17th "BBQ, Broadway, and Banana Splits"

Our annual BBQ and ice cream social
with musical performances by Wayne and Cheryl Seppala,
members of the Ferguson family and the St. John's Choir
Hosted by the Men of St. John's
We will welcome the First Unitarian Universalist congregation to St. John's



September 27th Tardeada

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month,
please join First Unitarian Universalists (Hosts) and St. John's for an afternoon and
evening (time to be determined) of celebration with traditional Mexican music
led by a local group - La Rondalla, and a Mariachi group,
with dancing and food.

The Tardeada will take place in Nale Hall and the Courtyard

