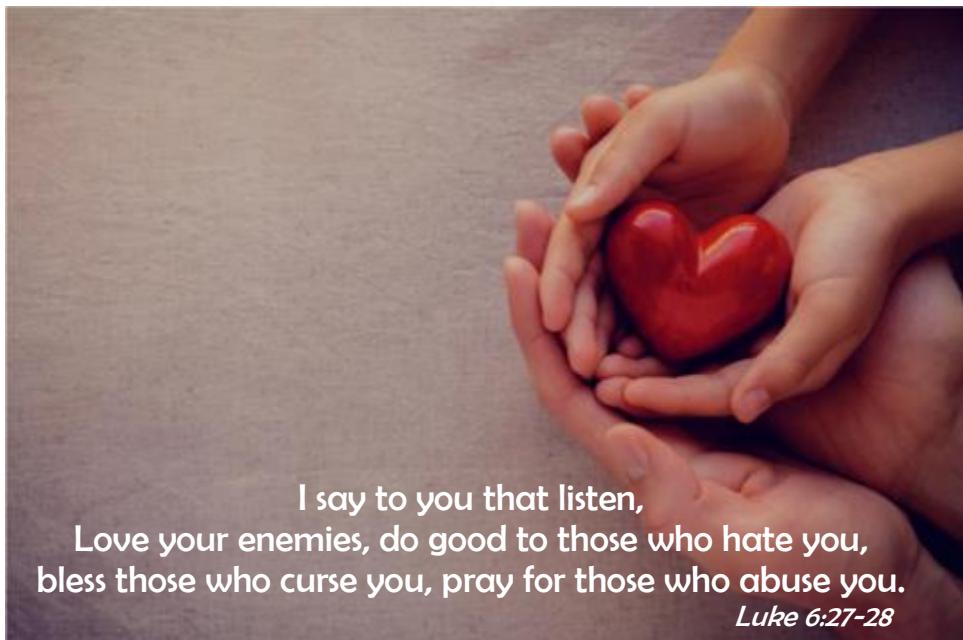


Welcome to  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Chula Vista, CA

**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 23, 2025**  
**9:00am**



I say to you that listen,  
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.  
*Luke 6:27-28*

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

## Lighting of Altar Candles

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Processional Hymn

### *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymnal 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen***

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 Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing:  
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond  
of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you.  
Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, 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 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 37:1-12 *Noli aemulari*

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;

**do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**

For they shall soon wither like the grass,

**and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;

**dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**

Take delight in the Lord,  
***and he shall give you your heart's desire.***

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,  
***and he will bring it to pass.***

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light  
***and your just dealing as the noonday.***

Be still before the Lord  
***and wait patiently for him.***

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,  
***the one who succeeds in evil schemes.***

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
***do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.***

For evildoers shall be cut off,  
***but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.***

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
***you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.***

But the lowly shall possess the land;  
***they will delight in abundance of peace.***

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**      1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**Gradual****Help Us, O Lord, To Learn**

Hymnal 628

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to  
 2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that  
 stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.  
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.

**The Gospel**

Luke 6:27-38

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that  
 yearn-ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

## 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

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray,

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

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray,

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

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray,

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

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray,

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray,

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

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray,

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

Together, let us pray 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* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***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

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](http://www.saint-johns.org)

### Offertory Anthem

#### Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures 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.**

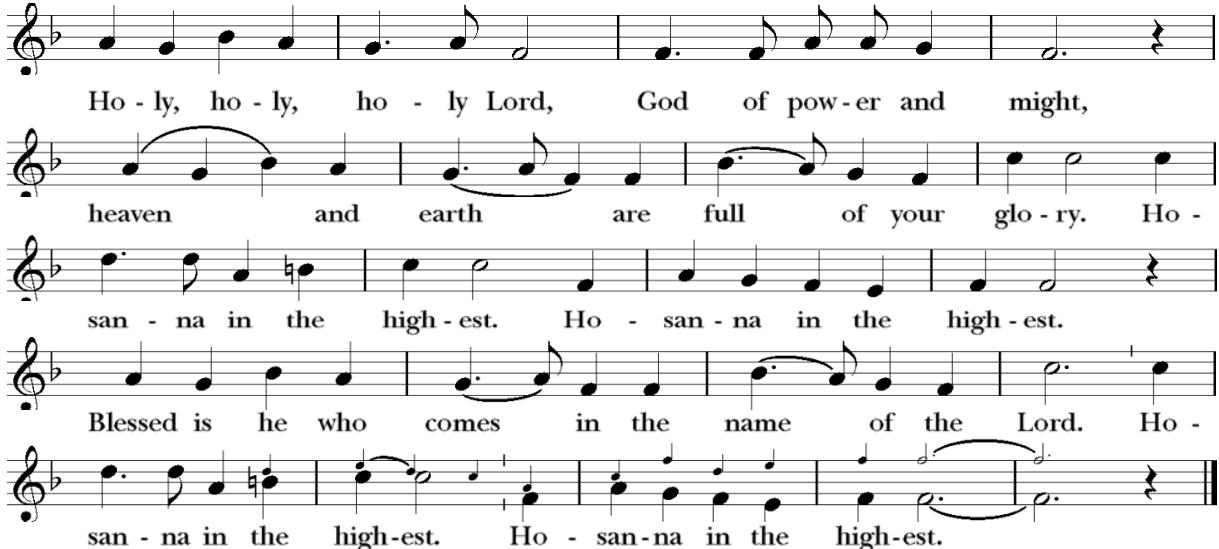
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Celebrant and 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

*Celebrant* May God, through the Incarnation of His Son, fill you with his love, joy and peace;  
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 in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## Recessional Hymn

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## Hymnal 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## Postlude

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Alice and Kellogg Burnham  
 in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## 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.

## Liturgical Ministers

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Celebrant/Preacher</b>    | Rev. Roger Haenke   |
| <b>Reader/Prayers</b>        | Iris Atkins, Bill Cheney  |
| <b>Psalmist/Vocalists</b>    | 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 |
| <b>Organist</b>              | Cheryl Seppala  |
| <b>Acolytes</b>              | Malia Attaway, Scott Bricknell, Marge Moore, David Naranjo, Lynn Naranjo  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Judy Butcher, Judy McKay  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Iris Atkins, Debbie Lothspeich, Alex Valdez-Beer  |
| <b>Livestream</b>            | 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, 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, Helena Livingston, Diane Gustafson, Craig Nightingale, Judy Walsh-Jackson, Mark C. Jackson, Terri Valdez, Casey Brown, and Fr. George Keith.

*(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).)*