

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

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2023
9:00 am



***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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymnal 427, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5



When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,
this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 Exodus

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

The Lord is King; let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
***you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.***

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

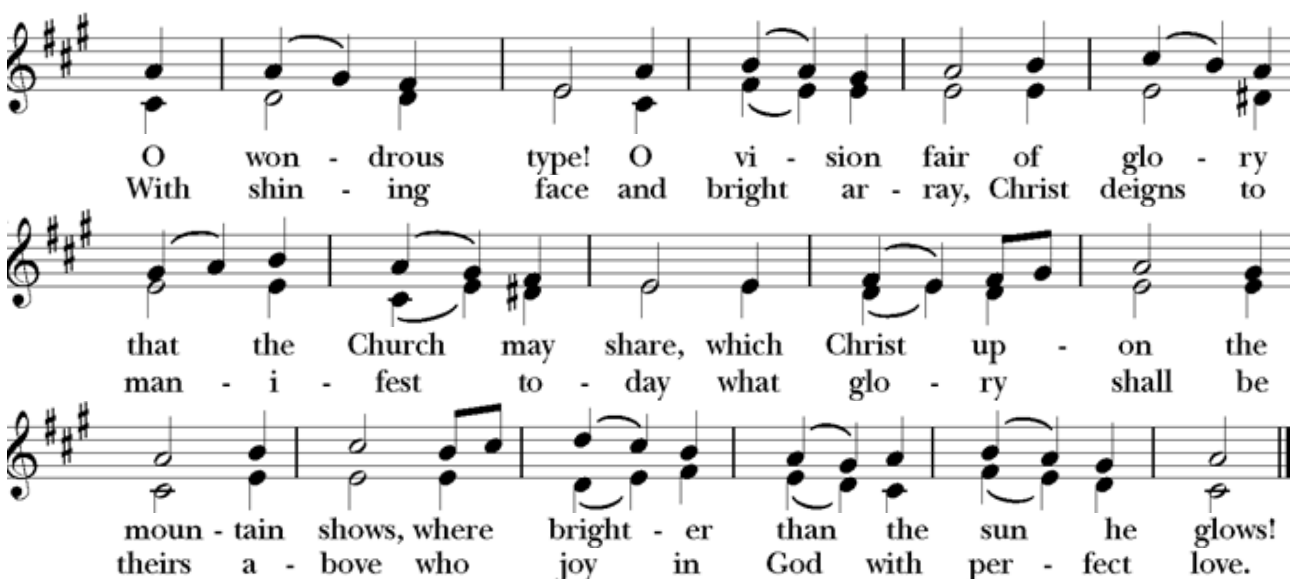
So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual

O Wondrous Type

Hymnal 137



O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Presider

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

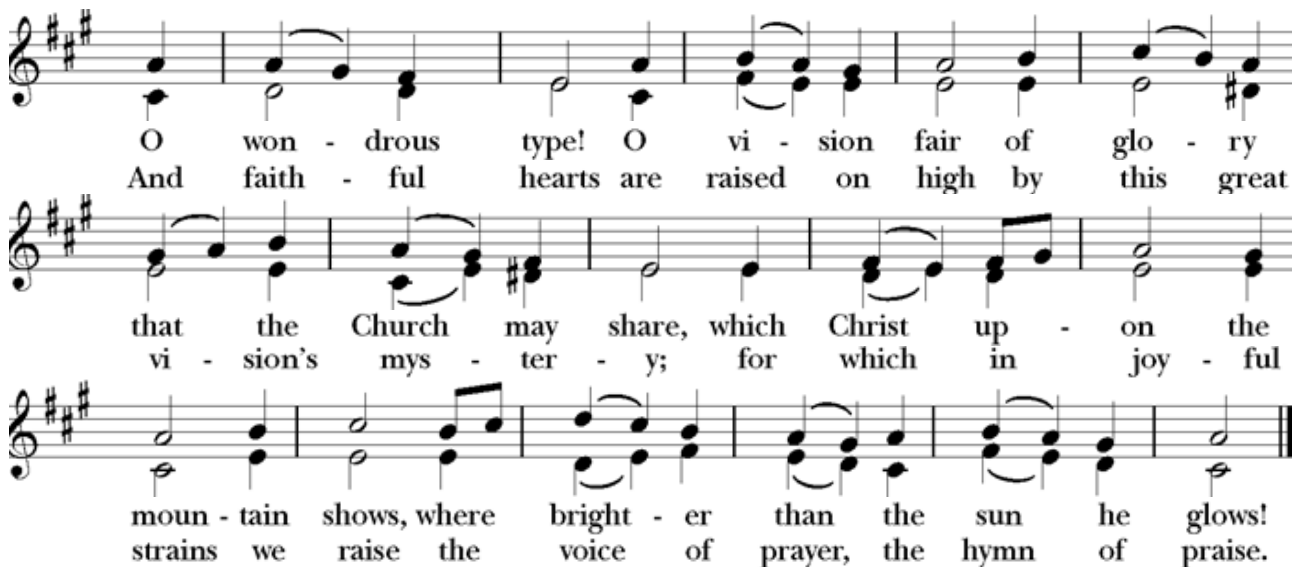
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn 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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop; all bishops, priests, deacons and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For all who have died;

For those who put their trust in you, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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.

Presider Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

The Confession

Presider 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.

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.***

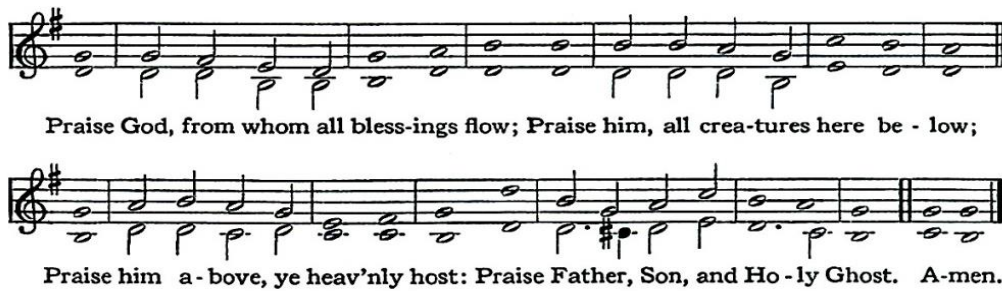
Birthday, Anniversary and Traveler Prayers

The Offertory

*You may give here or online by using the "Give Now" button on our St. John's website: www.saint-johns.org
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Offertory Anthem

Doxology

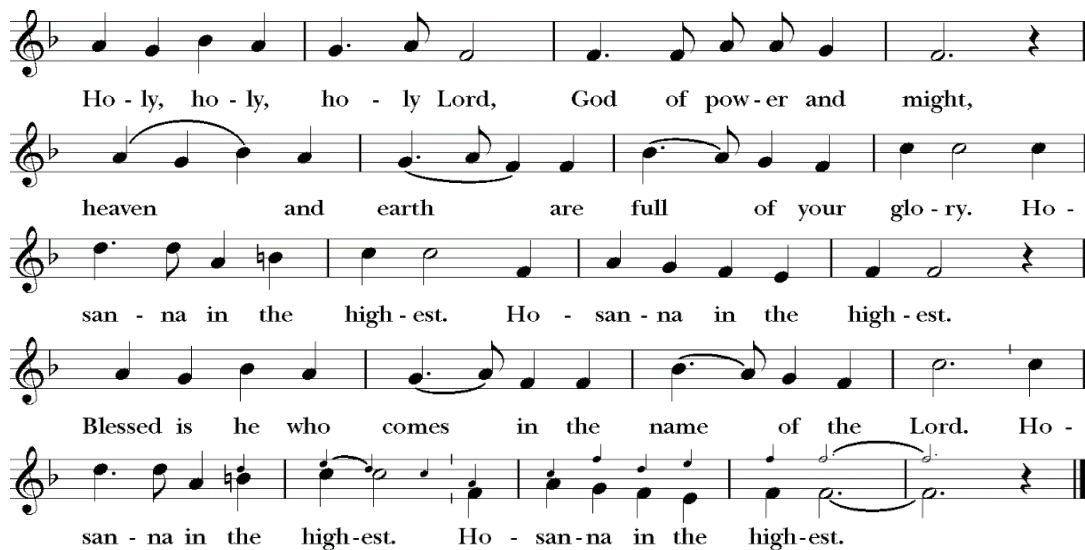


Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

The Great Thanksgiving

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. 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:



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 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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion

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

Presider 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

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world;

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

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
plead for me, where the songs of all the
great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Bill and Ann Rogers in celebration of their 48th 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

Presider/Preacher

The Rev. Roger Haenke

Readers/Prayers

Cliff Berkowitz, Marge Moore

Psalmist/Vocalists

St. John's Choir: Jeff Bates, Tom Brzeczek,
Alice Burnham, Pamela Brittain, Denise Eddleman,
Jane Ferguson, Larry and Lucy Ferguson, Ted Garcia,
Joe and Maria Love, Marge Moore, Chelsey Nyaradi,
Nancy Painter and Leslie Parker

Organist

Cheryl Seppala

Acolytes

Scott Bricknell, Malia Attaway, Lynn Naranjo,
Marge Moore

Ushers

Bill and Irene Cheney

Eucharistic Ministers

Celia Vasquez, Iris Atkins, Debbie Lothspeich

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, Sebastian Morales, Roberto Chavez, Ryan Lothspeich, Andrew C. Dugger, Dan and Chelsey Nyaradi, and Gen. G.J. Heinrich.

For Strength in Time of Need

Steve Magill, Gary and Shirley McCarren, Ann Lindshield, the McClure family, Barb Oliveira, Heather Wallace, Linda Longoria-Neff, Josey Felts, Celia Vasquez, Helen McGrath, Irene Cheney, Ann Rogers, Kurth Barnes, Tyler Anderson, and Oscar Morales.

Names are kept on the Prayers List for 4 weeks.

If you wish to add a name, please email Maria Love at: maria@saint-johns.org.