

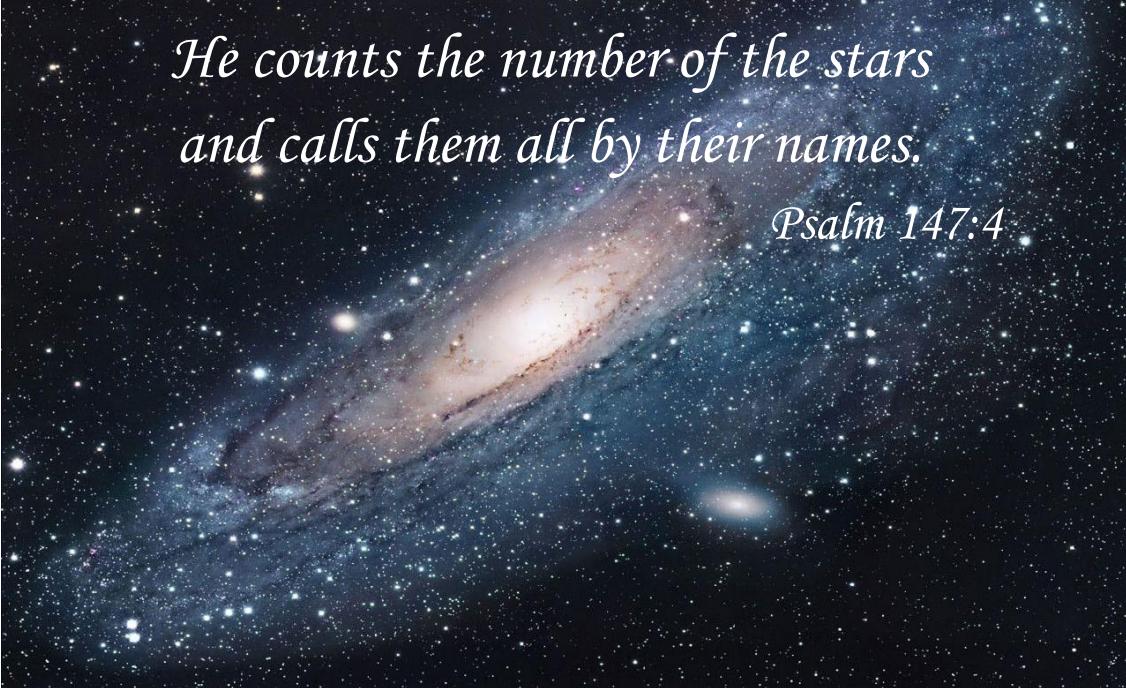
Welcome to
St. John's Episcopal Church
Chula Vista, CA

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 2021
9:00 am

Livestreamed worship service

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



*He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.*

Psalm 147:4

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

vs. 1, 2 & 4

1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice
 2. Still the chil - dren wan - der home - less,
 4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice,

Bore the weight of hu - man need,
 Still the hun - gry for bread.
 Forth in your great cry name we go

Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom,
 To the child, the youth, the a - ged,

Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 Love in liv - ing to show,

We, your ser - vant, the wor - ship
 As you, Lord, in good bring deep com - pas - sion,
 Hope and health, - will and com - fort,

Not of voice a - lone, but heart,
 Healed the sick freed the soul,
 Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give

Con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose
 Use the love your Spir - it kin - dles
 That your chil - dren, Lord, in free - dom,

Ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
 Still to save and make us whole.
 May your mer - cy know, and live.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 Has it not been told you from the beginning?
 Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
 and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
 and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
 and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
 scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
 and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me,
 or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
 Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
 calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
 mighty in power,
 not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
 and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
 and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c *Laudate Dominum*

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars

and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly,

but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds

and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains

and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds

and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse;
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who await his gracious favor.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal 529

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West,
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples

East of the West, in what -

him no South or may North, be!
 e'er your race or may but Who one serves great my fel - low -

ship as love child through is - out sure - the whole ly kin wide to earth. me.

The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.*

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

Grant to your people the faith to realize that all we have and who we are belongs to God and that we are stewards of the gifts God has given us. 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; especially those on our parish prayer list, 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 serving in the armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families

Almighty God, we command 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 and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

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.**

Greet one another in the Name of Christ, or name those whom you hold dear in your heart

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*You may offer your gift by mail or stop by the parish office,
Or online by using the "Give Now" button on our St. John's website: www.saint-johns.org*

Offertory Anthem

The General Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. ***Amen.***

Lord's Prayer

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.***

Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is an ancient practice of the church. As we continue our celebration of the Word made flesh, we welcome his coming into our lives. It is our desire to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, so even though we may not receive the presence of Christ physically, we may receive Christ spiritually. The Church offers us a prayer for Spiritual communion. Let us pray together:

**Blessed Jesus, I believe that we are fed with the spiritual food of your Body and Blood.
Since I cannot receive You sacramentally today, I now desire to receive you into my soul.
Unite my heart with those of my community gathered to offer the sacrifice 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.**

Concluding Collect

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.
Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

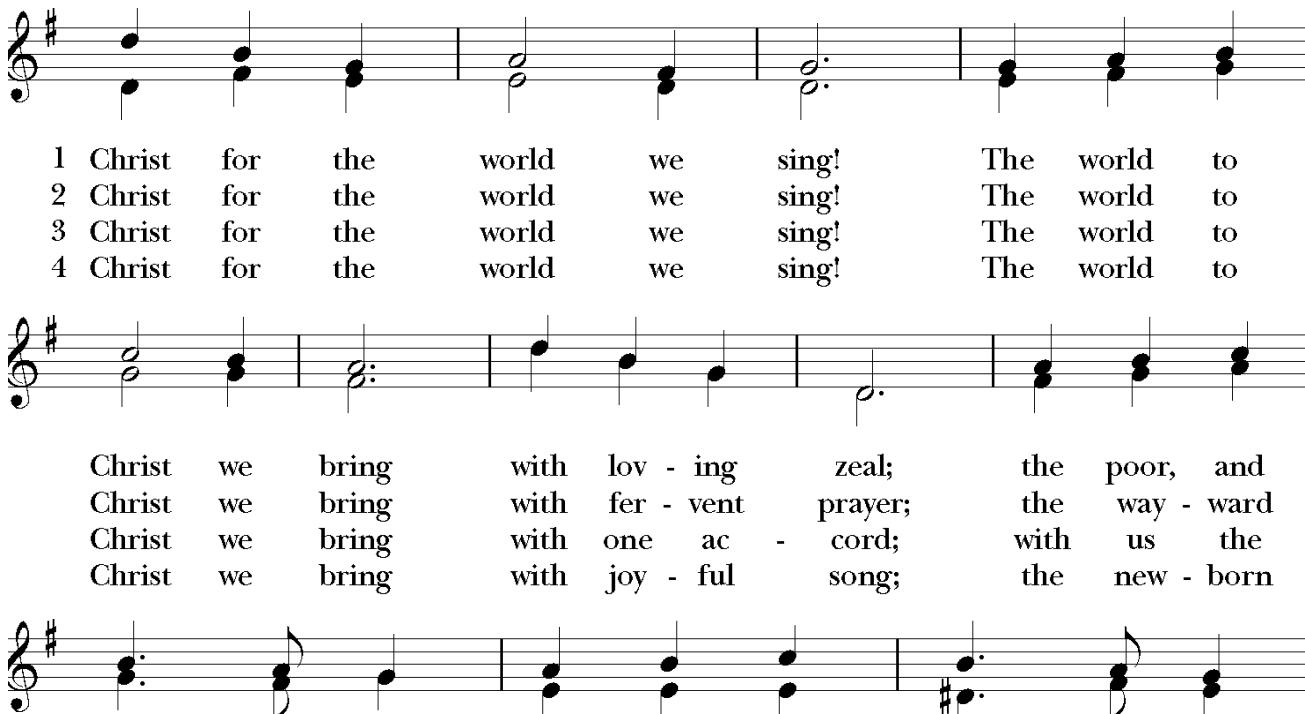
The Blessing

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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

Hymnal 537



1 Christ for the world we sing!
2 Christ for the world we sing!
3 Christ for the world we sing!
4 Christ for the world we sing!

Christ we bring with loving zeal; the poor, and
Christ we bring with fervent prayer; the wayward
Christ we bring with one accord; with us the
Christ we bring with joyful song; the newborn

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver-borne,
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Liturgical Ministers

Presider/Preacher	Rev. Roger Haenke
Reader/Prayers	Karen Duignan
Psalmist/Vocalist	Jeff Bates
Gospeller and	
Spiritual Communion	Rev. Cathey Dowdle
Organist	Cheryl Seppala
Video/Livestream	Cliff Berkowitz

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given by the Avery and Martin families in remembrance of Mary Avery, whose birthday was February 8, and given by Janie Burchartz in celebration of Alice Burnham's birthday on February 10, 2021.

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.

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, Jocelyn Hernandez, Devon Strunk, Taylor Harrold, Jorge Zuazua, Katherine Milam, Sebastian Morales, Richie Lebron and Roberto Johnson.

For Strength in Time of Need

Scott Hunter, Betty Robertson, Steve Magill, Gary & Shirley McCarren, Brian Elly, Ed Thomas, Priscilla Szymanski, Hugh Strachwitz, Cyd and Paige, and Andrew Beech.

(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: maria@saint-johns.org.)

We Are Available in Your Time of Need

If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed, please call Rev. Roger at 619-301-0724 or email revroger@saint-johns.org

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