

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

**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

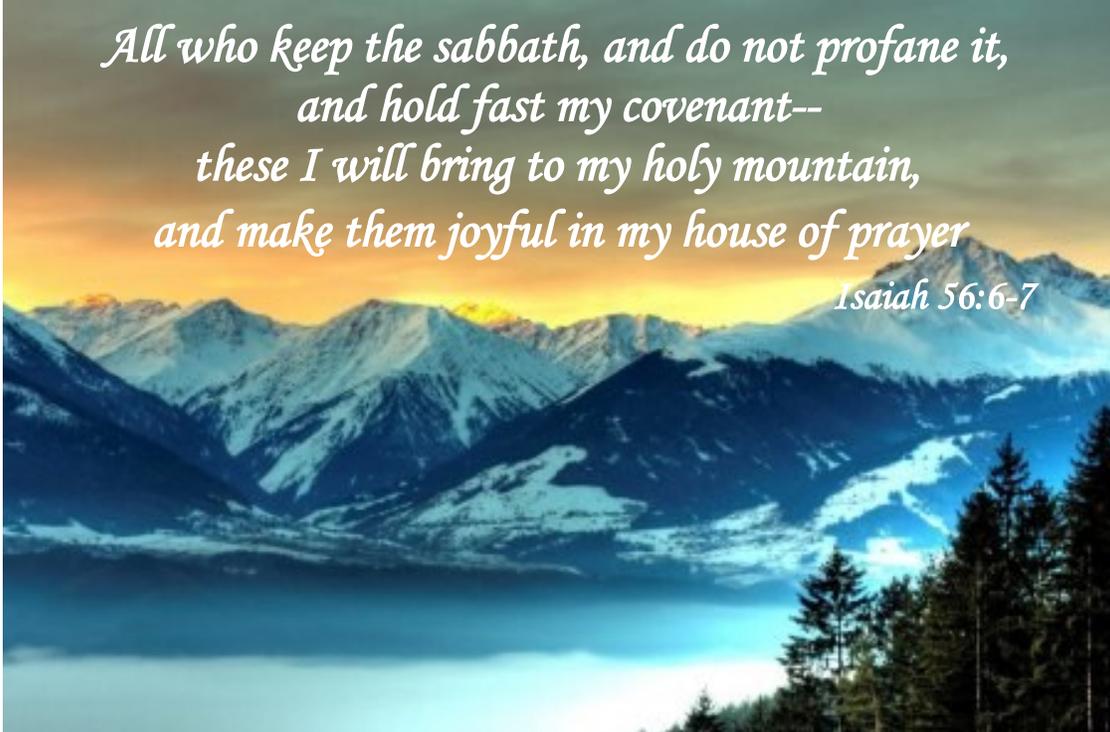
**August 16, 2020**  
**9:00 am**

Livestream on Facebook

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

*All who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant--  
these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer*

*Isaiah 56:6-7*



## The Word of God with Spiritual Communion

### Opening Hymn

*There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Hymnal 470



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;



there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;



there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

### Salutation

*Presider* 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.***

*Presider* Lord, have mercy.

*People* ***Christ, have mercy.***

*Presider* Lord, have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider*            The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*            Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 Isaiah

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

    Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
    and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
    to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
    and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
    and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
    and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
    will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
    for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,  
    who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them  
    besides those already gathered.

    The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm 67

*Deus misereatur*

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
    ***show us the light of his countenance and come to us.***

Let your ways be known upon earth,  
    ***your saving health among all nations.***

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
    ***let all the peoples praise you.***

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has brought forth her increase;  
**may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

May God give us his blessing,  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

### The Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman

from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

I Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to  
 stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.

## 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**

With all our heart and with all our mind and with all our soul,  
let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, our parish of St. John's, Bishop Susan, and for all the clergy and all the  
people of our diocese may our faith be great, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace throughout the world, for the unity of all peoples, may world leaders protect and sustain  
the most vulnerable among us, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the leaders of our nations, and for all in authority, may they serve wisely for the common good of  
all people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city and our state, for farms and field and for who labor to bring in the harvest may their work  
produce an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom that we may be faithful steward and  
strive to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who are sick, those suffering from the coronavirus, for those burdened with anxiety, the  
poor and the oppressed, for the many unemployed and those with little food or shelter, for all those  
listed on our Parish Prayer List and for all who remember and care for them, may they know of God's  
mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Robert Bailey, for all the departed, and  
that our lives may end in faith and hope, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to your love and care, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Together let us pray for those serving in the armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families

***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* 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.***

## **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.***

## Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

### The Offertory

*Presider* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

*Stewardship is about the offering of our time, talent and treasure.  
Thank you to all those who make the work and ministry of St. John's continue.  
We have made it even more convenient for you to offer a reoccurring or one-time gift online.  
You will find a "Give Now" button on our St. John's website: [www.saint-johns.org](http://www.saint-johns.org)*

### 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 Lord's Prayer

*Presider* 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

*Presider* It is a tradition in Episcopal churches to share together in the sacrament of Holy Communion, sharing in Christ's Body and Blood. Since we cannot gather in person, our church allows a person who hungers for Holy Communion to share in its benefits. This is called Spiritual Communion, and it draws us together as the Body of Christ in this world.

Let us pray together a prayer of Spiritual Communion.

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.  
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.***

### **Concluding Collect**

***A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God.***

*This prayer was written by Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID pandemic to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.*

*Presider* God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

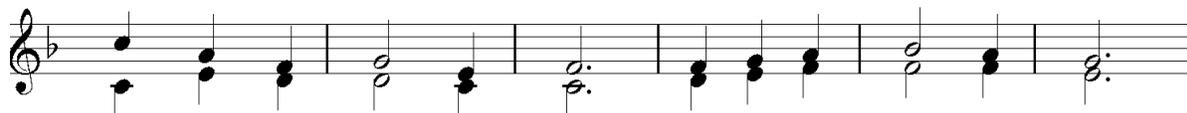
### **The Blessing**

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

## Closing Hymn

*Thou, whose almighty word*

Hymnal 371



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Liturgical Leaders

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Presider/Preacher</b>     | Rev. Roger Haenke                       |
| <b>Readers/Responses</b>     | Bill Cheney, Robert Dunn,<br>Jeff Bates |
| <b>Gospel</b>                | Rev. Cathey Dowdle                      |
| <b>Prayers of the People</b> | Judy Butcher                            |
| <b>Spiritual Communion</b>   | Rev. Cathey Dowdle                      |
| <b>Psalmist/Vocalists</b>    | Jane Ferguson, Lucy Ferguson            |
| <b>Organist</b>              | Cheryl Seppala                          |
| <b>Video Production</b>      | Cliff Berkowitz                         |

## Prayers List

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 and Richie Lebron.

### For strength in time of need

Scott Hunter, Betty Robertson, Bill Rogers, Barbara Duncan, Dean Peters, Jan Jones, Rob Fredericks,  
Austin Stott, George Fielding and Fr. Jack and Sarah Tolley

For the repose of the souls of Robert Bailey, Rev. Al Stott and Rob McKay.  
May light perpetual shine on them.

*(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](mailto: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](mailto:revroger@saint-johns.org)

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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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