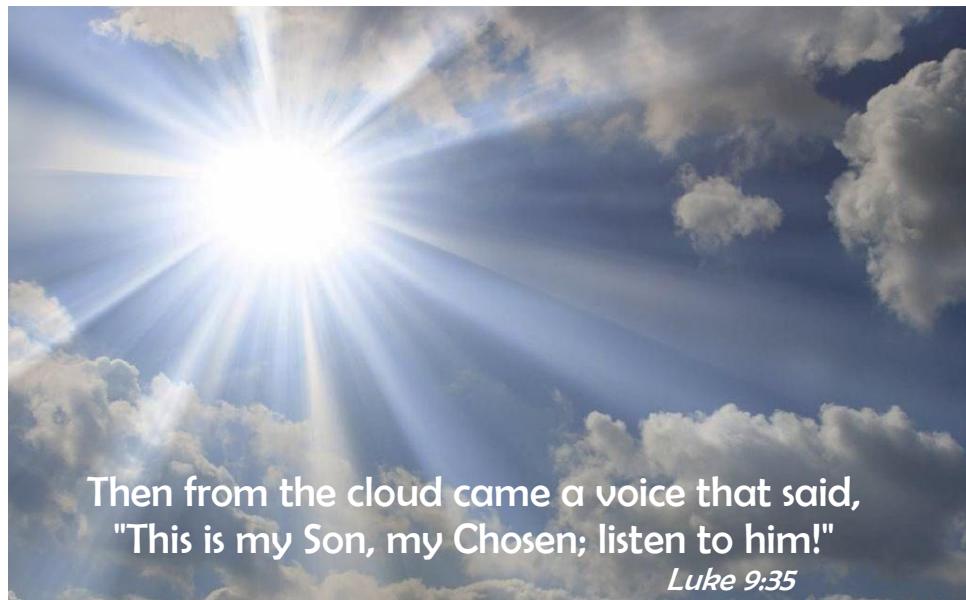


Welcome to  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Chula Vista, CA

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

**March 2, 2025  
9:00am**



**Then from the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"**  
*Luke 9:35*

***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

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
  
1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
  
1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

### 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 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 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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 Paul to the Corinthians**

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Gradual**      *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*

Hymnal 129

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!  
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus,

"Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"

--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Swift the cloud of glory came.  
God pro-claim-ing and pro-phets  
in its thun-der Je-sus as his Son by name!  
Na-tions cry a-loud in won-der! Al-le-lu-ia!  
let cre-a-tion now a-dore him! Al-le-lu-ia!

## 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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop;  
and for 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, especially Pope Francis;

***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.***

*Celebrant*     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.***

## **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 below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## 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:

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

*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.***

*Unison*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - them

*Harmony*

*Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince-doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear-er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - umphant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Postlude

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Jeff Bates in memory of Ken and Dinah Bates.

## Liturgical Ministers

<b>Celebrant/Preacher</b>	Rev. Roger Haenke
<b>Reader/Prayers</b>	Bill Gustafson, Jim Lindshield
<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>	Gregg and Elizabeth King
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Iris Atkins, Debbie Lothspeich, Alex Valdez-Beer
<b>Livestream</b>	Cliff Berkowitz, Jamie Attaway

## 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, 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).)*