



ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN FRANCISCO

ST. JOHN'S

St. John's exists as a new family to embody God's reality & hope in our world.

PALM SUNDAY

10^{am} April 5, 2009

Welcome - you're invited to experience God's presence as you choose.

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Joyful Interlude in D" by Mawby	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Hail and Hosanna"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		Theresa Cho
SING*	(*please stand as able) "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" vv. all	blue book 88
PRAY	one: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice, not only with outward signs such as palm branches or the occasional "Hosanna", but with lives truly turned towards you. all: <i>It seems such a distance from this Palm Sunday now to that day when you entered Jerusalem with the shouts of the crowd ringing in your ears. Welcomed as a king, yet riding on a lowly donkey. Greeted with cheers and acclamations which were so soon to turn to jeers and condemnation.</i> <i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i> one: From this side of the resurrection, we confidently believe that we could never have been part of the jeering crowd - but would we, if we had been there? Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us; remake us in your likeness; empty us of all that hinders us from following you to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist. all: <i>Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord.</i> <i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i> one: Amen. Hear the good news: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross." (Philippians 6,7a,8b) Through his obedience we are freed from whatever sin enslaves us.	Cindy Harris

all: Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are reconciled and empowered to begin again.

AFFIRM*

*Jesus, your grace is moving among us.
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Jesus, your grace is moving among us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

GREET*

(Share a greeting of peace, comfortable for you.)

CHOIR

Alleluia from "Brazilian Psalm" by Jean Berger

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Isaiah 50.4-9a (p. 1141) Psalm 118.1-2,19-29 (p. 956)
Philippians 2.5-11 (p. 1827) Mark 11.1-11 (p. 1572)

HOLY WEEK
STORY

See enclosed bulletin for the Holy Week Story.
Children and adults are invited to participate in the program.

COMMITMENT

PRAY

(ecumenical version - or use a version or language you prefer)

John Anderson

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

(Please pass the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)
"Qui sedes" from Gloria by Cyril Deaconoff

AFFIRM*

Praise the Lord, the world's Cre - a - tor, Praise our truth and hope, the Son,
Praise the e - ver ro - ving - Spi - rit. Pulse of life and love for ev - ry - one.

DEDICATE*

Bless these gifts and our lives, O God, for we offer them in the name of Jesus, our Lord. He emptied himself that we might be filled. He humbled himself that we might be lifted up. We pray these gifts be

used to proclaim the gospel which fills lives that are empty and lifts up those who need help. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

CHRIST'S MEAL

*(All seeking to follow Jesus are invited to share, regardless of background.
Taking bread, dip it in the cup.)*

PRAY

Gracious God, we give you thanks, for refreshing and renewing us in this meal with the life of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Strengthened by his life - the food of eternal life - we go to be eager bearers of his word and willing followers of his way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

COMPASSION

SING*

"God of Grace and God of Glory" vv. 1,3,5

blue book 420

SEND & BLESS*

(You're invited for conversation & caffeine in the back.)

CLOSE

"Et in terra from Gloria" by Vivaldi



Easter Sunday, April 12

Please bring plastic Easter eggs filled with candy.

An Easter egg hunt will start right after worship, downstairs.

T O D A Y

COFFEE/TEA - You may indulge before, during & after worship. You're also welcome to share in the snacks.

GUESTS - We welcome you to this family of faith. As your hosts we love your questions & comments.

OUR KIDS - may wander or color at the table at left front. Animals & books in back are for restless parents.

LIGHTHOUSE - our nursery for kids 0-4 located in the chapel on left, front.

LITTLE MARINERS - for ages 2-4, NO PROGRAM TODAY.

A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5th grade, NO PROGRAM TODAY.

FAITH NAVIGATORS - grades 6-8, NO PROGRAM TODAY.

LISTENING DEVICES - Are for hearing impaired, or for parents with kids in *The Lighthouse*, to listen to worship.

NAME TAGS - Help others remember your name. Indicate on the clipboard if you wish one made for you.

PARKING - Guests may Dble-park on Lake St. (DPT ticket if cars blocked) & free @ St Anne's Home, 3rd & Lake.

RESTROOMS - Behind the sanctuary on both levels (upper level is fully accessible & has changing table).

THE EAGLE - Getting the Eagle newsletter? It's in back & on our website. Request to get it, on the clipboard.

WELCOME - If you'd like to help welcome others, bring snacks or tidy after fellowship, any Sunday, please indicate that on the clipboard as it's passed. Please place clipboard pages in the offering basket. Thanks.

LIVING OUR VISION

OUR COMMITMENT is to passionately follow Jesus.

COMMITMENT CLASS - Explore what it means to take a step in a journey of commitment to Christ & being a part of St. John's as your spiritual home. Indicate any interest on the clipboard or call/email a pastor & we'll let you know of the next class. Childcare available upon request.

FAITH on TAP - At The Bitter End pub (441 Clement, btw 5th & 6th Av) April 15 (3rd Wednesdays), 6³⁰-7³⁰pm. No faith required, but curiosity to explore with your own integrity. See pastor John or just show up.

GIVING - envelope boxes for all, in back of sanctuary, or use secure eGive @ our home page, stjohssf.org

OUR COMMUNITY is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

COMMUNITY CLASS - Explore growth in study, prayer, giving & fellowship. Monday, May 4, 7-8^{pm}, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available by request.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Every 1st Saturday, 8-9^{am}, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic Call: John Lenox 752 1365.

ALPHABET DINERS CLUB - Eating our way thru the alphabet. Meet at Oyaji (3212 Clement), 4/30 @7^{pm}, for good food and conversation. Contact pastor Theresa for more info & to RSVP.

FACEBOOK - Check out the St. John's community through our website homepage, link up & be part of it.

OUR COMPASSION embodies the peace & justice of God.

COMPASSION CLASS - Discover gifts, talents & passions - your compassion. Monday, April 6, 7-8^{pm}, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available upon request.

HAYES HOME - Worship with residents, 2-2⁴⁵pm, 1250 Hayes St. (3rd Sundays). Info: David Miller, 673 4810.

HARVEST - Saturdays, 7³⁰-10^{am}. Come share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

ST. JOHN'S CINEMA - Thurs., May 7, 7-8⁴⁵pm, Taxi to the Dark Side After picking up 3 passengers, an Afghan taxi driver never returns. Firsthand reports look at U.S. torture. '08 best Oscar Documentary. Free. (Views aren't necessarily of St. John's or members.)

OUR GIFTS - 10+% of our income is for others. Some recipients shown on back bulletin board.

What's New!

ST. JOHN'S TOTS - Families w/ ages 0-3, siblings welcomed. May 3, 1-5^{pm}, pool party in Marin. BBQ provided. Bring a dish to share. Info & directions, ask pastor Theresa.

COMMITMENT CARDS - for '09 commitments, are in the back.

EASTER LILIES - order lilies (a donation of \$15 each) by TODAY, use an offering envelope, indicate in whose memory or honor it is given & place in offering basket. You may pick it up on Easter.

HOLY WEEK Good Friday: April 10th, 7^{pm}, quiet reflection.

Easter: April 12th, 7^{am} - Crissy Field picnic tables, 10^{am} - in sanctuary

PALESTINE REPORT - TODAY, 6-7^{pm}, pastor John & Nancy share impressions & slides of their recent trip in Fireside Room.

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - April 19, Easter season - sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys.

SPRING CONCERT - Saturday, May 9, 8^{pm}; Vallejo Choral Society, St. John's choir & musicians from the SF Conservatory. Tickets: \$20 general & \$15 for seniors/students on sale.

BE A GREETER! - Sundays, 9⁴⁰-10¹⁰am. Interested? Talk to Stacy: stacybrubaker@hotmail.com or Keith: secondjune@gmail.com

GO TO YELP.COM - To share what's here at St. John's, w/ SF?

more info @ stjohssf.org

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