



ST. JOHN'S

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

SEASON OF EASTER

10^{am} April 26, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	Invocation in B flat by Guilmant	Cyril Deaconoff
WELCOME & QUIET	Laudamus te, from "Gloria" by Cyril Deaconoff	Karen Irwin & choir John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) Christ Is Alive vv. 1, 3, 5	blue book 108
PRAY	<p>one: Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on, illuminating the places where you are present. As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with your word of peace. You showed them the appalling marks of evil pierced on your hands and feet.</p> <p>all: <i>You opened their minds to understand why you had to die to defeat such evil and death. Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord. May this worship which we offer in your name be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(silent offering of gratitude)</p> <p>one: Merciful God, we often forget that surprises happen in our journeys of faith. We are more inclined to focus on our limitations rather than the limitless power of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us if we find it difficult to move beyond any feelings of guilt to the forgiveness offered by Jesus. Help us to remember Jesus' message - that repentance and forgiveness of sins are to be proclaimed in his name - to all nations - beginning right here.</p> <p>all: <i>We are too often unwilling to sacrifice even a little of our comfort to help others. Lord Jesus Christ, may the Holy Spirit teach us how to respond to the world. Please, please, teach us.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(silent accepting of God's grace)</p> <p>one: Amen! "Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, to</p>	

whom we are reconciled through Christ, and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5.17,18)

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

GREET*

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

CHOIR

Alleluia by Daniel Pinkham

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)

Acts 3.12-19 (p. 1695) Psalm 4 (p. 845)

1 John 3.1-7 (p. 1900) Luke 24.36b-48 (p. 1644)

ENGAGE

Recognized

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him." Luke 24.31

no surprises

holy conversations

valued witnesses

story tellers

SING*

The Summons vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

red book 13

COMMITMENT

PRAY

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

Cindy Harris

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.)

Theresa Cho

Reflective interlude in E minor by Mawby

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*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have enlightened us with your endless love, your peace, and your forgiveness. Receive and bless these gifts, for we offer them and our lives in your name to be used to proclaim your love, peace and forgiveness to all people, beginning right here and right now. Amen

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING*

Lord of All Hopefulness vv. all

red book 66

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

Bourree by Handel

TODAY

COFFEE/TEA - You're welcome to have it before, during & after worship. Feel free to bring & share snacks.

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

WE LOVE KIDS - They can wander or color at front table at left. Animals & books in back for restless parents.

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

LITTLE MARINERS - for ages 2-4, offered 1st & 2nd Sundays of month, downstairs.

A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5th grade, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

FAITH NAVIGATORS - grades 6-8 in Fireside Room.

LISTENING DEVICES - Available for hearing impaired, or parents with kids in The Lighthouse - to hear worship.

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

PARKING - Guests: double-park on Lake St. (DPT ticket when cars blocked). Free @ St Anne's, 3rd/4th @ Lake.

RESTROOMS - On both levels (upper level is fully accessible with changing table).

THE EAGLE - Receive our Eagle (newsletter). Find it in back, on website or request it on clipboard.

WELCOME - Please indicate your wishes on clipboard as it's passed & please place page in the offering basket.

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, @ 5th & 6th) May 20 (3rd Wednesdays), 6³⁰-7³⁰pm. A safe place to talk faith, ask questions & maintain your integrity - no faith required. 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 - Each 1st Sat., 8-9^{am}, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic, John Lenox 7521365.

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

FACEBOOK - Check the St. John's community thru 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, June 1, 7-8^{pm}, Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care upon request.

HARVEST - Saturdays, 7³⁰-9³⁰am 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. '07 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!

YOUTH - 1st Sat. Harvest, 7-9^{am}, come give out food, then donuts with Evelyn & Iain.

COMMITMENT CARDS - Extras in back for members to return.

CINDY HARRIS - Our seminary intern finishes her time with us on April 26. Please extend your gratitude to her for her presence with us.

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

GOSPEL BITES - Let's together chew on the images of St. John, at the Bitter End pub (441 Clement, @ 5th & 6th) May 6 (1st Wednesdays), 6³⁰-7³⁰pm. See pastor John or just show up.

SPRING CONCERT - Saturday, May 9, 8^{pm}; Vallejo Choral Society, St. John's choir & musicians of 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

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - next on May 31, Pentecost Sunday - sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys.

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

more info @ stjohssf.org

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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