



ST. JOHN'S

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10^{am} November 22, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	Evensong by Martin	Cyril Deaconoff
	Bless the Lord, Oh my Soul	Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & CALM		Theresa Cho
SING*	(*please stand as able) We Give Thanks vv. 1, 2, 3, 4,8	red book 109
PRAY	<p>one: O God, we praise and adore you. You are truly without beginning or ending - your reign is eternal and your being all-powerful, and yet you chose to reveal your power in the most powerless and vulnerable manner - as a baby. As you shared our humanity in Jesus, you gave the world a new understanding of power. We know now that power is not to be used to dominate, but to serve others as Christ did.</p> <p><i>all: We gather today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of your Spirit. We offer this prayer of gratitude for these blessings in the name of Jesus, our Servant King.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(silent offering of gratitude)</p> <p>one: Gracious God, as we think today about Jesus as Christ the King, we confess that we hesitate over his rule in our hearts as king because that suggests turning our understanding of power and authority upside down. We are ashamed to admit that we like a bit of prestige and it even feels good on occasion to lord it over another person. We do it in meetings, at work, in our families and even here - in church.</p> <p><i>all: Forgive us, O God, and help us to hear anew Jesus' words that whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. Remind us that the power of the Holy Spirit enables us to witness to the values of your kingdom in and through all we do and say and that thankfully this power far exceeds any apathy or fear on our part.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(silent accepting of God's grace)</p>	

one: Amen. The good news is this: our sins are forgiven through "Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins . . . to him be glory and dominion forever and ever." Rev 1.5,6

all: Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are reconciled and renewed 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

For the Beauty of the Earth by Andrew Carter

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
2 Samuel 23.1-7 (p. 512) Ps 132.1-12 (p. 969)
Revelation 1.4b-8 (p. 1913) John 18.33-37 (p. 1683)

ENGAGE

What Is Truth?

SING*

On Eagle's Wings vv. all

red book 64

COMMITMENT

PRAY

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

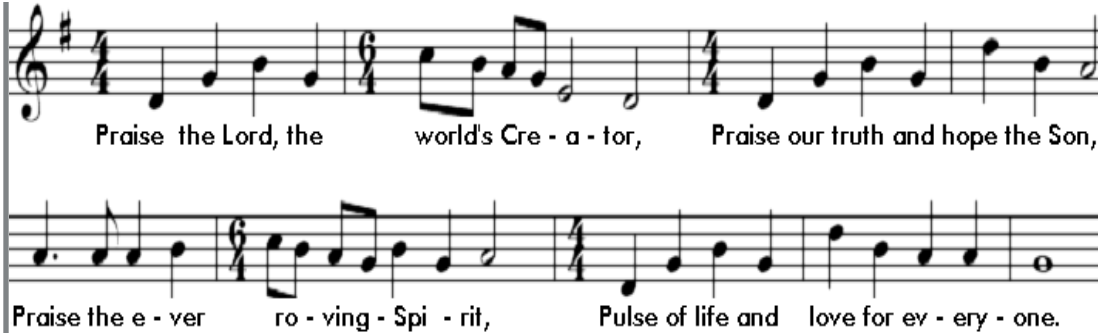
(Please pass & sign the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)
Majesty of Christ praying that His Father should glorify Him by Messian
"Father, the hour is come: glorify thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee" - Gospel according to St. John

John Anderson

FAITH STORY

John Kim

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 - ery - one.

DEDICATE*

Eternal God, with cheerful voices and thankful hearts, we offer to you these gifts and our lives. May Christ the King rule in our hearts so that we are powerful witnesses to the truth of your kingdom of love, justice and peace. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING*

Jesus Shall Reign w. 1, 3, 4, 5

blue book 423

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

Crown Imperial by Walton

T O D A Y

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 - Preschool, offered every Sunday in back of sanctuary. Help yourself to materials.

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

FAITH NAVIGATORS - grades 6-8 in the 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 the meaning of a journey following Christ & being part of St. John's as your spiritual home. Indicate interest on the clipboard or call/email a pastor & we'll let you know of the next class.

FAITH on TAP - at the Bitter End Pub (441 Clement, @ 5th & 6th) Dec. 16 (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, stjohnessf.org

OUR COMMUNITY is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

COMMUNITY CLASS - Explore growth in study, prayer, giving & fellowship. Monday, Feb. 1, 6³⁰-7³⁰pm, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available by request.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Each 1st Saturday, 8-9^{am}, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic, John Lenox 7521365.

ALPHABET DINERS CLUB - Eating our way thru the alphabet. January 28 Korean – Wooden Charcoal BBQ House @ 4611 Geary - good food & conversation. Contact pastor Theresa to RSVP. More - stjohnessf.org

GOSPEL BITES - at the Bitter End Pub (441 Clement, @ 5th/6th) Dec. 2 (1st Wednesdays), 6⁴⁵-7⁴⁵pm. See pastor John or just show up. We look at the gospel of John - images and imagination for our lives.

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, Jan. 4, 6³⁰-7³⁰pm, 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., Dec. 3, 7-8³⁰pm, Dear America: Letters Home From Vietnam Veterans' emotions captured in conflict correspondence & news footage. Free. (Views not necessarily of St. John's or members.)

OUR GIVING - We strive to give away 10+% of our income. Some recipients shown on back bulletin board.

What's New!

KNITTERS - Tuesdays, 7-8³⁰pm, come to a knitting/Bible study. New knitters welcomed. For more info, see Deb McGuire.

INTERFAITH SERVICE - Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 10^{am}, Calvary Presb. Ch, 2515 Fillmore St. SF, sponsored by SF Interfaith Council

GREEN THE CHURCH - Come Nov. 28 to help green-up church.

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - Nov. 29, sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided journeys. To assist, see pastor John.

WHOLENESS & HEALING - Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6-6³⁰pm. As healing was an integral to Jesus' ministry, so we also offer healing.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - donations for our December 19, 6-7.15^{pm} concert are welcome. For \$60 or more you get a new CD! See Cyril.

PALESTINE - Join the next olive tree planting trip Feb. 2-18, '10, sponsor a tree (\$20) & find info on Mideast conflict at display in back.

CHOIR - Join choir on Open Anthem Sunday, Dec 6. See Karen Irwin. On-line tutorial available at www.karenirwin.posterous.com

YOUTH - Dec. 5, Sat. 7-9^{am}, share food @ Harvest, see Evelyn & Iain.

COMMUNITY MEALS - @ Old 1st Presb, help is needed to feed up to 200 people in extreme poverty. Go to www.welcomeministry.org

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

see in back @ stjohnessf.org

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