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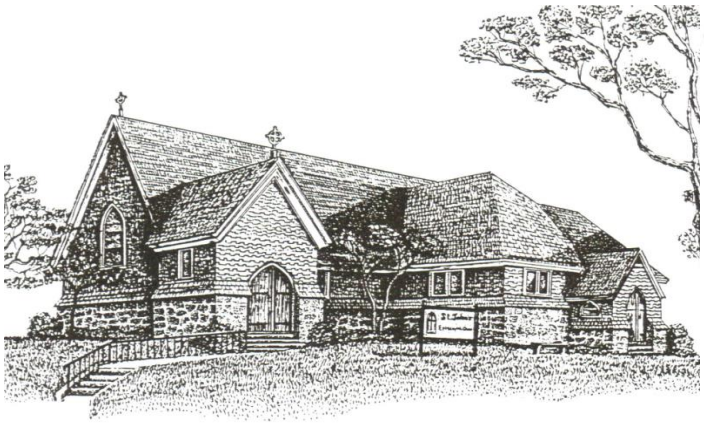

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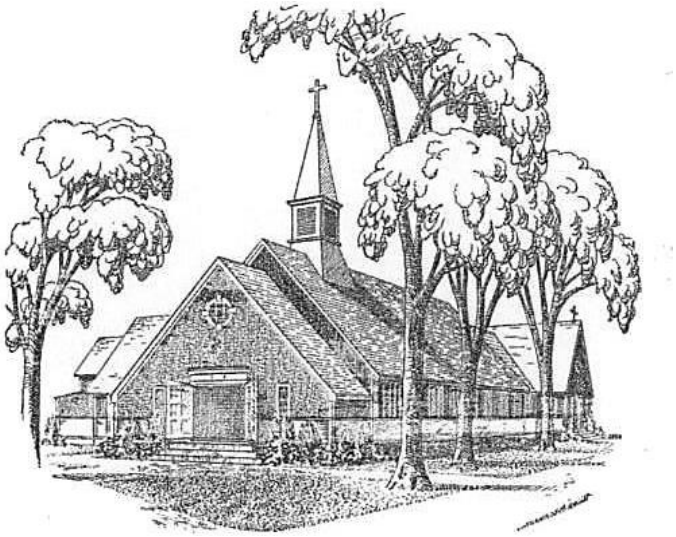

**St John's Episcopal Church, Saugus**

# *Visitation of The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth*

With Confirmation and Reception

**October 25, 2026**

Prelude

Processional: *All hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vv. 1-4)* Hymnal #**450**

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
   Let angels prostrate fall;
   bring forth the royal diadem,
   and crown him Lord of all!
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   and crown him Lord of all!

2. Crown him ye martyrs of our God,
   who from his altar call:
   praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
   and crown him Lord of all!
   praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
   and crown him Lord of all!

3. Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
   whom David Lord did call,
   the God incarnate, Man divine,
   and crown him Lord of all.
   the God incarnate, Man divine,
   and crown him Lord of all!

4. Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,
   ye ransomed of the fall,
   hail him who saves you by his grace,
   and crown him Lord of all!
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   and crown him Lord of all!

Opening Acclamation:

*Bishop:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
*People:* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***
*Bishop:* There is one Body and one Spirit;
*People:* ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***
*Bishop:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
*People:* ***One God and Father of all.***

Confession:

*Bishop:* 'How often have I longed to gather your children, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,' says the Lord, 'but you would not come to me.'
Let us as wayward children return to God and confess our sins.

*People:* ***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.***

Absolution

*Bishop:* 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.***

*Bishop:* The Lord be with you.
*People:* ***And also with you.***
*Bishop:* Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

Collect of the Day A Prayerbook for Australia

***O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfillment of your Law: Stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christy our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

First Lesson: Quinton Blanton

A reading from *The Book of Leviticus (19:1-2,15-18).*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 1 Dee Dee Edmondson-Korom

*Let us recite the psalm responsively, alternating verses.*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 ***Their delight is in the law of the Lord, ****
***and they meditate on his law day and night.***

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 ***It is not so with the wicked; ****
***they are like chaff which the wind blows away.***

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 ***For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ****
***but the way of the wicked is doomed.***

Second Lesson: Ray Mears

A reading from *The 1st Letter of Paul to Thessalonians (2:1-8).*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like

a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn: *The Servant Song (vv. 1 & 2)*

1. Will you let me be your servant,
   let me be as Christ to you?
   Pray that I might have the grace
   to let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey
   we are trav'lers on the road.
   We are here to help each other
   walk the mile and bear the load.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew (22:34-46).*

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sequence Hymn: *The Servant Song (vv. 3 & 4)*

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
   in the night time of your fear.
   I will hold my hand out to you,
   speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping,
   when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
   I will share your joy and sorrow
   till we've seen this journey through.

Sermon The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth

Presentation of the Candidates:

*Presenters* I present Alana Cento, Danielle Helm, Diana White, Kevin Maestranzi, and Nicholas White for Confirmation.

*Presenters* I present Donna Manoogian, Edward Meradith, Grace Allison, Quinton Blanton, T.J. Martin, and Vincent Zappulla to be received into this Communion.

*Presenters* I present Linda Tabbut who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.
*Bishop* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power
to support these persons in their life in Christ?
*People* ***We will!***
*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves
to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?
*People* ***I believe in God, the Father almighty,***
***creator of heaven and earth.***

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
*People* ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***
***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit***
***and born of the Virgin Mary.***
***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,***
***was crucified, died, and was buried.***
***He descended to the dead.***
***On the third day he rose again.***
***He ascended into heaven,***
***and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***
***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
*People* ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,***
***the holy catholic Church,***
***the communion of saints,***
***the forgiveness of sins,***
***the resurrection of the body,***
***and the life everlasting.***

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
*People* ***I will, with God's help.***
*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
*People* ***I will, with God's help.***
*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
*People* ***I will, with God's help.***
*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?
*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

Prayers for the Candidates

*Bishop* Let us now pray for *these persons* who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Open their heart to your grace and truth.
***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Send them into the world in witness to your love.
***Lord, hear our prayer.***
Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Bishop:* Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

For Confirmation:

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower her/him for your service; and sustain her/him all the days of her/his life. ***Amen.***

For Reception:

*N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. ***Amen.***

For Reaffirmation:

*N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. ***Amen.***

*Bishop:* Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Peace and Announcements

*Bishop:* God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
***And also with you.***

Invitation to the Offering

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works,
and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Offertory Hymn: *In Christ Alone* Townend/Getty

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought & storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The love of God was magnified
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Doxology Hymnal #**380** (v. 3)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***
***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***
***Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;***
***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

With the communion of saints, we offer our sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for Alana, Danielle, Diana, Kevin, Nicholas, Donna, Edward, Grace, Quinton, T.J., Vincent, and Linda as they continue their journey in the faith of Jesus. We also remember at God's altar those saints in need of God's presence and those saints who continue their journey beyond the grave.

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.
***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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*** *Heritage Mass* – in pew rack
***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***
***Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***
***+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***
***Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

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 Blessèd Mary of Nazareth, Blessèd John the Evangelist 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.***

Fraction: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) *Heritage Mass* – in pew rack

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.***
***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.***
***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.***

The Invitation to Holy Communion

In fellowship with our sisters and brothers worshiping online, let us join together in praying for that spiritual communion shared by all Christ's disciples.

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.***

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" *(Mt 11:28-29).* All those wishing to share in the life of Christ are welcome at God's altar.

Communion Hymns

*Keep the Feast* Skye Peterson / Ben Shive

1. Joyfully we join you at your table
   Pleading not our righteousness
   By your wealth of mercy, we are able
   Now to feast in confidence.

   ***Take this bread and eat***
   ***Take this cup and drink***
   ***Remember how he loved us***
   ***Rejoice and keep the feast***

2. Who is fit to feast with such a Savior?
   Who his sandals could untie?
   Who are we that he would show us favor
   Granting us this gift of life?
   ***Refrain:***

3. Happy sign of friendship and reunion
   With the blessèd Three-in-One
   Foretaste of that glorious communion
   Vision of the world to come.
   ***Refrain:***

*Take my Life and Let it be* Hymnal #**707**

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
   take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
   Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
   take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
   take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
   Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
   Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Post-communion Prayer

***Almighty and everliving God,***
***we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food***
***of the most precious Body and Blood***
***of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;***
***and for assuring us in these holy mysteries***
***that we are living members of the Body of your Son,***
***and heirs of your eternal kingdom.***
***And now, Father, send us out***
***to do the work you have given us to do,***

***to love and serve you***
***as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.***
***To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,***
***be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

Pontifical Blessing:

*Bishop:* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
*People:* ***The maker of heaven and earth.***
*Bishop:* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
*People:* ***From this time forth for evermore.***
*Bishop:* The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
*People:* ***Amen.***

Recessional*: Rise up, ye Saints of God (vv. 1-4)* Hymnal #**551**

1. Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things,
   give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
2. Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long:
   Lord, bring in the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
3. Rise up, ye saints of God! The church for you doth wait.
   Her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!
4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
   and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude: *Ode to Joy*

**Welcome to St John's Episcopal Church.** All those wishing to share in the life of Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Proceed up the aisle on the right, allowing room on the left for others to return. You may kneel or stand at the rail to receive. Most people receive the consecrated Host in the hands, and some receive on the tongue. At St. John's we share the Cup by intinction: dip (instinct) the Host in the consecrated Wine when presented with the Cup. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Holy Communion, simply cross your hands over your chest as the priest approaches. Let the greeters know if you would prefer to receive Holy Communion in the pew. Please join us for fellowship and refreshment in Ashworth Hall after worship.

Eucharistic Intentions. Of your charity, please pray for:

Stacie Testa, Steve Perkins, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Keelan Pothier, Kathy Pothier, Janet Lancaster, Malcolm Silva, Manuel Bettencourt, Emily Graves Autori, Linda Graves, Matt, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Vincent Ameral, Dona O'Donnell, Kathy Nelson, Danny Kunhardt, Lara Kotanchik, Phil Ronan, Buddy Aanderud, Beverly Phipps, Mark Guarino, Bob Todisco, Bob Bishop, Arlene Mitchell, John Delaney, Brian Maloney, Gary Berstein, Jeannie Scarpa, Jimmy Hartnet, Joyce Troisi, Mary Zappulla, Danny Sharib, Nathan Patenaude, and Norma Ghirardelli.

And we also bless your Holy Name for all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear, especially Brenda & Walter Connelly, Members of the Adlington Family: Harold, Iva, Robert, Winslow, and Ida; Robert & Elsie Ashley, and Ralph Fairchild; beseeching you to grant them continual growth in your love and service.

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| *Lector* | Quinton Blanton |
| *Psalmist* | Dee-Dee Edmonson-Korom |
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