



# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

*"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."*

**Our Vision:** *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

## **THIS SUNDAY — April 10 & Beyond**

### **"The Name above Every Name"**



The second chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians (vv.5-11) contains what has been identified as one of the first Christological hymns of the nascent church.

Paul's main intention, expressed in the opening verse here, is a call to all Christ's followers to have the mind of Christ, and then he goes on to express who Jesus Christ is for the Church.

What follows after the opening verse is like a small treatise on Christology, or the systematic theological concept of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Firstly, Paul refers to Christ's self-emptying of His primal divine glory to become perfectly human and a servant of all.

Next, he refers to His humbleness and obedience to God's will, which led Him to the death on the cross.

And then Paul talks about His exaltation, through His glorious resurrection and ascension.

Succinctly speaking, these are the same themes that we will be dealing with during Holy Week, starting with the Sunday of the Passion this week.

But at the end of the hymn Paul introduces the topic of Jesus' name.

Names have meaning. For the Jewish people, names were essential to identify not only a person as an entity, but the character of that person, and the person's God-given mission on earth.

When the angel announced the birth of the Christ to Mary, he insisted that she would name Him Jesus. The English name Jesus is, in fact, Joshua in the Hebrew language. So the name of the sixth book in the Bible is the same as that of the Christ.

Joshua—meaning **God saves**—was the leader who completed what Moses had begun. He was the one who, through several battles and glorious feats, supported by God's power, led the people into the Promised Land, and before he died he made clear what it meant to commit oneself to the living God.

The Joshua we have gotten to know as Jesus in English is our supreme Savior and Lord, and He has also made it absolutely clear what it means to serve the true God, and how this service shows itself in our deeds of loving service towards our neighbors.

But beyond all this, names for the Jewish people meant the persons themselves, their true identity, so when Paul says Jesus has been given the name above all names he obviously means that no other being on earth, under the earth, or on the heavenly realms can claim the intimacy in the communion with the Creator that Jesus Christ our Lord has attained, not through any intellectual achievement, but through His absolutely selfless loving sacrifice made on our behalf.

As we come to celebrate the glorious deeds that led to His sacrifice and to His ultimate glorious exaltation, let us also bend our knees before the one whose name is above every name.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – Palm Sunday

Luke 19:29-40    Isaiah 45:21-25    Philipians 2:5-11    Palm 22:1-11

The Passion according to St. Luke 23:1-49

## CALENDAR

**Note: We are worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am.**

## HOLY WEEK

- April 10th Palm Sunday** – 10am Mass Gather in the courtyard for the blessings of palms and procession around the church.
- April 12th **Holy Tuesday** – Noon Mass
- April 14th **Maundy Thursday** – 7pm Mass with solemn Agape meal  
Vigil in St. Mary's Chapel 8pm to 10pm
- April 15th **Good Friday** – Vigil in St. Mary's Chapel 9am to noon  
Stations of the Cross at noon  
Good Friday service at 7pm
- April 16th **Holy Saturday**  
Holy Saturday Liturgy at 10am  
Easter Vigil at 8pm - Starts in the Courtyard
- April 17th - **Easter Day** – Mass at 10am

## SPECIAL CLASSES AND PROGRAMS.

- Sundays from 10:00am to 10:45am – Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for children ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall taught by Lucretia Locke. For registration, call (619) 298-7729 or email us at [info@allsaintschurch.org](mailto:info@allsaintschurch.org)
- **Sundays, Christian Formation, 11:30 am** in the Rector's Study.  
Every second and fourth Sunday of the month.
- Thursdays – Spanish Class from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Meeting in the Flower Room, taught by Fr. Carlos. Cancelled during Holy Week. Resumes on Thursday, April 21

## **OUR CORE VALUES:**

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

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