



# The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

March 2nd at 10 a.m.

**St. Anselm's Episcopal Church**

Lafayette, California

*Welcome to St. Anselm's!*

*Whether this is your first time visiting or you worship with us every week, **please know you are warmly welcome.***

*Restrooms are located next door in the Parish Hall. Children are a blessing and encouraged to participate in worship alongside their parents. On the left of the sanctuary behind the choir is an area with toys, coloring sheets, and crayons. There is also a Family Lounge with more toys, books, and a changing table in the middle of the Education Building next to the parking area. Please accompany your child there if you wish to use this space.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

*This type of note, offering direction about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word *rubrics* (red) -referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.*

*When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.*

## PRELUDE

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

*The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*We begin our worship as a gathered community for praising God in song. Sung by all.*

**H#381 "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"**

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and  
3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own  
4 God the Fa-ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and

it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,  
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,  
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,

while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -  
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -  
and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -  
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho-ly Spi-rit, Light-Re -

lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor-tals, an-gels,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*      ***Glory to God forever and ever.***

## S #280 “Gloria In Excelsis

*The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.*

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord  
 God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther:  
 re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## THE COLLECT

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

*Presider*      God be with you.

*People*      ***And also with you.***

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*The people are seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted:*

**Exodus 34:29-35**

*Lector:* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence follows.*

## **PSALM**

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.*

### **Psalm 99**

- 1 The LORD is King;  
    let the people tremble; \*  
    he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
    let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
    he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
    he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
    you have established equity; \*  
    you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
    and fall down before his footstool; \*  
    he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
    and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
    they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
    they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
    you were a God who forgave them,  
    yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
    and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
    for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

### **2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2**

*Lector:* A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence follows.*

*The people stand as able for the introduction of the hymn.*

## GOSPEL HYMN

*The Gospel hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word – the reading of The Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news” – specifically the “good news of Jesus.”*

**H#137 "O wondrous type!"**

*Descant*

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the  
2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the  
3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.  
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

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## GOSPEL OF THE DAY

*This reading is taken from the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' word and actions.*

### Luke 9:28-36

*Gospeler:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the Presider.*

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Will Scott*

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the spiritual readings and relates them to daily life. A period of silence follows the Sermon.*

*The people stand as able.*

## Affirmation of Faith (*from the Iona Community*)

*We believe in God above us,  
 maker and sustainer of all life,  
 of sun and moon,  
 of water and earth,  
 of male and female.*

*We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.*

*He descended into the earth  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven  
to be everywhere present,  
and his kingdom will come on earth.*

*We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.*

*Silence*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;  
**People** *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**People** *For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.*

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**People** *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**People** *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**People** *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

*Leader* For Sean our Presiding Bishop; and Austin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**People** *For all who serve God in God's Church.*

*Leader* For the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of Our Saviour, Oakland and Church of Our Saviour, Mill Valley, whose feast day is the Last Sunday After the Epiphany. For the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for our Deanery Delegates.

*Leader* I invite those who are with us via Zoom to offer their prayers, either silently or aloud. When you have concluded, please say **“In Your Mercy”** to which the congregation is invited to respond **“Hear Our Prayer.”**

*When they are finished:*

*Leader* I invite those who are present to offer their prayers, either silently or aloud. When you have concluded, please say **“In Your Mercy”** to which the congregation is invited to respond **“Hear Our Prayer.”**

*Leader* Come, Lord of Light, shatter the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Hear the prayers we offer to you, and give us the courage and conviction to make these prayers a reality. We pray to you in the name of our hope, Jesus, the Christ. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSIO N OF SIN & ABSOLUTION**

*Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing sign of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*Leader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All* ***God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the wrongs that enslave us, the wrongs we have done, and the wrongs done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen***

*The Presider offers absolution, and the people respond, Amen.*

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*The people greet one another with a sign of God’s peace and then are seated.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*At this time, the deacon, presider and parish leaders may make announcements.*

Jill Schon, Richard White, Jim Burns

**PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS:** O Lord, watch over your children as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true Godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS:** O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey’s end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

An offering is received to support the church's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online at: <https://stanselms.us/give>

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

LEVAS #114 "Ev'ry time I feel the spirit"

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the *Sursum corda*, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

Presider and People sing the doxology.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are as follows:

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.

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*Presider* God be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

**People** *We lift them to the Lord.*

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Presider*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

### ***Presider and People***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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### *The Presider continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.  
Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### ***Presider and People***

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Presider continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Anselm and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

*The people remain standing.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be 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.***

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Presider** God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

**People** ***Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.***

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*The people are seated.*

***All are invited to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.***

*Please proceed to the altar rail, depart your pew from the right, as directed by the ushers. Please return to your pew from the left.*

*At St Anselm's we are sharing a common cup. If you wish grape juice, please tell the assistant.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. Please assist us by placing your right hand on your chest so that you may be served accordingly.*

*If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, but would like a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.  
If you are unable to approach the altar rail, please stand in place and the table ministers will bring Communion to you.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

H#465 "Eternal light, shine in my heart"

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

(The people stand as able.)

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People:*

*Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen*

## THE BLESSING

*The Presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.*

May God Almighty,  
who led the wise ones by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Holy One.

***Amen.***

May God the Son,  
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,  
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

***Amen.***

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who came upon the beloved Son  
at his baptism in the river Jordan,  
pour out his gifts on you  
who have come to the waters of new birth.

***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creative Source, the Incarnate Word, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. ***Amen.***

RECESSATIONAL HYMN  
H# 438 "Tell out, my soul"



1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
his ho - ly Name - the Lord, the Might - y One.  
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Julie Rinkenberger and JP Zhang in loving memory of Odessa Long, Terry Rinkenberger and Leung Ping Cheng.

## **THANK YOU**

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## **LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES**

On Sundays, from 11:30-12:30, we will have a speakers series, "Welcoming Our Neurodiverse Neighbors." The speakers will discuss challenges faced by children who have neurological issues, such as autism. Many of us know children, either in our families or through friends, who have these issues and the difficulties that come with them, for them and their parents.

**March 9:** Alexis Rucker, principal of the Springstone School will speak about autism

**March 16:** Daniel Hogue, Las Trampas Executive Director, will speak on Developmental Disabilities

**March 23:** Stephen Caporosso, Orinda Union School District, on ADHD

**March 30:** Alex Georgakopoulos or Shamita Dhar, Coyote Coast, on Youth Behavioral Health Challenges

## **SPIRIT WALKS**

Join Reverend Will Scott and friends for Spirit Walks, a special new Lenten season event series. Enjoy fresh air, connection and sacred contemplation in nature. Each Sunday afternoon for six weeks – rain or shine – we will walk for two to three miles, starting with a prayer and reflection. Halfway into our walk, we'll take a brief break and check in with each other. Then, we'll return to our starting point and enjoy a closing circle and prayer. We'll walk paved local trails of easy to moderate difficulty:

- **Sunday, March 9, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** – Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail in Lafayette. We'll meet at the trail entry point across the street from the Stanley Middle School parking lot on School Street. We will enter the paved trail, turn right and walk east.
- **Sunday, March 16, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** – Lafayette Reservoir. We'll meet at the east end of the parking lot (if you pay for parking, buy 2 hours' worth.) We will walk the paved trail clockwise around the reservoir.
- **Sunday, March 23, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** – Iron Horse Trail in Walnut Creek. We'll share the meeting point closer to the walk date.

Bring walking shoes, a hat, water and a snack, if you wish. Carpool or leave extra time to find parking. (And we love our furry friends, but please leave pets at home.) Interested or have questions?

Email [ShelleyFrost09@gmail.com](mailto:ShelleyFrost09@gmail.com).

## **THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER: Money in Jesus' last walk**

A three-part Lenten Zoom Series, with Miguel Escobar hosted by St. Anselm's Christian Formation Commission. **Thursdays March 13, 20, & 27 at 7 p.m. [REGISTER](#)**

All are welcome. **[REGISTER HERE](#)** to receive zoom coordinates. See weekly email for more details.

## **SOCK DRIVE**

Help provide new athletic socks for the homeless clients of Trinity Center. The Deacon Sock Drive basket will be in the church beginning on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> through Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The socks need to be new and preferably white athletic socks.

## **EASTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

As we enter the special season of Lent, we are excited to offer a short-term choral program for young singers ages 9 to 12. Rehearsals start in early March and take place weekly on Friday afternoons, culminating in a joyful performance on Easter Morning at St. Anselm's. Previous singing or choral experience is great but not necessary. Children will be developing fundamentals of singing, musicianship, and music reading while learning how to work as a team to make a joyful sound to the Lord! If you know a child who would enjoy this special opportunity, please reach out to Chris Kula, Director of Music at: [choir@stanselms.music](mailto:choir@stanselms.music) to learn more and/or schedule an audition soon!

## **COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED**

Everyone is invited to enjoy conversation and refreshments in Jackson Hall, immediately following the service. We are in need of volunteers to host coffee hour. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044BADA722A2F85-coffee> or contact Sylvia Williams at 925-586-0730 to reserve a date. Thank you!

## **ST. ANSELM'S PRAYER CHAIN**

The St. Anselm's Prayer Chain is a list of our parishioners and loved ones for whom prayers have been requested. Prayer is voluntary and on your own whenever you wish to pray. If you would like to receive the Prayer Chain or if you would like to add someone to the Prayer Chain, please email Vicki at [vrpappas@gmail.com](mailto:vrpappas@gmail.com).

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Please check the lost and found box located in Parish Hall during coffee fellowship.

## **FRAUD ALERT**

Please be aware that fake emails and texts from members of the congregation are being sent out asking for unspecified help: I need a favor from you, please text/email me back as soon as possible. Please be careful and verify email addresses and phone numbers that you receive before responding to requests.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For personal inquiries, please contact The Reverend Will Scott, Rector: [rector@stanselms.us](mailto:rector@stanselms.us).

For questions, please contact Office Manager Margaret Wolfe: [margaret.w@stanselms.us](mailto:margaret.w@stanselms.us). Please submit announcements by 5pm on Wednesday.

For bookkeeping questions, please contact Bookkeeper Steve Zimmerman: [bookkeeper@stanselms.us](mailto:bookkeeper@stanselms.us).

For choir questions, please contact Director of Music Chris Kula: [choir@stanselms.music](mailto:choir@stanselms.music).

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans; 10: 8b-13, Luke:4: 1-13**

If you would like to receive the readings on a weekly basis, please email [parish@stanselms.us](mailto:parish@stanselms.us).

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERSARIES March 2 - 8**

Jill Schon, Richard White, Jim Burns

## **COMING UP AT ST. ANSELM'S**

**Sunday, March 2nd — Pancake Brunch** following 10 a.m. service.

**Tuesday, March 4th — Morning Prayer** will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at [orchidsnrch@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidsnrch@yahoo.com).

**Tuesday, March 4th — Grief Support** will meet via Zoom at 12:00 noon. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at [orchidsnrch@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidsnrch@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday, March 5th — Contemplative Prayer Gathering** will meet from 9:00a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Wednesday, March 5th — Ash Wednesday Service** 12:00p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Thursday, March 6th — Evening Bible Study** will meet via zoom at 7:00 PM. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at [orchidsnrch@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidsnrch@yahoo.com).

**Sunday, March 9th — First Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, March 9th — Cancer Support Group** will meet in the library and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. To be invited, email Julie Rinkenberger at [irjpmaffie@hotmail.com](mailto:irjpmaffie@hotmail.com).

**Sunday, March 9th —Altar Guild** will meet in the conference room at 11:30 a.m.

**Sunday, March 9th — Spirit Walk** along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail.

## **SERVING TODAY:**

Presider: The Rev. Will Scott, Deacon: The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Director of Music: Chris Kula, Lector: Joni Pearce, John Powers, Lay Eucharist Minister: Pam Green, Altar Guild: Joan Martin, Peg Matson, Ushers: Joan Martin, John Powers, Coffee Hosts: Vestry, Counters Katie Taggart, Marian Mulkey, Videography: Chris Young, David Rowe, Henry Rosenberg

STAFF: The Rev. Will Scott, Rector; The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Deacon; Chris Kula, Director of Music Director; Margaret Wolfe, Office Manager; Steve Zimmerman, Bookkeeper; Holly Higgins, Preschool Director, Marian Mulkey, Treasurer

### VESTRY:

Class of 2026: Bob Eddy, Peg Matson-Sr. Warden, Joni Pearce-Clerk, David Rowe

Class of 2027: Iris Hillman, Katie Taggart-Jr. Warden

Class of 2028: Pamela Green, Sheila Riedy, Maggie McCloskey, Julia Starr

DEANERY DELEGATES: Bob Eddy, Georganne Eddy, Marty Fischer

COMMISSIONS & MINISTRIES: Altar Guild-Sylvia Williams, Christian Formation-Anne Brown, Lay Eucharist Ministers/Lectors- Judy Peak, Parish Life-Sylvia Williams, Property-JP Zhang, Service/Outreach-Joni Pearce, Stephen Ministry-Vicki Pappas, Stewardship-Katie Taggart, Worship-Judy Peak

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