

The Fourth Sunday After Easter

May 11th 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. Feel free to enjoy the playground as well. Please accompany your child if you wish to use these spaces.*

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

H#204 "Now the green blade riseth"



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Refrain
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring-eth green.

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The people are seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

The Collect for Purity

Presider

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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, heav-en-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 OF THE DAY

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 The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Presider

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON

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

Acts 9:36-43

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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.

Revelation 7:9-17

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

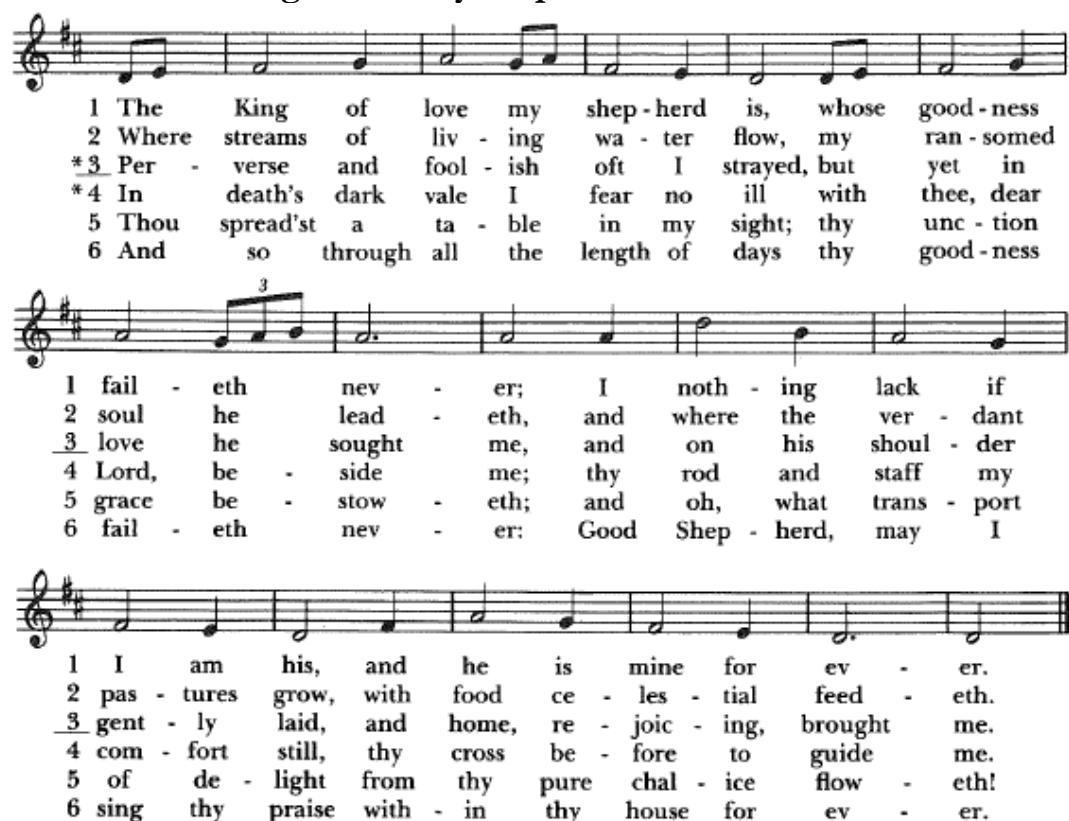
A period of silence follows.

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#645 "The King of love my shepherd is"



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 *3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 *4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good - ness

1 fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 4 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
 6 fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

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GOSPEL OF THE DAY

This reading is taken from the four Gospels (Mathew, 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.

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

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.

THE NICENE CREED

Leader: Let us affirm our faith by saying together:

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People ***That we all may be one.***

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Iglesia El Buen Pastor, Redwood City; Good Shepherd, Belmont; and Good Shepherd, Berkeley, whose feast day is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for our mothers. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Austin, our Bishop; for Will our Rector and for Naomi our Deacon.

People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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.”**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen***

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS

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>

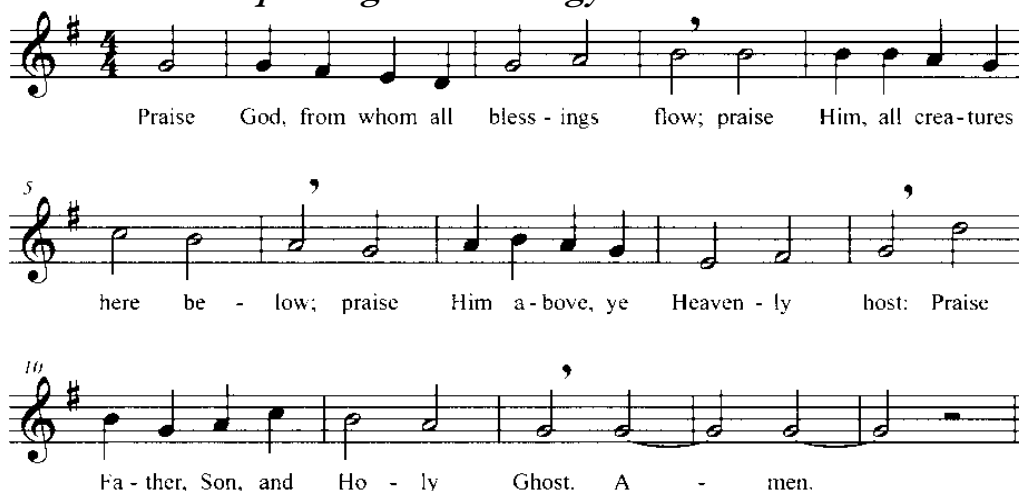
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

H#664 "My Shepherd will supply my need"

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



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye Heaven - ly host: Praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Presider and People

Presider The Lord 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 him 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.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

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.

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 all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

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

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

Presider and People

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

336 "Come with us, O blessed Jesus"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand as able.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

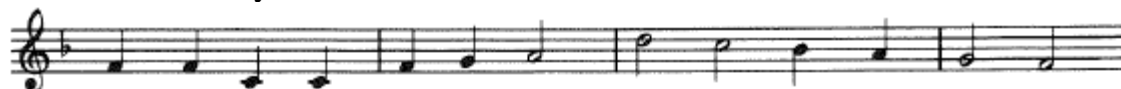
The Presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

Presider

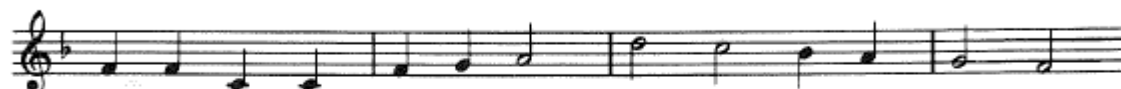
The peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

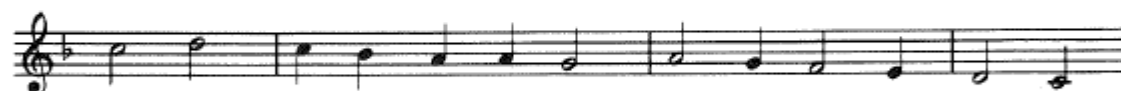
H#200 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha-roah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Today's Altar Flowers are donated by Janice Carrigan in loving memory of her mother, Carol Fugler.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: ALTAR GUILD (see page 19)

BECOMING EPISCOPALIAN:

For three Sundays in May, following our 10 a.m. service, join Rev. Will for a conversation about the Episcopal Church. We'll explore what makes the Episcopal tradition distinct and similar to other Christian denominations. This series is open to all, those new to our parish and those who have been around a long time. Join us on 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18 from 11:30am-12:30.p.m. in the Parish Hall. For questions, please contact Rev. Will: rector@stanselms.us

SEEKING EVENT ASSISTANT

St. Anselm's is looking for support for special events. If interested, please contact parish@stanselms.us for a job description.

MAY OUTREACH – LAMORINDA CARE COLLECTIVE

For the month of May, we will be collecting personal care items like full size shampoo, body wash/soap, and toothpaste to benefit the Lamorinda Care Collective clients. LCC provides much needed supplies form a variety of clients such as recent refugees, victims advocate groups, to mention a few. Please note that we are looking for FULL size, not travel size, items. Thank you in advance for sharing your abundance!

RUMMAGE SALE

Wanted: gently used items in good working order with no missing parts. Please save and donate items which can be brought to church in late August. Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, September 27th from 9am to 4pm. Proceeds go toward church repairs such as lighting and solar panels. Looking for volunteers to help. For questions, please speak to committee members: Iris Hillman: iris_hillman@comcast.net, 925-381-2936; Sylvia Williams sw94565@yahoo.com, 925-586-0730; Janice Carrigan and Maggie McCloskey.

"CADENCE" SUMMER MUSICAL WORKSHOP

This summer, our Director of Music, Chris Kula, will lead a series of creative Tuesday afternoon workshops for kids ages 8–12. Running through June and July, the program will explore singing, composition, improvisation, poetry, and drama—with two “cadence” performances marking the culmination of each month's classes. Participants will even help create an original Christmas medley to be performed in December! Enrollment is limited. For more information about this program or other choirs at St. Anselm's, email sing@cadencechoir.com.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Walnut Creek will be hosting the Contra Costa deanery-wide Safe Church Training on May 17th. Open to anyone who wishes to complete their Safe Church Training. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/SafeChurchStPwc>

COUNTERS NEEDED

Each week there is a team of two people, one Vestry member and one congregation member who will take responsibility for counting and recording cash and checks on a written counter form and preparing the deposit. Each vestry member is required to be a counter as a part of their commitment to the vestry. We have a few dedicated parishioners who have stepped up to fill the congregation member role. However, we don't have people signed up to perform this important role for the church. Please contact Peg Matson for more information and/or to volunteer at plmatson@comcast.net or #925-381-1074.

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.

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 Rector Will Scott: rector@stanselms.us.

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

For bookkeeping questions, please contact Bookkeeper Steve Zimmerman: bookkeeper@stanselms.us.

For choir questions, please contact Director of Music Chris Kula: choir@stanselms.music.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5, John: 14:23-29

If you would like to receive the readings on a weekly basis, please email parish@stanselms.us.

COMING UP AT ST. ANSELM'S

May's Ministry of the Month: Altar Guild

Sunday, May 11th — Becoming Episcopalian class from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13th — 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.

Wednesday, May 14th — Contemplative Prayer Gathering will meet from 9:00a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Thursday May 15th — Book Club will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the church library to discuss *Maisie Dobbs*.

Thursday, May 15th — Evening Bible Study will meet via zoom at 7:00 PM. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

Sunday May 18th — Cancer Support Group will meet in the library and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. To be invited, email Julie Rinkenberger at jrjpmaggie@hotmail.com.

“TOGETHER WE SHINE” RUMMAGE SALE

(Funds needed for repairs to church, i.e. lighting system and solar panels)

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025

9am to 4pm



WANTED: GENTLY USED - MEN’S & WOMEN’S CLOTHING, HATS, BELTS, BAGS, SCARVES, PURSES, SHOES, TIES & SUNGLASSES. CHILDREN’S CLOTHES, CAMPING EQUIPMENT, & SPORTING GOODS, BALLS, RACKETS, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS. HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOOLS & GADGETS. JEWELRY, BOOKS, PLANTS, GARDEN TOOLS, PET SUPPLIES, LUGGAGE, LAMPS, COSTUMES, CHRISTMAS & HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS, CRAFTS AND ART SUPPLIES, PICTURE FRAMES, ETC. ETC.

“One person’s trash is another person’s treasure”

“If I haven’t used it in the past 5 yrs. I probably won’t ever use it or need it.”

Spring Cleaning is a great opportunity to get rid of unwanted items that are in good shape and good working condition. Please save and donate them to the Fall Rummage Sale. We have very limited storage space at the church and ask that you store donations at home until 6 weeks before the sale. If it is not possible to store items at home, call Iris or Sylvia, to make storage arrangements. Please do not drop off any donations outside the office door.

Clothes should be clean and in good condition, tools and electric items in good working order with no frayed cords or missing parts. We can handle small furniture items that can be put into a car. No sofas, beds, oversized chairs. Cleaned and polished items will be more salable and appealing than those that are rusted or dusty. Ask your neighbors to donate also.

If you’d like to help oversee a table at the sale on Sept. 27, please let us know. We’re going to need volunteers!

For more information, please contact committee members:

Iris Hillman, Iris_Hillman@comcast.net, cell: 925-381-2936;

Sylvia Williams: sw94565@yahoo.com. cell: 925-586-0730;

Janice Carrigan and Maggie McCloskey



"Cadence" Summer Musical Workshop

This summer, St. Anselm's Episcopal Church's Director of Music, Chris Kula, will lead a series of creative Tuesday afternoon workshops for **kids ages 8–12**.

Running through **June** and **July**, the program will explore singing, composition, improvisation, poetry, and drama—with two “cadence” performances marking the culmination of each month's classes. Participants will even help create an original Christmas medley to be performed in December!

Enrollment is limited. For more information about this program or other choirs at St. Anselm's, email

sing@cadencechoir.com.



Altar Guild Commission



What we do:

- Prepare the church for worship and special services.
- Maintain all vestments, linens and vessels used during our services.
- Work with the Rector, Deacon and Worship Commission leader to implement new practices for worship services.

Key activities:

- Each week, prepare the church for worship: clean the space around the altar, dust the pews, and set the altar for communion with appropriate linens, vessels, bread and wine.
- Purchase and arrange the altar flowers.
- Work with the Rector and families to prepare the church for weddings and celebrations of life.
- Polish all silver and brass vessels used for worship services. Launder and repair all linens and vestments.
- Decorate the church for Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter.
- Raise funds to pay for additional flowers, decorations, and to replace vestments as needed.
- Work closely with the Rector, Deacon and Worship Commission leader to ensure that the worship space is prepared to support new or modified approaches to our services.

How we work together:

- We work in teams of 2 to 3 people to prepare the church for worship services each week. Each team serves one week per month.
- In addition to the Altar Guild Director, we have a Treasurer to manage our income and expenses, and a Clerk/Recorder to take and publish minutes of our meetings.
- The entire Altar Guild, Rector and Deacon meet each month (except July and August) to review income and expenses, plan for upcoming events and discuss improvements to our procedures.
- We have an auxiliary of individuals, who are not officially Altar Guild members, that purchase and arrange the altar flowers on weeks when a regular member is not available to perform this activity.

Helpful characteristics for team members:

- Good organizational skills
- Flexible, dedicated and dependable
- Team player
- A willingness to perform routine and sometimes mundane tasks with good cheer and respect for the sacred items in our care.

For more information: Sylvia Williams, SW9565@yahoo.com, (925) 586-0730

SERVING TODAY:

Presider: The Rev. Will Scott, Deacon: The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Director of Music: Chris Kula, Lector: Vicki Pappas, Sally Fischer, Lay Eucharist Minister: Pam Green, Altar Guild: Dharmini Harichandran, Edee Allison, Peg Matson, Ushers: Suzanne Gatlin, Hank Gatlin, Coffee Hosts: Sally Fischer, Sue Crawford, Counters: Maggie McCloskey, Peg Matson, Vestry Person of the Day: Dharmini Harichandran, Videography: Chris Young, David Rowe, Henry Rosenberg

STAFF: The Rev. Will Scott, Rector; The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Deacon; Chris Kula, Director of Music; 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: Hank Gatlin, Dharmini Harichandran, 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

*All are invited to make a gift to support St. Anselm's ministry of sharing God's love.
As the plate is passed * Online at <https://stanselms.us/give>
- Thank you for your generosity.*



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Church worship services are livestreamed via video for our online congregation. By participating in this service you acknowledge that you may be visible on the live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.

"St. Anselm's Episcopal Church is a nurturing community for people of all ages who seek to know God, grow, and serve."

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