



## The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 13th 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. Also please feel free to enjoy the playground. Please accompany your child if you wish to use these spaces.

### **About Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week (or Great Week), the most sacred for Christians, in which we are invited to enter the sacred events that took place in Jerusalem from the time of Jesus' entry into the city (Palm Sunday), through his passion, death and burial (Good Friday). Holy Week ends with the celebration of Easter.

The Palm Sunday liturgy originated in Jerusalem around the 4th century when Christians, reenacting the Gospel accounts of Jesus' triumphal entry into the city and waving branches of palm or olive trees, processed from the Mount of Olives to the site of the Lord's tomb shouting, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" By the 8<sup>th</sup> century, in many places there was a blessing of palms to be carried as symbols of the victory of Christ and protection against the devil, and in the Middle Ages, processions of Christians carrying blessed palms and a representation of Christ moved from one church to another.

Eventually, the "palm service" was affixed to an older mass in which the story of the Passion was read, and a liturgy known as "Sunday of the Passion" which includes both these events emerged. Simply stated, it was (and remains) a way to ensure that everyone heard the story of Christ's Passion even if they did not attend worship on Good Friday, and this would be to overlook the pivotal event of Christ's suffering and death on the cross. Sunday of the Passion is how most Christian churches mark the beginning of Holy Week to this day.

*Weather permitting, our liturgy will begin outside.*

### **THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

*Presider*                   Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People*                   *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

*Presider*                   Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
    his mercy endures forever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
    "His mercy endures forever."

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
    I will enter them;  
    I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
    he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing,\*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*  
LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures forever.

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

### **Luke 19:28-40**

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

### **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Presider*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was

proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Presider*                   Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**People**                   ***Hosanna in the highest.***

## THE PROCESSION

*Presider*                   Let us go forth in peace;  
**People**                   ***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

**H#154 "All Glory Laud & Honor"**

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring.

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - them be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

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*The people are seated.*

## 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*

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

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

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*Lector:* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*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 31:9-16**

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and  
even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; \*  
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
 and from those who persecute me.  
 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
 and in your loving-kindness save me."

## 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.*  
**Philippians 2:5-11**

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

Let the same mind be in you that was\* in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*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#172 "Were you there when they crucified my lord"**

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you  
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you  
  
 there when they crucified my Lord? Oh!  
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!  
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!  
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,

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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 23:1-49

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

*The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner*

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Assembly: 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.'

Pilate: 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

Jesus: 'You say so.'

Pilate: 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.'

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

Assembly: 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people.

Pilate: 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,

***Congregation: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!***

Narrator: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

***Congregation: Crucify, crucify him!***

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.'

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that

never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.” Then they will begin to say to the mountains, “Fall on us”; and to the hills, “Cover us.” For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

***ALL STAND***

Narrator: When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Jesus: ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Leaders: ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers: ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’

‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’

Jesus: ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.’

*Silence is kept.*

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: 'Certainly this man was innocent.'

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

*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 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 Church of England. For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for The work of justice ministries of the congregations, and celebrate the feasts of local civil rights activists: Rev. Daniel Gee Ching Wu, first Chinese American Priest (Apr 6) and Rev Peter Williams Cassey and Annie Besant Cassey, 19<sup>th</sup> century African American educators and activists (April 13). For the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for our ushers.

*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.***

## CONFESSON 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.*

Greg Heiman, Sheila Riedy, Eva Woo, Keith Pearce, Anne Brown, Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Sally Fischer

**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>*

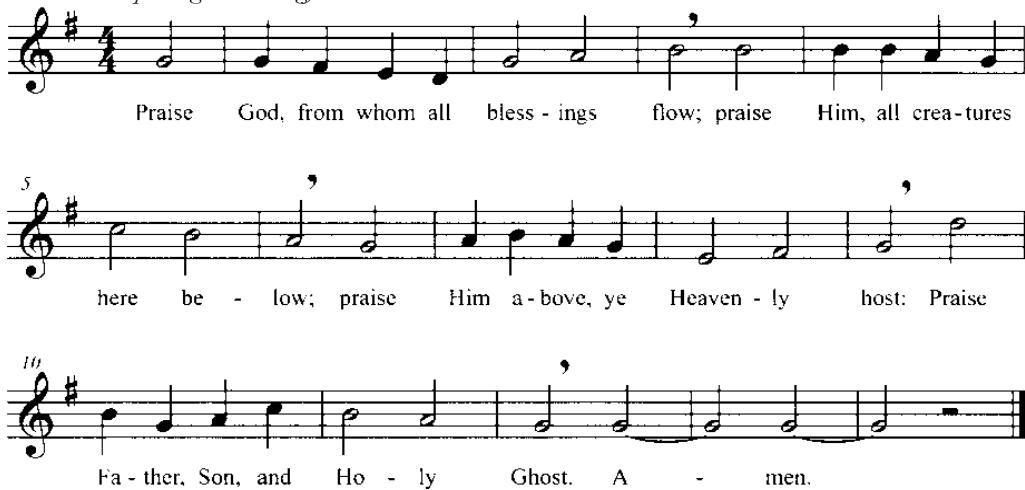
## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

H# 439 "What wondrous love is this"

## 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 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 him thanks and praise.***

*Presider*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Presider and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full,

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed 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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Presider and People**

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **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* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People** *Have mercy on us.*

*Presider* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People** *Have mercy on us.*

*Presider* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People** *Grant us peace.*

## 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

LEVAS 36 "O sacred head, sore wounded"

## 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*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

H# 458 "My song is love unknown"

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 \*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -  
 \*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
 \*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them-selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.  
 5 steadfast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SPIRIT WALKS**

Enjoy fresh air, connection and sacred contemplation in nature. Join Reverend Will Scott and friends for Spirit Walks. On Sundays during Lent, 2:00-3:30 p.m. – rain or shine – we will gather on a local, paved trail for a prayer and reflection. We will walk about two to three miles together, taking a break halfway and returning to our starting point for a closing circle and prayer.

#### **April 13: Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail**

Meet in the St. Anselm's church parking lot. We'll walk through the neighborhood to the trail and turn left, to walk south.

Bring walking shoes, a hat, water and a snack, if you wish. Leave extra time to find parking or carpool. (And we love our furry friends, but please leave pets at home.) Interested or have questions? Reach out to Shelley Frost or email [parish@stanselms.us](mailto:parish@stanselms.us).

### **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 LILY ORDER FORM**

Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by donating an Easter Lily. Please fill out the enclosed [dedication form](#) and make your check payable to the St. Anselm's Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is unable to accept Zeffy payments. Please submit forms to the church office by Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Hop on over to our Easter Egg Hunt after the service on Easter Sunday, April 20. Search for goodies in the Memorial Garden and take your picture with the Easter Rabbit. Kids of all ages are welcome!

### **MICHAEL LANE PRESCHOOL'S WHEEL PARADE**

Please Join us on Saturday April 26 from 9-11am for a fun family morning in support of Michael Lane Preschool. Light breakfast bites will be provided as the students and families of MLP decorate their favorite wheels (bikes, scooters, etc.) and parade them around the parking lot. We will also be raising funds for the preschool with sponsorship opportunities, raffle tickets and a silent auction. We hope you can stop by!

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

A three-part Lenten Zoom Series, with Miguel Escobar was hosted by St. Anselm's Christian Formation Commission. Recordings of each series are available on the church website.

### **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).

## **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](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:**

**Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12**

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

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: April 13 - 26**

Greg Heiman. Sheila Riedy, Eva Woo, Keith Pearce, Anne Brown, Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Sally Fischer, Amy & Andrew Orear

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

**Sunday, April 13th — Cancer Support Group** will meet in the library and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. To be invited, email Julie Rinkenberger at [irjpmaggie@hotmail.com](mailto:irjpmaggie@hotmail.com).

**Sunday April 13th — Vestry** will meet in the conference room and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. Parishioners are welcome to attend vestry meetings or to listen in via Zoom. [Vestry Agenda](#)

**Sunday, April 13th — Spirit Walk** along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 15th — 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).

**Wednesday, April 16th — Contemplative Prayer Gathering** will meet from 9:00a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Wednesday April 16th — Book Club** will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the church library.

**Wednesday April 16th — Property Commission** will meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 17th — 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).

# 2025 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



To donate Easter lilies this year please complete this dedication form and return to the office no later than **Sunday, April 13th**.

**The cost is \$15.00 per plant.**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

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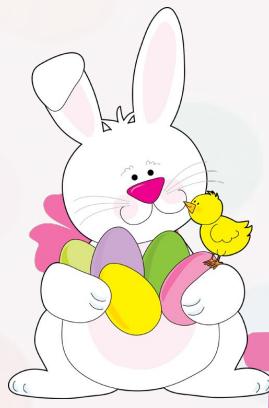
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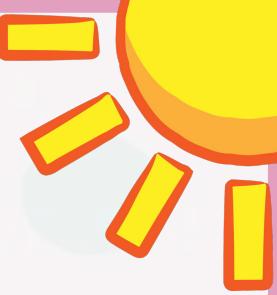
**ST. ANSELM'S ALTAR GUILD**

*noting "EASTER LILIES" on the memo line.*

*The Altar Guild is unable to accept Zeffy payments.*



# HOP ON OVER to our **EASTER** **Egg Hunt**



St. Anselm's Episcopal Church

**Sunday  
April  
20**

**11:15AM**

**In the Memorial  
Garden**

**682 Michael Lane Lafayette, CA**

**Take your picture with the Easter Rabbit**

**MICHAEL LANE PRESCHOOL PRESENTS**

# **WHEEL PARADE**

## **FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY APRIL 26TH**

**9-11am**

**ST ANSELM'S CHURCH PARKING LOT**



**Vehicle Decorating, Parade, Light Bites, Raffle, Auction**

## **HOW TO SUPPORT**

### ***Sponsor a float***

Send your sponsorship amount to  
@Kate-Leyva or via  
check to St. Anselms  
Church

### ***Buy Raffle Tickets***

\$5 each or 5 for \$20.  
Payments can be  
made via Venmo  
@Kate-Leyva. Note  
your name and  
number of tickets in  
the memo

### ***Bid on Auction Items***

Silent Auction items  
will be available for  
bidding Thursday 4/24  
through Saturday  
morning 4/26

## **SERVING TODAY:**

Presider: The Rev. Will Scott, Deacon: The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Director of Music: Chris Kula, Lector: Shelley Frost, Vicki Pappas, Lay Eucharist Minister: Peg Matson, Altar Guild: Dharmini Harichandran, Edee Allison, Ushers: Matt Chayt, Greg Lyman, Coffee Hosts: Julie Starr, Ann Burns, Counters: Sheila Riedy, Julia Starr, Videography: Chris Young, David Rowe, Henry Rosenberg, Vestry Person of the Day: Iris Hillman

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: 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.

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