

# The Sixth Sunday After Easter

May 25th 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#174 "At the Lamb's high feast"**

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
From sin's power do thou set free soul's new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

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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.*

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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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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 16:9-15**

*Lector*      A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’ And she prevailed upon us.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
    show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
    your saving health among all nations.

- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
    let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
    for you judge the peoples with equity  
    and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
    let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
    may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
    and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## 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 21:10, 22 – 22:5**

*Lector*      A reading from the Revelation to John.

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood,

but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

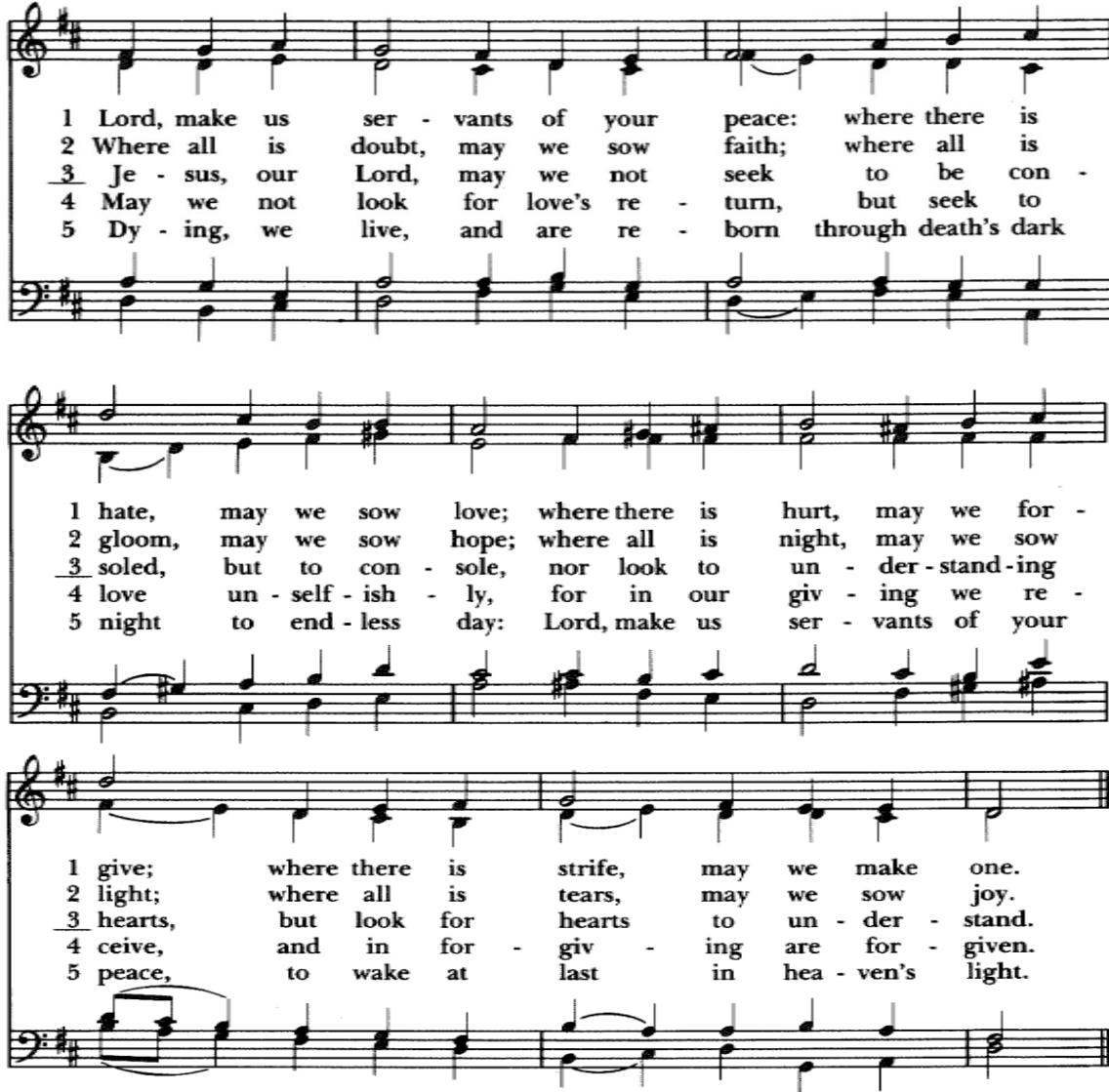
*A period of silence follows.*

*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# 593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace"



1 Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is  
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark.

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your.

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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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.

**John 14:23-29**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does

not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

## THE SERMON

*The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith*

*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 Anglican Church of Kenya. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Bede's, Menlo Park, whose feast day is Bede, the Venerable, Priest, & Monk of Jarrow. In the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Property Commission. 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

Sheila Gorsuch, Sara Swimmer, Avon Wilson

**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#647 "I know not where the road will lead"

### 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 and People***

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

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

**Presider** Life 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**

**H# 487 "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"**

**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#208 "Alleluia! The strife is o'er"

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
\*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be gun.  
 2 joy out burst.  
 3 ris en Head!  
 4 tri umphs tell!  
 5 sing to thee.

Al le lu ia!  
 Al le lu ia!  
 Al le lu ia!  
 Al le lu ia!  
 Al le lu ia! [Ant.]

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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**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** today's altar flowers are donated by Sylvia Williams in memory of Jessie June Baxter

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

### **TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER**

St. Anselm's welcomes former Dean of Trinity Cathedral, San Jose: The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith. Julia is an Episcopal priest retired from serving as dean of the multilingual Trinity Cathedral in San Jose, California. Previously, Julia served on the staff of the Episcopal Bishop of California at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.



A former missionary and non-profit fundraiser, Julia did her graduate theological studies at Creighton University and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and is currently a doctoral student at Virginia Theological Seminary. She continues to serve on churchwide boards and training teams, with a particular interest in Latino ministries. You can find her full bio and blog at <https://www.liftupyourhearts.net/>

Julia has been married for 38 years to John, with whom lives in Berkeley, California. They are parents of Nicaraguan-born sons Amos and Aaron and preschool granddaughter Ella.

### **BECOMING A GLOBAL EPISCOPALIAN:**

Those of us who live in the Bay Area already know what it is to live in an internationally-influenced community, but how do we welcome people of other cultures into our congregations and practices of faith? The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith, a former missionary and recently retired dean of the multilingual Trinity Cathedral in San Jose, will share some stories, demographics, and spiritual practices that help us to offer a more intentional welcome to neighbors who have roots in other countries and cultures. (Surprise! Many of them are already very familiar with our Anglican and Sacramental traditions). May 25th following the 10 a.m. service in the Parish Hall.

### **LAMORINDA VILLAGE STRENGTH & BALANCE CLASS**

Weekly classes start Friday, June 6th from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Anselm's Episcopal Church in Parish Hall. Classes are free for seniors aged 55+. To register call (925) 283-3500 or [info@lamorindavillage.org](mailto:info@lamorindavillage.org). Strength and balance class focuses on improving muscle strength, stability, and coordination through targeted exercises. It includes strength training, balance challenges, and flexibility movements to enhance functional fitness and reduce fall risks. Suitable for all fitness levels, it helps participants build confidence in daily activities.

### **QUEER FAITH FESTIVAL ON FLAG DAY**

Queer Faith Festival is a first-of-its-kind interfaith Pride celebration taking place on Saturday, June 14, 2025 (Flag Day) from 1-4 p.m. in Lafayette, California. Hosted at St.

Anselm's Episcopal Church, the festival is a collaborative, community-driven response to ongoing acts of hate, including repeated thefts of Pride flags at local places of worship. Rather than react with fear, local faith communities, artists, LGBTQ+ leaders, and neighbors are coming together to build something joyful, inclusive, and resilient. The festival aims to uplift the dignity of LGBTQ+ people of faith (and those with no spiritual affiliation), foster connection across differences, and celebrate the shared values of justice, love, and compassion.

Festival activities will include:

Collaborative art projects with renowned artist/activist David Solnit

Drag Queen Storytime for families and children

LGBTQ+ Clergy, Allies, & Parents panel discussions from multiple traditions

A moving Interfaith Blessing Ceremony

Live music and performances

Tabling from affirming organizations and local congregations

Food, games, and fun for all ages

Children's activities, including crafts and a bouncy house

The event is free and open to everyone, regardless of faith tradition or spiritual background.

To help volunteer, please contact Kayce Rane [kaycerane@yahoo.com](mailto:kaycerane@yahoo.com) 925-876-0760

## **SEEKING EVENT ASSISTANT**

St. Anselm's is looking for support for special events. If interested, please contact [parish@stanselms.us](mailto: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 for 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:iris_hillman@comcast.net), 925-381-2936; Sylvia Williams [sw94565@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:sing@cadencechoir.com).

## CANTERBURY TALES DEADLINE

Today, May 25th is the deadline to submit articles for the April issue of Canterbury Tales. Please email and announcements or articles to [margaret.w@stanselms.us](mailto:margaret.w@stanselms.us).

## 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](mailto: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](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. **Please note that the office will be closed Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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 16:9-15, Psalm 67, 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](mailto:parish@stanselms.us).

#### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: May 25 – 31**

Sheila Gorsuch  
Sara Swimmer  
Avon Wilson

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

**May's Ministry of the Month: Altar Guild**

**Tuesday, May 27th — 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, May 28st — Contemplative Prayer Gathering** will meet from 9:00a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Thursday, May 29th — 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).

# 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](mailto:SW9565@yahoo.com), (925) 586-0730*

## **SERVING TODAY:**

Presider: The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith, Deacon: The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Director of Music: Chris Kula, Lector: Katie Taggart, Julia Starr, Lay Eucharist Minister: Elisabeth Ward, Altar Guild: Sally Fischer, Joni Pearce, Ushers: Alan Swimmer, Bob Eddy, Coffee Hosts: Katie Taggart, Counters: Julia Starr, Marian Mulkey, Vestry Person of the Day: David Rowe, 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

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