

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Sunday, All Ages Service

May 3rd 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 is an area with toys, coloring sheets, and crayons. Feel free to enjoy the playground as well. Please accompany your child.*

The people's responses are in bold. All hymns can be found in the Blue Hymnal.

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. The people stand as able.

"God welcomes all" Music-South African melody, Words: John L. Bell

***God welcomes all
Strangers and friends
God's love is strong
And it never ends***

THE WORD OF GOD

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE COLLECT OF 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.***

Peruvian Gloria

*Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory in the highest*

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Glory in the highest*

*To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever*

*Alleluia, Amen
Alleluia, Amen
Alleluia, Amen*

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Alleluia, Amen*

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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

"Thy Word" by Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path***

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 10:1-10

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

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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 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

Refrain ***“Lord Hear our Prayer”*** by aslan/Matt Boone

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 Church of North India. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Grace, Martinez. In the St. Anselm’s Cycle of Prayer we pray for our 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 Pope Leo, Archbishop Sarah, 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.*

Refrain *“Lord Hear our Prayer”*

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.*

Refrain *“Lord Hear our Prayer”*

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:

Refrain *“Lord Hear our Prayer”*

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.”**

Refrain *“Lord Hear our Prayer”*

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Leader 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 HYMN

"Thuma Mina"

A traditional hymn in Zulu sung as a benediction by congregations in the Xhosa tribe of South Africa.

*Thuma mina, thuma mina
Thuma mina, nkosi yom*

*Send me Jesus, Send me Jesus
Send me Jesus, Send me Lord*

*Ndia vuma, ndia vuma,
Ndia vuma, nkosi yom*

*I am willing, I am willing
I am willing, willing Lord*

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."

The people stand as able.

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
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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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 as able.

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,

Leader and People sing, led by Sean Potts

Leader: Our Father,

Leader: Who art in Heaven.

All: Our Father,

All: Who art in Heaven.

<i>Leader:</i> Hallowed by thy name.	<i>All: Hallowed by thy name.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> Thy Kingdom come.	<i>All: Thy Kingdom come.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> Thy will be done.	<i>All: Thy will be done.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> On earth,	<i>All: On earth,</i>
<i>Leader:</i> As in Heaven.	<i>All: As in Heaven.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> Please give to us.	<i>All: Please give to us.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> All that we need.	<i>All: All that we need.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> And forgive us,	<i>All: And forgive us,</i>
<i>Leader:</i> All our sins.	<i>All: all our sins.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> As we forgive.	<i>All: As we forgive.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> Those who harm us.	<i>All: Those who harm us.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> And lead us not,	<i>All: And lead us not,</i>
<i>Leader:</i> Away from you.	<i>All: Away from you.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.	<i>All: For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> Our Father,	<i>All: Our Father,</i>
<i>Leader:</i> Who art in Heaven.	<i>All: Who art in Heaven.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> Hallowed by thy name.	<i>All: Hallowed by thy name.</i>
<i>Leader:</i> Hallowed by thy name.	<i>All: Hallowed by thy name.</i>

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 HYMN

"Seek Ye First" by Karen Lafferty & David Huff

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu Alleluia

Alleluia x 4

*We do not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia*

Alleluia x 4

*Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu Alleluia*

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

"Soon and Very Soon" by Andre Crouch

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King*

*No more cryin' there, we are going to see the King
No more cryin' there, we are going to see the King
No more cryin' there, we are going to see the King
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King*

*No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King
No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King
No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King*

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King*

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY-OF-THE-MONTH: [Altar Guild](#)

DRIVE-OF-THE-MONTH: GRATEFUL GATHERINGS

Our April Outreach will be serving Grateful Gatherings! Grateful Gathering's mission is to serve families transitioning from homelessness or crisis into a new home in the Bay Area by providing furnishings. They believe that families can thrive when they have a safe and comfortable home.

We are collecting items for kitchens. Items should be in NEW or LIKE NEW condition: **silverware sets, coffee makers, knife sets, drinking glass sets, can openers crockpots, cooking utensils, baking pans, muffin tins**

We will collect April 6- May 3. We appreciate your generosity! Thank you for your donations!

TURNING OLD TECH INTO BETTER SOUND

St. Anselm's is raising funds to upgrade our aging audio system with a modern digital mixing board, improving sound quality for our Zoom and YouTube services. You can help by donating unused computers and peripherals—laptops, desktops, monitors, keyboards, and more—which will be refurbished and sold, with proceeds supporting the new system. Drop off donations at the church office during the week or at the AV desk on Sundays. Thank you for helping enhance our shared worship experience!

MICHAEL LANE PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2026

We are busy touring families and getting ready to welcome new preschoolers to our program this August! If you know anyone looking for a preschool please send them our way. There is more information about our school and an application on our [WEBSITE](#). Scheduling a tour is a great first step for families to learn about our program and see if we are a good fit.

2ND ANNUAL QUEER FAITH FESTIVAL

An Interfaith Celebration of Spirit & Identity: Mark your calendars! The Queer Faith Festival returns — a joyful, welcoming gathering where LGBTQ+ people, diverse faith communities, and allies come together to celebrate the many beautiful ways spirituality and queer identity intertwine.

Sunday, June 14th, from 2–5 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Ln, Lafayette, CA 94549

Whether you're curious, committed, or just looking for community, all are welcome. Interested in volunteering, sponsoring, or learning more? Reach out to Sarah at queerfaithfestival@gmail.com — we'd love to have you involved!

SOLI DEO GLORIA CONCERT

St Anselm's host Soli Deo Gloria on **Saturday May 16th at 3:30p.m.**

Experience the emotional depth and beauty of Brahms's Requiem.

To order tickets www.sdgloria.org.

FAITH 250

Faith250 invites faith leaders and communities across the country to form clusters of congregations to act as sacred spaces for listening to one another, clarifying our shared civic values, and celebrating our hopes for America. Find link in weekly email to sign up for the Wednesday evening gatherings. St. Anselm's is one of eleven local faith communities who are participating.

June 3rd, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Temple Isaiah: The Declaration of Independence

June 10th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Temple Isaiah: What to the slave is the 4th of July?

June 17th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church: The New Colossus

June 24th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church: America the Beautiful

July 3rd, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Temple Isaiah: Interfaith Potluck

FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY

The May/June/July issue of "Forward Day-by-Day" is now available. If you are attending the in-person services, please feel free to take one home. If you are attending remotely and would like a copy mailed to your home address, please email parish@stanselms.us. These will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Each week the altar is graced with a beautiful flower arrangement that is donated by our generous parishioners. Altar flower donations can be dedicated to the memory of a loved one, in honor of a family member or simply to the glory of God. The requested donation is \$50 per date. Please sign up for your selected date and complete a green dedication card. The flower chart and dedication cards can be found next to the east entrance to the church. Please make your check payable to "St. Anselm's" and indicate "Altar Guild" on the memo line. You can submit the check and dedication card to the church office or put them in the collection plate. Thank you for your support!

CONTACT INFORMATION

For personal inquiries, please contact Rector Will Scott: rector@stanselmslafayette.org

For questions, please contact Office Manager Margaret Wolfe: margaret.w@stanselms.us

Please submit announcements by noon on Wednesday. Office hours: Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9am – noon, or by appointment.

For bookkeeping questions, please contact Bookkeeper Steve Zimmerman:

bookkeeper@stanselms.us

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

COMING UP AT ST. ANSELM'S

Sunday, May 3rd — Altar Guild will meet in the conference room at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 3rd — Cancer Support Group will meet via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. To be invited, email Julie Rinkenberger at julierinkenberger@gmail.com.

Tuesday, May 5th — 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.

Tuesday, May 5th — Grief Support Group will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 12:00 p.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

Thursday, May 7th — Evening Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 8th — Lamorinda Village Strength & Balance Class 11:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Do not let your hearts be troubled.

John 14:1-14

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 B Y G R V W W N G U H W E O D K H T X F P O I B
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 M P U H E K H J T H Z C Y T T L T C Z Y Y F U N

glorify the father	There you will be	dwelling place	Where I am
Troubled	show us	believe	Prepear
do not	Thomas	Father	Hearts
Jesus	Truth	rooms	House
John	Lord	Life	God
way			

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, Guest Musician: Sean Potts, Eucharist Minister: Marian Mulkey, Altar Guild: Sylvia Williams, Peg Matson, Ushers: Joan Martin, John Powers, Coffee Hosts: Suzanne and Hank Gatlin: Counters: Julia Starr, Videography: Chris Young, David Rowe, Henry Rosenberg, Vestry Person of the Day: Hank Gatlin

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