

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17th 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.

H# 214 "Hail the day that sees him rise"

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.**

S #280 “Gloria In Excelsis”

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

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

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THE COLLECT 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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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:

Acts 1:6-14

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

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.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. **Amen.**

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# 450 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

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 17:1-11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Will Scott

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

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand as able.

Leader: Let us affirm our faith by saying together:

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

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Silence

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People ***That we all may be one.***

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Papau New Guinea. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Episcopal Impact Fund, which works to break the cycle of poverty for families, youth and young adults by creating

pathways out of poverty. In the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for our Outreach 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.*

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

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 ANTHEM

H# 423 "Immortal, Invisible God only wise"

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
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 Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

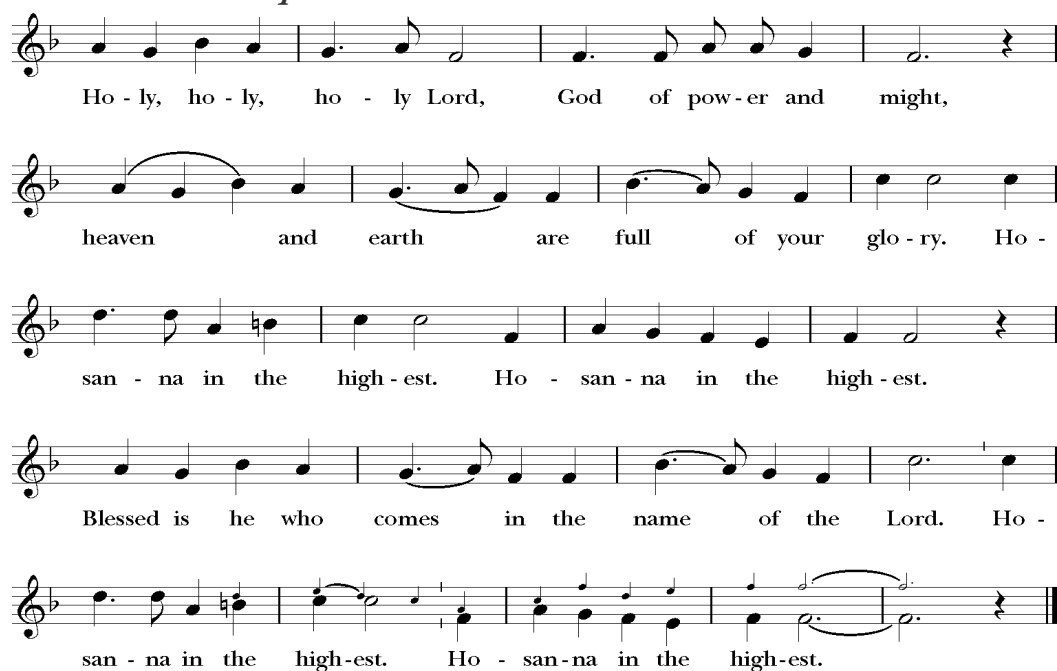
Presider

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

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

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

Presider and People



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

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The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

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

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

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

The people remain standing 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,

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# 542 "Christ is the World's True Light"

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# 657 "Love Divine, all loves excelling"

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: ST DOROTHY'S REST SUMMER CAMP

St. Dorothy's Rest believes every child deserves the chance to experience the magic of camp, regardless of financial circumstances. Relying on generosity of donors, families and the Episcopal Diocese of California, they ensure that no camper is ever turned away due to cost.

St. Anselm's is joining in raising awareness, collecting camp items and donations to support an amazing Episcopal Summer Camp. Needed new donation items:

- Outdoor sleeping bags
- Backpacking backpacks
- Beach towels
- Sunscreen
- Monetary donation to support campership
 - Full campership \$1200
 - Partial campership \$800 or \$1000

Please make checks payable to St. Anselm's with "St. Dorothy's Rest" in the memo line

Thank you to everyone who donated to our April Drive to support Grateful Gatherings. The kitchen items will be much appreciated!

SPECIAL PENTECOST COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, May 24th is Pentecost when we all speak in tongues, literally. We hope you all can be there for our special service. PLUS a coffee hour sponsored by our Stewardship Commission and a presentation by John Powers on ways to support St Anselm's Endowment Fund and other programs through one's IRA. His talk will be most informative and interesting. Remember-wear Red!

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!

FAITH250

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

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us on Tuesday, May 19th at The Buttercup Restaurant, 660 Ygnacio Vally Road, Walnut Creek at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Katie Taggart katietaggart@att.net or 415-686-5790 by 5/18 so she can make seating accommodations with the restaurant.

THIRD SUNDAY OFFERINGS FOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

Today's loose plate offerings will be designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. As the name indicates, Reverend Will may, within boundaries, use these funds at his discretion. The funds are for charitable purposes, primarily to aid the poor and needy, for example to assist with food, rent, utilities, and medical bills for individuals facing a crisis. Contributions may also be used to support a recognized charitable organization whose mission aligns with the mission of St. Anselm's. Adding the plate offering from one week per month to the Rector's Discretionary Fund is a common practice among Episcopal congregations and has been

done at St. Anselm's at times in the past. Individuals in need or facing a crisis may reach out to Rev. Will on a confidential basis to explore potential assistance.

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. Please note that office will be closed May 18th-27th.

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

Tuesday, May 19th — 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 19th — Lunch Bunch will meet at The Buttercup Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 20th — Book Club will meet in the library at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 21st — Evening Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 22nd — Lamorinda Village Strength & Balance Class 11:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Outreach for the Month of May is St. Dorothy's Rest Summer Camp

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- ◆ Backpacking Backpacks
- ◆ Beach Towels
- ◆ Sunscreen



Monetary donations are being accepted as well to support a Campership (scholarship for a child to attend for one week)

- ◆ Full Campership \$1,200
- ◆ Partial Campership \$1,000 or \$800

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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.

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SERVING TODAY:

Presider: The Rev. Will Scott, Deacon: The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Director of Music: Chris Kula, Lector: Joni Pearce, Sally Fischer, Eucharist Minister: Dana Sant Cruz, Chalice Bearer: Joni Pearce, Altar Guild: Sylvia Williams, Katie Taggart, Mallory Williams, Ushers: Matt Chayt, Coffee Hosts: Peg Matson, Counters: Peg Matson, Marty Fischer, Videography: Chris Young, David Rowe, Henry Rosenberg, Vestry Person of the Day: Dharmini Harichandran

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 2027: Hank Gatlin, Dharmini Harichandran, Iris Hillman-Sr. Warden, Katie Taggart

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

Class of 2029: Keith Pearce, Julie Rinkenberger-Jr. Warden, Elisabeth Ward

DEANERY DELEGATES: Bob Eddy, Marty Fischer, Kayce Rane

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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