



The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 18th 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

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

H# 516 "Come down, O Love divine"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Source, Word, & Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Presider The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;

People ***And we beheld thy glory.***

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 God be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The People sit for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

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

Isaiah 49:1-7

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Psalm 40:1-12

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

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.

Corinthians 1:1-9

Lector: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's *people*.

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# 512 "Come, Gracious Spirit"

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 1:29-42

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

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

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks

ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***
The people are seated at the invitation of the Presider.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Will Scott

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

The people stand as able.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

St. Anselm’s uses a variety of affirmations of the Christian faith, such as the Nicene Creed, this one is from the Iona Community.

Leader: Let us affirm our faith by saying together:

***We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of male and female.***

***We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth
to the place of death.***

*On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.*

*We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. 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

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People ***For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.***

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Leader For Sean our Presiding Bishop; and Austin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People ***For all who serve God in God's Church.***

Leader For the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Peter's, Redwood City. For the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for Parish Life Commission.

Leader I invite those who are with us via Zoom to offer their prayers, either silently or aloud. When you have concluded, please say **"In Your Mercy"** to which the congregation is invited to respond **"Hear Our Prayer."**

When they are finished:

Leader I invite those who are present to offer their prayers, either silently or aloud. When you have concluded, please say **“In Your Mercy”** to which the congregation is invited to respond **“Hear Our Prayer.”**

Leader Come, Lord of Light, shatter the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Hear the prayers we offer to you, and give us the courage and conviction to make these prayers a reality. We pray to you in the name of our hope, Jesus, the Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing sign of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the wrongs that enslave us, the wrongs we have done, and the wrongs done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen

The Presider offers absolution, and the people respond, Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Christ be always with you.

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

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, the deacon, presider and parish leaders may make announcements.

PRAYERS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS

Mary Stewart, Jeff Boero

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.

Dick & Jan White

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.*

The Rev. Joan Gardner

PRAYER FOR ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

O God, by your grace you called your servant Joan to the order of priest. On this anniversary, we give you thanks for the gift of her vocation and the faithful service she has rendered to your Church for 41 years. Strengthen Joan anew with your Holy Spirit, that she may continue to preach your Word, administer your Sacraments, and build up your people with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith. May her life be a testament to your love, bringing glory to your name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *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.

Loose plate offerings and checks so designated will go toward the Rector's Discretionary Fund on the 3rd Sunday of each month. This fund is used primarily for charitable needs in the wider community at the discretion of the Rector.

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

S# 261 "A Song to the Lamb"

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 bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye Heaven - ly host: Praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Presider God be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our 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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 with St. Anselm and 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.

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

***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 This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People ***Whoever eats this bread will live forever.***

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# 121 "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand as able.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

THE BLESSING

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

Presider Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. ***Amen.*** *(source: from Saint Clare)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

H# 117 "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning"

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: [Stephen Ministry](#)

THIRD SUNDAY OFFERINGS FOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

Beginning January 18, loose plate offerings received on the third Sunday of each month 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.

MINISTRY-OF-THE-MONTH: STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry at St Anselm's was founded in 2001 and has cared for members and non-members continuously since that time! With headquarters in St Louis, it is an international organization, a collection of a variety of denominations throughout the world. It publishes the continuously updated workbooks and videos from which members are trained to serve as Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders, as well as a number of helpful books for public distribution. To be a Stephen Minister, we commit to training for 50 hours over a period of months before we are commissioned to serve in our church community. We are equipped to walk beside you during a difficult period of your life, for example, experiencing grief after the loss of a loved one, divorce, loss of a job, a terminal illness. It is completely confidential. Please contact Vicki Pappas or Reverend Will+.

DRIVE-OF-THE-MONTH: CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH COALITION

Our January Outreach will be to help our friends at Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition. We will collect new towels and blankets (any size). They provide essential household items and food assistance to individuals and families facing challenges such as homelessness, domestic violence, disability, and poverty. Their mission is to improve living conditions and quality of life, bringing hope and light to those navigating adversity. Please consider purchasing some towels or blankets to donate through February 8.

<https://ccinterfaithcoalition.org/>

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!

COUNTERS NEEDED

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

COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Everyone is invited to enjoy conversation and refreshments in Jackson Hall, immediately following the service. We are in need of volunteers to host coffee hour. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45A5AF22A64-58747416-stanselms#/> or contact Sylvia Williams at 925-586-0730 to reserve a date. Thank you!

ST. ANSELM'S PRAYER CHAIN

The St. Anselm's Prayer Chain is a list of our parishioners and loved ones for whom prayers have been requested. Prayer is voluntary and on your own whenever you wish to pray. If you would like to receive the Prayer Chain or if you would like to add someone to the Prayer Chain, please email Vicki at vrpappas@gmail.com.

FRAUD ALERT

Please be aware that fake emails and texts from members of the congregation are being sent out asking for unspecified help: I need a favor from you, please text/email me back as soon as possible. Please be careful and verify email addresses and phone numbers that you receive before responding to requests.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For personal inquiries, please contact Rector Will Scott: rector@stanselms.us.

For questions, please contact Office Manager Margaret Wolfe: margaret.w@stanselms.us. Please submit announcements by noon on Wednesday. Office hours: Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9am – noon, or by appointment. **Please note office will be closed Monday, January 19th** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 5-13, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

To receive the readings on a weekly basis, please email parish@stanselms.us.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: January 18-24

Mary Stewart

Jeff Boero

Dick & Jan White

The Rev. Joan Gardner

COMING UP AT ST. ANSELM'S

Sunday, January 18th — Vestry will meet in the conference room and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. Parishioners are welcome to attend vestry meetings or to listen in via Zoom. [Vestry Agenda](#)

Tuesday, January 20th — **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.

Thursday, January 22nd — **Evening Bible Study** will meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 23rd — **Lamorinda Village Strength & Balance Class** 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 1st — **Annual Meeting** following the 10 a.m. service in the sanctuary

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Class of 2029

Keith Pearce

Keith Pearce has been an active member of St. Anselm's for more than 12 years and is a lifelong Episcopalian. He has been grateful to serve the parish through past Stewardship Campaigns, singing with the choir, and service on the Endowment Committee, and has a deep appreciation for the parish's mission and long-term stewardship.

Professionally, Keith has over 25-years of executive leadership experience in the technology industry, including senior roles at Salesforce, Genesys, Alteryx and now Zendesk and is a two-time Chief Marketing Officer. He currently serves as an advisory board member to both a local nonprofit organization and a public company, offering guidance on strategy and governance.

Keith holds degrees from the University of Florida and Georgetown University and lives with his family in Moraga, California, where St. Anselm's has long been an important spiritual home.



Elisabeth Ward



I was received into the Episcopal church in 2014 after many years of searching for a faith tradition that spoke to me. I was pleased to serve on St. Anselm's vestry from 2021 to 2024, a period of much change and transition in our parish. I look forward to our bright future of growth and continued transformation through the Spirit. My son, Palmer Hightower, was confirmed at St. Anselm's and participated in our youth programs, so ensuring youth have a place at St. Anselm's is important to me. I am also the executive director of a non-profit museum, and hope my experience with communication (social media, websites, press) and fundraising might be of benefit to the congregation. I currently reside in Mission Viejo, California, so I can be close to my mother, but regularly attend on Zoom and in person at St. Anselm's at least once a month, especially when serving the congregation as a Lay Eucharist Minister. St. Anselm's is a very special congregation and a true sanctuary and blessing to me in my life.

Julie Rinkenberger

I've been a member of St. Anselm's church since 2015 after a long absence from the Episcopal church. I met and married Jian Ping (JP) Zhang in graduate school more than 35 years ago. We have two young adult children, Sasha and Allen, that like to sleep late on the weekends but do participate in church events. I've spent over 25 years working as a research and data scientist in the biotech business and have a PhD in immunology from UC Berkeley. I relocated to Berkeley from Illinois, where my immediate family lives in the Chicago area. My Mother, Lois, is part of our online service community.



Many people know that I have been the organizer of the Cancer Support Group since 2018 when Art Clarke moved to Nebraska. However, I've also been a Stephen Minister since 2022 and a Stephen Leader since 2024. I have also been part of the Stewardship Commission since 2024. Additionally, I was involved in both recent Rector Search Committees, co-leading the second one which ultimately resulted in bringing Reverend Will to our community as Rector in 2025. In the past I have also participated as a Lector, and regularly volunteer to provide meals for Winter Nights, and help with other events at the church.

I believe that St. Anselm's superpower is its people. We are a welcoming, friendly group that doesn't just say hello to newcomers but tries to make them feel like they belong. We have a generous community giving their time, talents and treasure to keep our local and larger community engaged with what matters, spreading God's love in the world. I would be honored to join the Vestry class of 2029 to continue our work to extend God's love to those in need in our local and larger community.



What we do:

- Stephen Ministers are lay ministers who provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care for those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, and other struggles. Stephen Ministers share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Key activities:

- Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training to learn to listen, care for, and walk with those experiencing a crisis. We do our trainings in a consortium with several other churches, led by LOPC (Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church.)
- Our church's Stephen Leaders participate in teaching the classes and supporting the Stephen Ministry trainees.
- The Stephen Leader interviews and assesses a potential Care Receiver to determine whether Stephen Ministry is appropriate for the person who is going through a crisis, then assigns a Stephen Minister to care for the person, choosing the person who best matches the hurting person's needs. People are assigned a Care Giver of the same sex. Sometimes we may serve a Stephen Minister from one of the other churches in our consortium, or we may refer one of parishioners to their Stephen Ministry.
- After being matched, the Stephen Minister meets with that person weekly to listen, care for, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support for as long as needed, usually for about a year.

How we work together:

- We have monthly Supervision Group meetings, usually on Zoom, to support the Stephen Minister in caring for a hurting person. No specific details are shared, so that confidentiality is maintained. This way, we make sure that the care that the person receives is appropriate and helpful. We also care for each other.
- We participate in Continuing Education on many topics related to caring for hurting people.

Helpful traits of potential Stephen Ministers:

- A warm and compassionate heart for bringing Christ's love to hurting people
- Ability to listen and maintain confidentiality.
- Willingness to participate in a 50-hour training course that will equip the person to provide one-to-one Christian care and serve for at least two years as a Stephen Minister.

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SERVING TODAY:

Presider: The Rev. Will Scott, Deacon: The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Organist: Chris Kula, Lectors: Sally Fischer, Joni Pearce, Lay Eucharist Minister: Elisabeth Ward, Altar Guild: Sylvia Williams, Katie Taggart, Mallory Williams, Ushers: Suzanne Gatlin, Henry Gatlin, Coffee Hosts: Kayce Rane, Joni Pearce, Counters: Julie Starr, Vestry Person of the Day: Joni Pearce, 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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