

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Easter Day March 31, 2024 St. Anselm's Episcopal Church, Lafayette

An Easter Welcome

Alleluia! He is risen! Happy Easter and welcome to St. Anselm's!

For over 2000 years Christians have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus at worship services like this one. We are grateful that you have chosen to spend this special day with us.

Easter is a reminder that a church is not a fortress, or a tomb with a heavy stone in front of the door. We are called to be a community, an incubator, a greenhouse, and a generator of energy for living full lives transformed by the Spirit of a God that rolls away stones and raises the dead. A place and people who capture the world's attention when we proclaim the Good News defiantly and joyfully that Christ is risen, siding again and again with the underdog, the beaten down, the abused and the silenced.

While the world is full of horrific violence and cruelty gathering together on this day (and every Sunday) we affirm that God's love is stronger than death and recommit ourselves to nurturing that love in our daily lives. Whether this is your first time with St. Anselm's, or your 300th we're delighted that you are here and look forward to the adventures ahead in service and community.

Blessings,

The Rev. Will Scott *Guest Priest*



MARCH 31, 2024 EASTER DAY

MINISTRY GATHERED IN THE CHURCH

Sermon	10 AM	The Rev. Will Scott
Celebrant	10 AM	The Rev. Will Scott
Deacon	10 AM	The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris
Lector	10 AM	Shelley Frost
Lay Eucharist Minister	10 AM	Elisabeth Ward
Chalice Bearer	10 AM	Elisabeth Ward
Torchbearer	10 AM	Peg Matson, Marian Mulkey
Organist	10 AM	Sharon Linton
Ushers	10 AM	Gary Bacon, Greg Heiman, Bob Eddy
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Coffee Host

Altar Guild Counters

Dharmini Harichandran, Sharon Harichandran, Edee Allison, Sylvia Williams, Mallory Williams, Joseph Williams, Joan Martin, Sally Fischer, Joni Pearce, Katie Taggart, Marian Mulkey Chris Young, Julie Starr

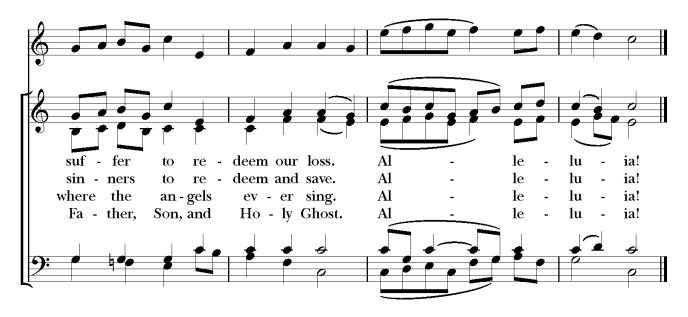
Counters

EASTER SUNDAY

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Processional Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"





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The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Prelude Sharon Linton, Organist

Processional Hymn
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Hymnal 1982 #207

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
 People There is one hope in God's call to us;
 Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's

resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

The People sit for the readings.

First Lesson: Isaiah 25: 6-9

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

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

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

"His mercy endures forever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *

and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 'Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Will Scott

Celebrant

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and

renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and

return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help. People

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of

every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people. People

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons especially for Michael our Presiding

Bishop, for Bishop Andros, for Bishop-Elect Rios, for Will our Guest Priest, 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 Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader We give thanks for all whose lives are linked with ours.

People That we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress. People

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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

we pray the Diocese of the West Indies. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Resurrection, Pleasant Hill. In the St. Anselm's Cycle of

Prayer we give thanks for the risen Lord.

Silence

Celebrant 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:

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

At this time announcements are made.

Prayers for 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.

Prayer 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

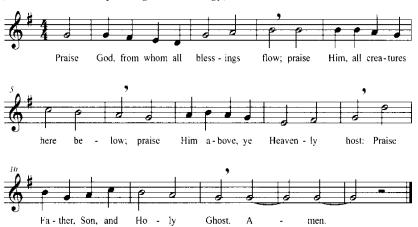
The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

"Christ Is Alive"

The Great Thanksgiving

(Celebrant and People sing the Doxology):



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Celebrant and People

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLife up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

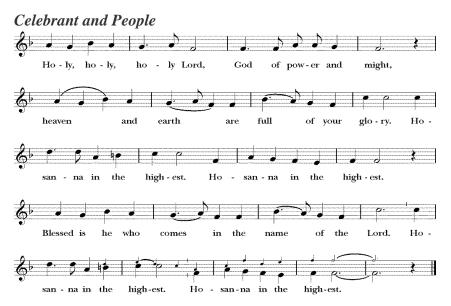
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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:



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The Celebrant 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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*.

Celebrant

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

Celebrant and People



The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

All who hunger for God are invited forward to receive Communion. Please proceed to the center aisle. Prior to reaching the altar rail, take a small, disposable cup from the stack held by the usher. Once you have received the bread from the Celebrant, proceed to the east or west door (dependent upon where you are seated) and approach the lay assistants who will pour wine into your cup. Used cups may be deposited in the small trash cans near each door and return to your seat. The masked celebrant and a lay attendant will approach any individuals who are unable to stand at the altar with bread and wine following the distribution to the entire congregation. Gluten-free wafers are available; please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly.

Communion Anthem

"He Is Risen, He Is Risen"

Post Communion Prayer (The people stand or kneel.)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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

Recessional Hymn

"Come, Ye Faithful Raise The Strain"



The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Sharon Linton, Organist Postlude



SERVICE TIMES

Thank you to everyone who supported the 5 p.m. evening worship services during Lent. We will be taking a break for a few months.

If you are interested in the return of the 8 a.m. service, please email Rev. Will: rector@stanselms.us

NEW ONLINE GIVING METHOD:

St. Anselm's recently moved to a new online fundraising platform, Zeffy.

To donate visit our website:

https://stanselms.us/give

WELCOME DAWN KING

Dawn King started as our bookkeeper in March. Dawn is an experienced Accountant who operates Dawn King Bookkeeping Services to serve small businesses and nonprofits in our area. She also teaches sewing classes at Studio Dawnatella in Walnut Creek. She lives in Concord with her two teenaged boys, golden retriever and



HELP SUPPORT: ST. ANSELM'S MICHAEL LANE LANDSCAPE PROJECT

Pamela Green, a professional landscape designer and longtime member of St. Anselm's has completed a design plan for the front portion of the parish's property facing Michael Lane. If you would like to contribute to the effort please send a check to the parish office and include on the memo line "Landscape Project."

If you would like to sponsor a particular plant (tree or shrub) here's a list of the plantings, please indicate on the memo line which plant or plants your gift is intended to cover.

Trees

Quantity/Size Latin Name Common Name

5-24" Arbutus 'Marina' (multi-trunk) 'Marina'

3-24" Arbutus unedo (multi-trunk) Strawberry tree

5-15 Aesculus Californica (multi-trunk) California buckeye

2-15 Cercis occidentalis (multi-trunk) Western redbud

Shrubs

7-5 Arctostaphylos 'Howard McMinn' 'Howard McMinn' manzanita



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 31-APRIL 6

Michael Hollinger Shanda Young Julie Rinkenberger

<u>PRAYER CHAIN</u>

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 there is someon you would like to add top the Prayer Chain, please empil Vicki at: vrpappas@gmail@om.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>April 2nd — Morning Prayer</u> will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 9 AM. To be invited, email Deacon

Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

April 2nd — Grief Support Group will meet via Zoom at 12:00 noon. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

April 2nd — Evening Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 7:00 PM. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

St. Anselm's Staff
The Rev. Will Scott, Guest Priest
The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Deacon
Margaret Wolfe, Office Manager
Dawn King, Bookkeeper

To schedule an in person conversation with Rev. Will, email rector@stanselms.us

The church office will be closed from April 1st to 5th

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTION

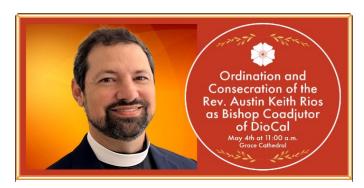
As part of the 10 a.m. Sunday service on April 14, a brief congregational meeting will be held to elect a new class of Vestry members. A slate of nominees and background information will be circulated in advance. Please plan to participate in person or via Zoom.

TRINITY CENTER'S SPRING FUNDRAISER

Our friends at Trinity Center are holding their annual spring dinner and auction starting at 6pm on May 9th at The Ruth Bancroft Gardens. A group of us attended last year and had a wonderful time. You can <u>buy tickets</u> or <u>donate</u> on line. Please consider joining this wonderful event. If you have interest in attending contact Marty Fischer (925 247-4192) who will be putting together a St. Anselm's table if there is sufficient interest. Come and enjoy as all proceeds go to support the many needs at Trinity Center in supporting the least fortunate in our community.



Bishop-Elect Austin Keith Rios Ordination and Consecration Service May 4th at 11 a.m. at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco



Register by midnight on 4/12 to reserve a spot at: https://diocalbishopsearch.org/registration/

To carpool contact Marian Mulkey at:

FLOWER POWER



Michael Lane Preschool Spring Parent Party

May 11th \sim from 4-6 pm \sim Jackson Hall

Raffle tickets and more information coming soon

REACHING OUT TO THOSE WHO LOVE TO READ

For those of you who find great pleasure in reading, Sharyn Barrington-Carlson and I would like to invite you to our new Book Club at St. Anselm's. We will have our first get together on Thursday, April 11th from 2 - 3 p.m.in the Conference Room in Jackson Hall. We would love to have you join us. Sharon and I will bring some of our favorite books for you to look at. We want to hear from you what day and time works best for all. Our thinking is to try to read a book a month and to discuss the book at our meeting time and to select a new book introduced by our members. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or thoughts.

Blessings, Naomi

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COMING SOON... 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBREATION IN 2025



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The Rev. Will Scott, Guest Priest
The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Deacon
John Powers, Treasurer
Margaret Wolfe, Office Manager
Dawn King, Bookkeeper

Vestry

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Marty Fischer, Sr. Warden	Marian Mulkey, Clerk	Bob Eddy
Neva Flaherty	Elaine Sherwood	Don Liddle
Elisabeth Ward	Gerry Starr	Peg Matson, Jr. Warden
Chris Young	JP Zhang	Joni Pearce

Commissions

Christian Formation—Anne Brown Parish Life—Sylvia Williams Property—Chris Young Service/Outreach—Joni Pearce Worship— Judy Peak

Ministries

Altar Guild—Sylvia Williams Lay Eucharist Ministers/Lectors — Judy Peak Stephen Ministry— Vicki Pappas Ushers—Doug Merrill

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Bob Eddy Georganne Eddy Chris Stone