



# The First Sunday of Advent

November 30th 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#66 "Come, thou long expected Jesus"**

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
***People* You come to your people and set them free.**

*The Presider then continues*

*Presider* God be with you.  
***People* And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.*

*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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Presider*      Holy God,  
                      Holy and Mighty,  
                      Holy Immortal One,  
                      *Have mercy upon us*

## 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.

*Presider*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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 2:1-5**

*Lector:*        A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 122**

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

### **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.*

#### **Romans 13:11-14**

*Lector:* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the

day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the amour of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*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#73 "The King shall come when morning dawns"**

## **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.*

**Matthew 24:36-44**

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

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

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

*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 United Church of Canada)*

*Leader:* Let us affirm our faith by saying together:

**Affirmation of Faith** *(from the Iona Community)*

*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 of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Clement's Berkeley and St. Ambrose, Foster City. For the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for Lay Eucharist Ministers.

*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**

Janice Carrigan, Thomas Young, Katie Taggart

**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.*

*Loose plate offerings and checks so designated will go toward the Rector's Discretionary Fund on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### LEVAS 13 "My Lord, what a morning"

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

### *Presider and People sing the Doxology*



Praise God, from whom all 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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever 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 & People***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
***grant us peace.***

## 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

### **GATHER 932 "One bread, one body"**

## 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# 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: Deanery /Convention Delegates**

This month St. Anselm's is highlighting the work of our Deanery/Convention Delegates. Deanery/Convention Delegates are elected at our annual meeting to serve as a link between our congregation and the wider diocese. Their primary responsibilities include attending quarterly deanery meetings and annual diocesan convention, representing our parish's interests, providing information to our congregation on pending issues facing the region and wider church, and relaying our concerns and hopes to other parishes, missions, and diocesan bodies. St. Anselm's is represented by Bob & Georganne Eddy & Marty Fischer as well as our clergy.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

All are invited to donate poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas season. You can make a donation in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or in thanksgiving for our many blessings. Please submit a [donation form](#) and your payment to the church office with the desired dedication no later than **Monday, December 15th**.

The donation request is \$15.00 per plant. Checks can be made payable to "St. Anselm's Episcopal Church" indicating "Altar Guild" on the memo line. Thank you!

### **SOLI DEO GLORIA CONCERT**

Begin the holiday season with two cherished classics: the luminous beauty of Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna and the celebration of Bach's Magnificat. Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at St. Anselm's. Tickets can be purchased at [www.sdgloria.org](http://www.sdgloria.org) or call (510) 522-1702.

### **NOVEMBER OUTREACH**

This November we ask that you bring in donations for the Contra Costa Food Bank. Please consider items that are shelf stable. They especially request: beans, rice, canned vegetables, canned tuna, peanut butter, shelf stable milk, cooking oil in plastic bottles, and oatmeal.

Additionally, this holiday season we will be supporting our friends at OTTP - Occupational Therapy Teaching Program by purchasing gifts for their clients. There will be gift information tags in Jackson Hall that you can pick up and take away with you. Then, bring (or ship directly to OTTP) the unwrapped item WITH the tag so they can give it to the correct client. The gifts have been selected by the youth to help support their healing journey. Many of the gifts they request have a therapeutic purpose, helping them express emotions, build confidence, and find calm amid life's heaviness. Your support creates moments of healing and hope that last well beyond the holidays. We will collect gifts starting November 9, through December 7. If you are purchasing from Amazon and having it delivered, they request that it be delivered by December 1.

More information about OTTP can be found [here](#).

## **TRINITY CENTER**

Each Holiday season since 2014, St. Anselm's has supported the work of Trinity Center (TC) and their lifeline to the working poor and homeless in our community. TC provides a way forward for their clients each weekday to socialize, wash clothes, take showers, eat meals and get help finding jobs, housing, medical services and counseling. You can help by visiting the TC website: <http://www.trinitycenterwc.org> to learn how you can provide financial support, volunteer, donate clothing and much needed support. Thank you for all your past support and for any help you can provide. For questions, please speak to Marty Fischer or Pam McGrath.

## **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](mailto:plmatson@comcast.net) or #925-381-1074.

## **COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED**

Everyone is invited to enjoy conversation and refreshments in Jackson Hall, immediately following the service. We are in need of volunteers to host coffee hour. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044BADA722A2F85-coffee> or contact Sylvia Williams at 925-586-0730 to reserve a date. Thank you!

## **ST. ANSELM'S PRAYER CHAIN**

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

## **FRAUD ALERT**

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

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For personal inquiries, please contact Rector Will Scott: [rector@stanselms.us](mailto:rector@stanselms.us).

For questions, please contact Office Manager Margaret Wolfe: [margaret.w@stanselms.us](mailto:margaret.w@stanselms.us). Please submit announcements by noon on Wednesday. Office hours: Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9am – noon, or by appointment.

For bookkeeping questions, please contact Bookkeeper Steve Zimmerman: [bookkeeper@stanselms.us](mailto:bookkeeper@stanselms.us).

For choir questions, please contact Director of Music Chris Kula: [choir@stanselms.music](mailto:choir@stanselms.music).

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12**

To receive the readings on a weekly basis, please email [parish@stanselms.us](mailto:parish@stanselms.us).

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: November 30- December 6**

Janice Carrigan, Thomas Young, Katie Taggart

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

**Tuesday, December 2nd — Morning Prayer** will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at [orchidsnrch@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidsnrch@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday, December 3rd — Contemplative Prayer Gathering** will meet from 9:00a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Thursday, December 4th — Evening Bible Study** will meet via zoom at 7:00 PM. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at [orchidsnrch@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidsnrch@yahoo.com).

**Friday, December 5th — Lamorinda Village Strength & Balance Class** 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

**Sunday, December 7th —Altar Guild** will meet in the conference room at 11:30 a.m.

### **SERVING TODAY:**

Presider: The Rev. Will Scott, Deacon: The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Director of Music: Chris Kula, Lector: Maggie McCloskey, Lay Eucharist Minister: Marian Mulkey, Altar Guild: Sylvia Williams, Marian Mulkey, Ushers: Alan Swimmer, Bob Eddy, Coffee Host: Marian Mulkey, John Powers, Counters: Maggie McCloskey, Peg Matson, Vestry Person of the Day: Bob Eddy, 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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