



The Feast of the Epiphany

First Sunday All Ages Service

January 4th 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#128 "We Three Kings"

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.



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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.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD

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.”

LEVAS 221 “This little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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 2:1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

<i>Leader</i>	For all people in their daily life and work;
<i>People</i>	<i>For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	For this community, the nation, and the world;
<i>People</i>	<i>For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.</i>

<i>Leader</i>	For the just and proper use of your creation;
<i>People</i>	<i>For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.</i>

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 Church of the Province of Central Africa. For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Epiphany, San Carlos. For the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christian Formation 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:

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

Gary Bacon

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 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

H#119 "As with Gladness, Men of Old"

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.*

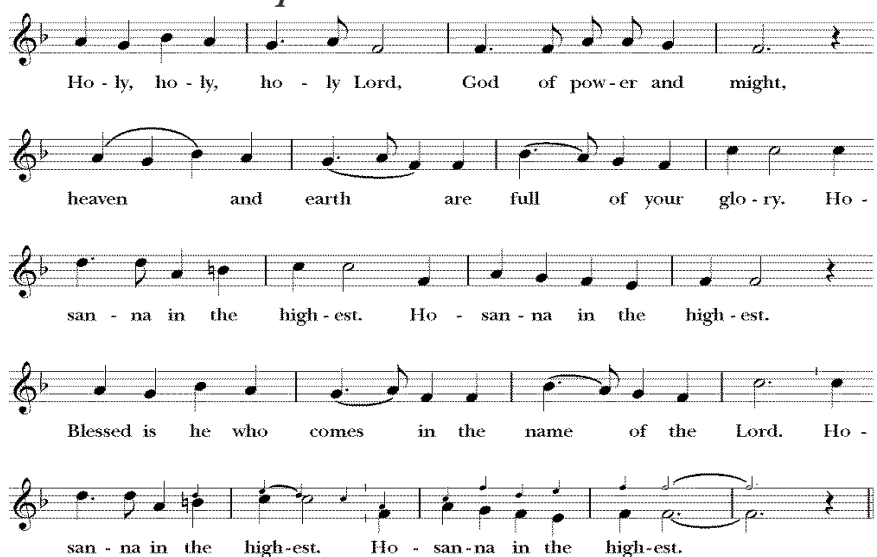
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

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



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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#135 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 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.

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.

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 60:1-6, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: January 4-10

Gary Bacon

COMING UP AT ST. ANSELM'S

Sunday, January 6th — Altar Guild will meet in the conference room at 11:30 a.m.

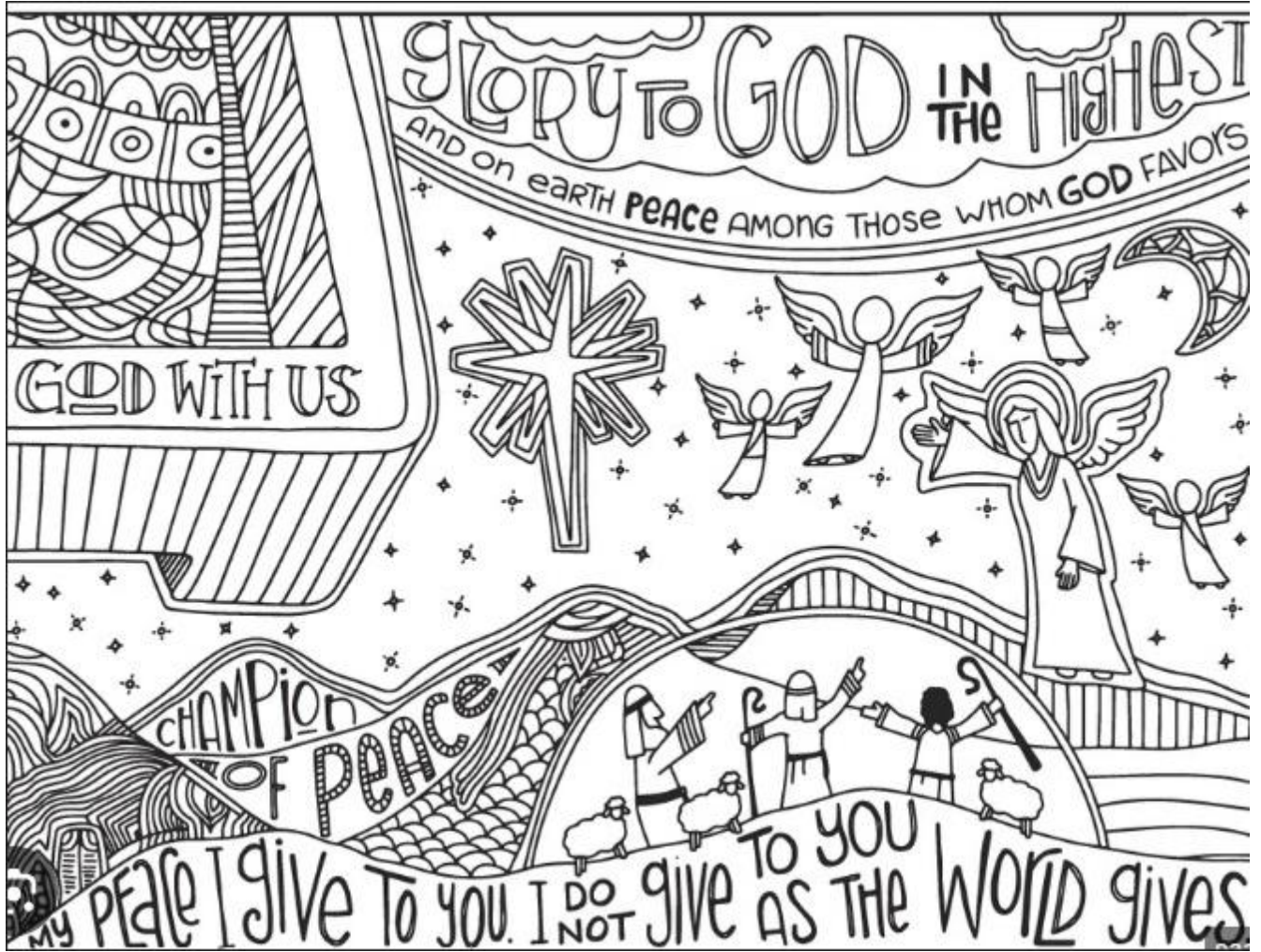
Tuesday, January 9th — Morning Prayer will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

Thursday, January 11th — Evening Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 14th — Cancer Support Group will meet in the conference room and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

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







CHRISTMAS 2025 POINSETTIAS

The poinsettias that brighten our church in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ are given:

In loving memory of:

John E. Allison & Wes Thomas	Edee Allison
Bill & Janet Price	The Burns Family
John Chamberlain & Paul Harris	Naomi Chamberlain-Harris
Our families both the Zarros & Eddys	Georganne & Bob Eddy
Andrew Matson, Connie Lacoste, Howard & Margaret Nelsen & Lois Foster	Peg Matson & Duane Nelsen
Ida & Mac McCloskey, Karen Ray & Ralph Zapata	Maggie McCloskey
Alex & Catherine	Alex McDonald
Betty & Larry ReShore, Georgia & Michael Pappas	Vicki Pappas
Harry A. Pearce & Dorothy Blydenburg	Keith & Joni Pearce
Theodore & Alice-Jean Starr, Florence Starr, Jenny & James May	Julia & Gerald Starr
My daughter: Alena Kathleen Wilson; My husband, George Paul Wilson	Avon Wilson
Leung Ping Chang & Terry B. Rinkenberger	JP Zhang & Julie Rinkenberger

In thanksgiving for:

St. Anselm's Church Community	Janice Carrigan
Family, Friends and St. Anselm's Church	Hema & Dharmini Harichandran
The Hillman Family	Iris Hillman
Our loving family	Jon & Joan Martin
Our family & friends	Peg Matson & Duane Nelsen
St. Anselm's	Maggie McCloskey
Family & Community	Marian Mulkey & John Powers
Our families & our Rector, Will Scott	Keith & Joni Pearce
Our adult children	Sara & Al Swimmer
All of us at St. Anselm's	Katie Taggart
Family & Friends	Sylvia Williams
My daughter & son-in-law: Alisa & Bart Tangredi	Avon Wilson
Our children, Dale & Allen Zhang	JP Zhang & Julie Rinkenberger

In honor of:

Family & Friends	Janice Carrigan
My Oncology Team - Mary Shibley, Karen Woodward, Jan Cottini, Susan Golden	Maggie McCloskey
Gene Bozorth & her dog Greta	Kate & John Ruby
Sheila & Norm Gorsuch	Gillian Schon
My parents: Alice & Robert Johnstone	Avon Wilson

SERVING TODAY:

Presider: The Rev. Will Scott, Deacon: The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Organist: Chris Kula, Lay Eucharist Minister: Marian Mulkey, Altar Guild: Sylvia Williams, Marian Mulkey, Ushers: Joan Martin, John Powers, Coffee Hosts: Holy Spirit, Counters: Peg Matson, 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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Thank you for your generosity.*



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Church worship services are livestreamed via video for our online congregation. By participating in this service you acknowledge that you may be visible on the live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.

"St. Anselm's Episcopal Church is a nurturing community for people of all ages who seek to know God, grow, and serve."

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