

Feast of St. Francis

First Sundays All Ages at St. Anselm's

Welcome!

This service is a joyful experiment that includes music from around the world.

Opening Hymn "We are marching in the light of God"

Verse 1

We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, oh ohhh,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, oh ohhh,
We are marching in the light of God.

Verse 2

We are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God.
We are living, living,
We are living, oh ohhh,
We are living in the love of God.
We are living, living,
We are living, oh ohhh,
We are living in the love of God.

We are dancing...
We are singing...
We are praying...



Opening Prayer

Collect for St. Francis

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust

us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and
where there is sadness, joy.
O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Gospel Hymn H 536 "Open your ears"

Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's Word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

Refrain:

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

Reading & Conversation

They who have ears to hear the message,
They who have ears, then let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word.

Refrain:

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God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

Prayers of the People

It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord,



standin' in the need of prayer.

Holy One, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.*

It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

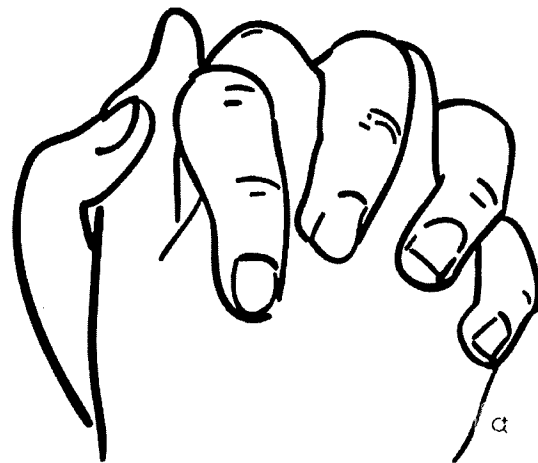
Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence as people online and in person share their prayers

Refrain:
It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;



It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Blessing of the Animals

PEACE

Announcements & Birthday/Anniversary/Travelers Prayers

Offertory

Take me home by Saoirse Fitzpatrick

I'm lonely here—please take me home!
I'm sad in my bed; please be my friend.
Since other people passed me by,
I need a good friend to take me home.

We're lonely here—please take us home!
We're sad in our beds; please be our friends.
Since other people passed us by,
We need a good friend to take us home.

I wish I could have somewhere to run,
With my happy family in the sun.
Forever we're together having fun.

I lay each day upon this floor.
I'd love *to see you* come through the door.
Since other people passed *me* by,

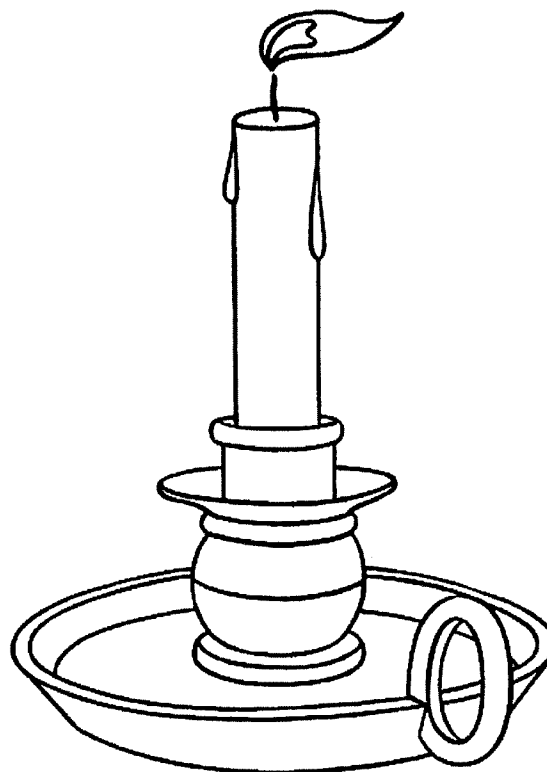
I need a good friend to take *me* home.
What's to come is still unknown...
Please don't leave me here alone.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

Communion

Eucharistic Prayer from the Anglican Church of Canada



Communion Hymn

LEVAS 154 "Taste and see"

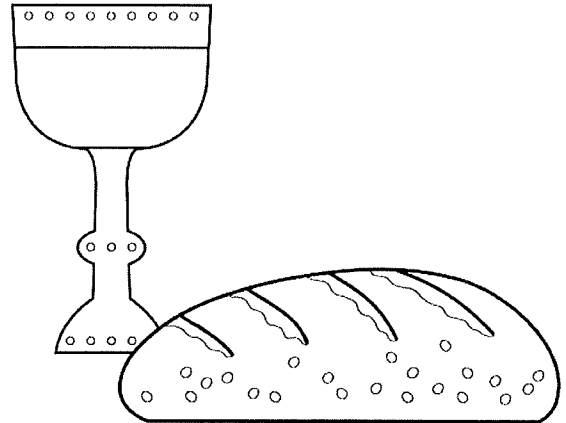
Refrain:

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

3 Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)



Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn

MP 1518 "Lord of the Dance"

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came to me and the dance went on.

Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me
high;
And they left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

Dismissal

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God



Image: Mark Dukes, "Dancing Christ," 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: [Stewardship Commission](#)

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by Katie Taggart, in honor of my parents Maxwell and Katherine Nickerson.

SIP, SNAK, & CHAT with your fellow parishioners!!

Three fun filled Saturday afternoons, 2-4pm. Pick the one for YOU. Time for fellowship, good food, & focus on St. Anselm's future.

Oct. 4 - 1700 Tice Valley Blvd, Garden Room Byron Park Walnut Creek, hosted by Katie Taggart/Al and Jeannine Makely

Oct. 11 - 9 Dianne Ct. Lafayette, hosted by John Powers and Marian Mulkey

Oct. 18 - 92 Devin Drive Moraga, hosted by Keith and Joni Pearce

3rd ANNUAL LAMORINDA PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fun for the kids, free food and information for everyone. Participants include police, fire, emergency rescue teams and a fire truck at 10 a.m.

65th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, October 26th, we will welcome our Bishop, the Right Reverend Austin K. Rios, as presider, and the Very Rev. Tracey Lind, as preacher, as we celebrate 65 years of St. Anselm's and recommit ourselves to supporting the vitality of this parish. A special catered luncheon will follow our 10 a.m. service. **Please ensure that you register/RSVP by October 21st:** [St. Anselm's 65th Anniversary Celebration & Luncheon](#)

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:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-11, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, 1and Luke 17:11-19

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: October 5 – 11

Elisabeth Ward, Sharyn Barrington-Carlson, Amy Orear

COMING UP AT ST. ANSELM'S

Ministry of the Month: [Stewardship Commission](#)

Monday, September 29th to Monday, October 13th — Winter Nights

Tuesday, October 7th — 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.

Wednesday, October 8th — Contemplative Prayer Gathering will meet from 9:00a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Thursday, October 9th — Evening Bible Study will meet via zoom at 7:00 PM. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

Friday, October 10th — Lamorinda Village Strength & Balance Class from 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Saturday, October 11th — Sip Snak & Chat from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: 65th Anniversary Celebration & Pledge ingathering with luncheon to follow on Sunday, October 26th.



Stewardship Commission

What we do:

Plan the annual pledge campaign for St. Anselm's and organize the various steps towards completing the campaign:

- Speakers during October as to why they pledge, communication to the congregation by e-mails, Canterbury Tales, church bulletin
- Organize smaller home-based receptions including new members, members with no history of pledging and/or possibility of increasing their pledges, members of longer standing in parish
- Review of current financial statement to identify areas of higher need such as staff salaries, areas needed for growth such as programs/outreach and/or maintenance
- Maintain a focus of the three needs for a balanced stewardship plan: time, talent, and treasure.
- Keep an ongoing contribution to other ministries of St. Anselm's and strive to assist them in any manner throughout the year.

Key activities:

- As outlined in what we do, activities to change per season and current need, i/e/. pledge campaign, assist in outreach programs, assist in work parties, fund raising campaigns and/or community programs such as Safety Day for example.

How we work together:

- Meet on an as-needed basis, after church on Sundays.
- Share responsibilities as needed for various events/programs
- Additional communication via e-mail to exchange ideas and duties throughout the year.

For more information contact:

- Katie Taggart katietaggart@att.net (415) 686 5790
- Additional members: Julie Rinkenberger, John Powers, Keith Pearce, and Doug Merrill
- Our advisor: Will+

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RSVP: pistolprce@gmail.com or 650-281-6881

3rd Annual Lamorinda Public Safety Day

October 18, 2025

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



**Fun for the kids, free food and information for
Everyone!! Bring the whole family!**



Participants include:

Lafayette Police Department

Contra Costa County Fire

Prevention Department

Community Emergency Rescue Team (CERT)

Contra Costa County Search and Rescue

Lamorinda Area Radio Interest Group and MORE!!

St. Anselm's Episcopal Church

682 Michael Lane, Lafayette

**Fire Truck at
10 a.m.**



**Search
& Rescue**



SERVING TODAY:

Presider: The Rev. Will Scott, Deacon: The Rev. Naomi Chamberlain-Harris, Director of Music: Chris Kula, Lay Eucharist Minister: Marian Mulkey, Altar Guild: Sylvia Williams, Marian Mulkey, Ushers: Joan Martin, John Powers, Coffee Hosts: Julie Starr, Ann Burns, Counters: Maggie McCloskey, Vestry Person of the Day: Dharmini Harichandran, 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

*All are invited to make a gift to support St. Anselm's ministry of sharing God's love.
As the plate is passed * Online at <https://stanselms.us/give>
Thank you for your generosity.*



Sign up for St. Anselm's Weekly Email News

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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