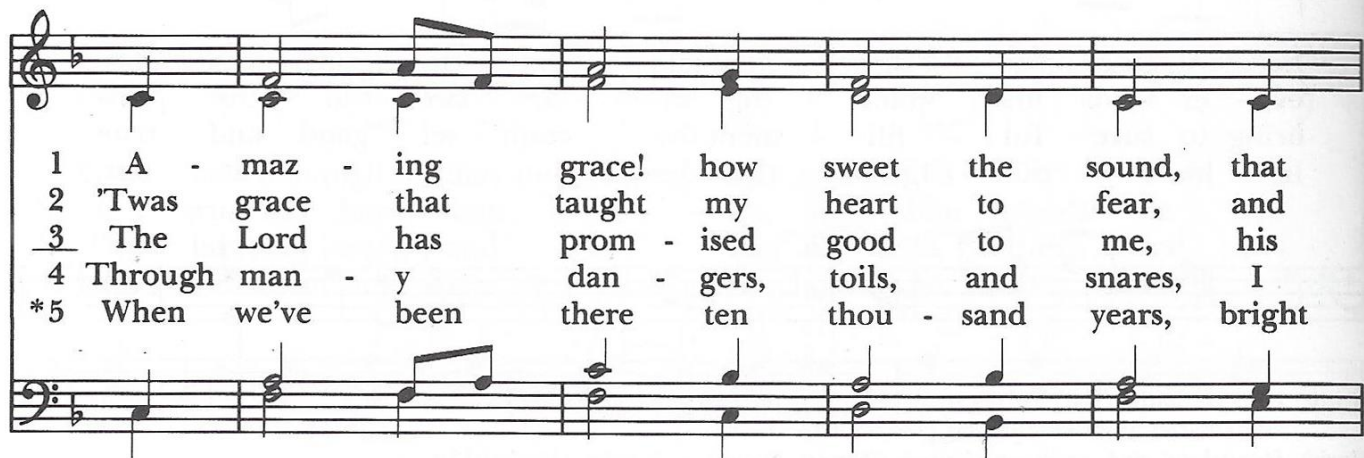


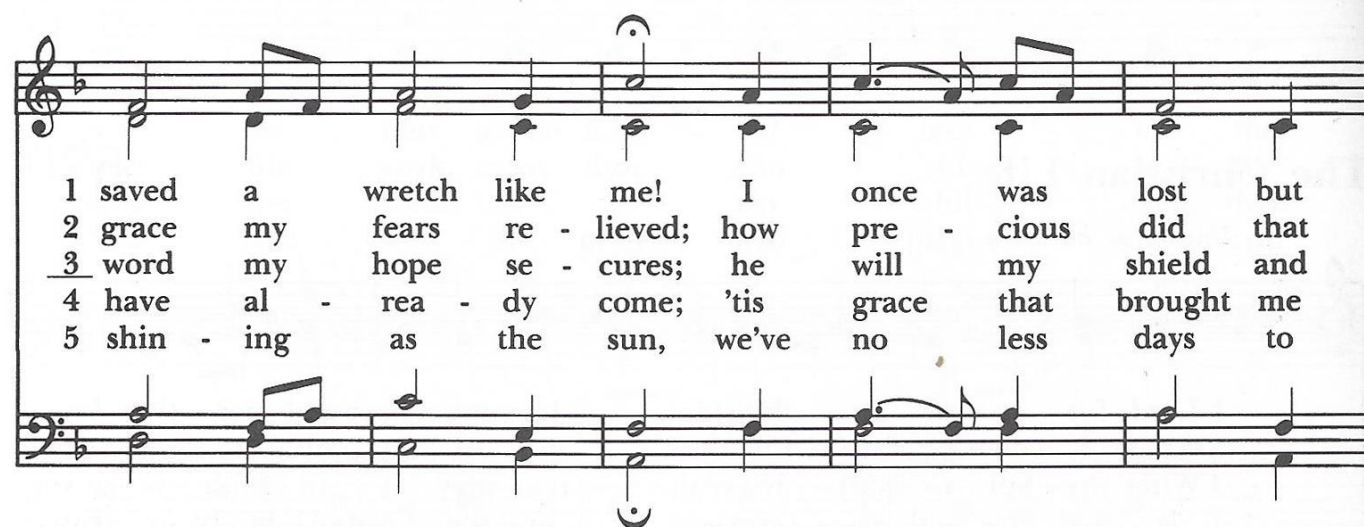
## The Gathering of the Community

## Processional Hymn

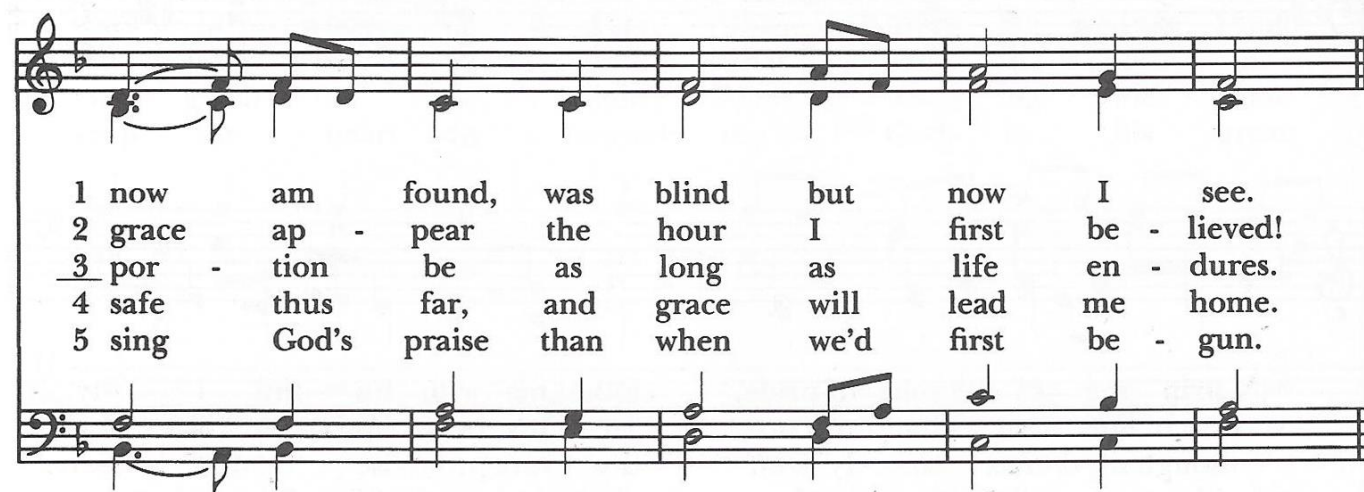
## "Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*Celebrant*

Welcome to this holy table, welcome to you, for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world.  
Welcome to you whose baptism makes you salt of the earth and light to the world. Rejoice and be glad.  
Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

***People: Amen. Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.***

*Celebrant*

Praise and glory to Christ, God's new beginning for humanity making ritual water gospel wine, cleansing all our worship.

***People: Love and loyalty to Christ, who gives us the gospel.  
Praise to Christ who calls us to holiness.***

## **Song of Praise**

***Celebrant and People***

***Christ is the good shepherd who knows and cares for every one of the sheep in different folds. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile; in Christ there is no discrimination of gender, class, or race. In Christ the poor are blessed, the simple receive truth hidden from the wise.***

***Alleluia! God of justice and compassion, you give us a work to do and a baptism of suffering and resurrection. From you comes power to give to others the care we have ourselves received so that we, and all who love our world, may live in harmony and trust.***

## **Forgiveness**

*Leader*        We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

*Silence*

*Leader*        In God there is forgiveness.

***People*        Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon.**

*Celebrant*     God forgives us; be at peace.

*Silence*

*Celebrant*     Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation for all the human race.

***People*        We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together. Praise to God who has created us, praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

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

## The Lessons

### Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

*Lector*                      A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

*Lector*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                      ***Thanks be to God.***

*A period of silence follows.*

### Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
    you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
    you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
    but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
    and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
    it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

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

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel: John 1:43-51**

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

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

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Affirmation of Faith

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

*Leader and People*

*You, O God are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.*

*You O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.*

*You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.*

*You are our God. We worship you.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Heavenly Creator, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Dioceses of Limerick & Killaloe, Ireland and Spokane. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Peter's, Redwood City and St. Peter's, San Francisco.

*Leader* God of all, enliven the Church for its mission

*People* ***That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.***

*Leader* Breathe fresh air into your people.

*People* ***Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.***

*Leader* We pray for the world.

*Leader* Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

*People* ***That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.***

*Leader* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

*People* ***Teach us to care creatively for its resources.***

*Leader* We pray for the community.

*Leader* God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others  
*People* ***that all may act with integrity and courage.***

*Leader* We give thanks for all whose lives are linked with ours.  
*People* ***May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.***

*Leader* We pray for those in need.

*Leader* God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.  
*People* ***May they know the power of your healing love.***

*Leader* Make us willing agents of your compassion.  
*People* ***Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.***

*Leader* We remember those who have died and those who mourn.

*Leader* We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.  
*People* ***Gracious God, into your hands we commend them.***

*Leader* Give comfort to those who mourn.  
*People* ***Bring them peace in their time of loss.***

*Leader* We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.  
*People* ***May their example inspire and encourage us.***

*Leader*  
We pray for ourselves and our ministries. In the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for our Parish Life Commission.

*Celebrant*  
I invite your prayers of petition and thanksgiving at this time, either silently or aloud. When you have concluded, please say **"In Your Mercy"** to which the congregation is invited to respond **"Hear Our Prayer."**

*Participants are invited to offer their own prayers at this time.*

*Celebrant* Lord, you have called us to serve you.

*People*  
***Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace  
*People* ***Who breaks down the walls that divide.***  
*Celebrant* The peace of God be always with you.  
*People* ***Praise to Christ who unites us in prayer.***

## Announcements

*At this time, the Celebrant may make announcements.*

## Prayers for Individuals

*Those with birthdays, anniversaries or who have travel plans are invited forward for a special prayer.*

### 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: Dick & Jan White

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true Godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

*Celebrant*

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13: 15,16*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant 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.

*Celebrant* Christ is risen!  
*People* ***He is risen indeed.***  
*Celebrant* Lift your hearts to heaven  
*People* ***Where Christ in glory reigns.***  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to God.  
*People* ***It is right to offer thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant*

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, "Let there be light"; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. His star, mysterious and inviting, calls us to worship the Christ who is born. For he is Emmanuel, God revealed in human form for all the human race; to him we offer our homage and our gifts. You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as the heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just, glory and goodness come from you. Glory to you most high and gracious God.***

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciple's feet. "I am among you," he said, "as one who serves."

On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

*Celebrant and People*

***God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.***

*Celebrant*

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.



### ***Celebrant and People***

***Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.***

### ***Celebrant***

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

### ***Celebrant and People***

***Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

***Celebrant:*** As Christ teaches us we 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.***

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.*

***Celebrant*** Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.  
***People*** ***Christ is the bread of life.***

*The Celebrant lifts the cup and says*

***Celebrant*** His blood was shed for our forgiveness.  
***People*** ***Christ is risen from the dead.***

## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God who calls us together.  
*People*          *Praise to God who makes us one people.*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God who has forgiven our sins.  
*People*          *Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.  
*People*          *Praise to God who is revealed as love.*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God who alone has called us.  
*People*          *Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.*

*Celebrant*      Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.  
*People*          *Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.*  
                     *Our hands were empty, and you filled them.*

## The Blessing

*Celebrant*  
The peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant*      Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
*People*          *Amen. We go in the name of Christ.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ANNUAL REPORTS

If you are the Chair of a commission, committee, guild or group, please email your Annual Report to Cathy Witkay at [cathy.w@stanselms.ws](mailto:cathy.w@stanselms.ws) by tomorrow, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL UPDATE

The Harvest Festival is in its final weeks and will conclude with a presentation of a check to Trinity Center at our Zoom service on January 24th. As of January 5th, the total amount raised is an amazing \$95,875 which tops 2019 by almost \$50,000. This increase was largely due to an outreach by our congregation to other friends within the community. Thank you to all who have been so generous in these difficult times.

Our friends at Trinity Center have seen tremendous increases in need as the economic impact of COVID-19 has taken its toll on so many poor and near homeless that lost their jobs and are struggling to survive. For those of you who have contributed, our sincere THANK YOU! If you have not had a chance to help, please consider a gift before the 24th. No amount is too small and the needs are substantial as Trinity Center manages it's winter shelter program over the next several months.

To contribute, you can either mail or drop off a check to the office made out to "St. Anselm's" footnoted Harvest Festival or you can give by credit card directly to Trinity Center online at <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/helpingthosewithoutahome> and be sure to list Harvest Festival in the dedication entry box.

We hope you can attend the service on January 24th for the check presentation and to wish our friends at Trinity Center a successful 2021!

## EVER THOUGHT ABOUT ATTENDING BIBLE STUDY?

On Wednesday evening, January 20th at 7 p.m. St. Anselm's will be kicking off the newly-formed Bible study group. We have critical mass already, and you are invited to join us!

The meetings will be held over Zoom and be limited to one hour. We will read short passages from a given book of the bible, and have a discussion in small groups about one selected passage and what it means to us. This will be a shared leadership group. We will take turns picking passages, so everyone will have an opportunity not only to speak, but to lead. Don't want to lead? You don't have to. Can't make a given session? Not a problem, each session will be a standalone event.

If you have any questions about the group, contact Father John at [suttonj@comcast.net](mailto:suttonj@comcast.net). If you are interested in joining, please contact Cathy Witkay at [cathy.w@stanselms.ws](mailto:cathy.w@stanselms.ws).

## OUTREACH SUNDAY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Outreach Sunday "voting" to determine the distribution of our \$20,000 of designated outreach funds. The following contributions were made on December 17th:

Bay Area Crisis Nursery — \$3,800  
Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank — \$4,800  
Interfaith Council of Contra Costa — \$1,000  
Loaves & Fishes — \$4,600  
Mobility Matters — \$1,400  
St. Dorothy's Rest — \$1,000  
STAND — \$2,200  
VESTIA — \$1,200

## VENMO ACCOUNT INFORMATION

St. Anselm's continues to maintain a Venmo account so you can transfer funds directly to the church via your smart phone. If you would like instructions on how to do so, please email Cathy Witkay at [cathy.w@stanselms.ws](mailto:cathy.w@stanselms.ws). Alternatively, you can always donate by sending a check to the church. The mailing address is: 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549 Thank you!

## COVID-19 TESTING IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

You can get tested at a state or CCHS site. You do not need a doctor's note to schedule a test, but must make an appointment. Only people who live or work in Contra Costa County will be tested at county-operated testing sites. If you do not live or work in Contra Costa County, [click here](#) to find a site near you. Call (844) 421-0804 to schedule an appointment at any CCHS or State site. There is no up-front cost for testing. You do not need medical insurance to get tested, however, if you have health insurance, your insurance will be billed. You can also get tested at commercial or health care provider sites.

## MESSAGE FROM SHANDA ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINE STATUS

Hi there!

I wanted to pass along some exciting information about the COVID-19 vaccine. It is now available to residents of Contra Costa who are 65 or older! We are now able to schedule appointments for folks over 65 to receive their vaccines and I would be happy help anyone who is interested in getting an appointment. Current locations available for vaccine appointments are Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill and Contra Costa College in San Pablo.

If you would like help in getting the process started for your vaccine, please send me an email to my work email, [shanda.young@cchealth.org](mailto:shanda.young@cchealth.org), and include the following information (this will help expedite the sign up process):

Name  
Date of birth  
Cell Phone Number  
Home Address

If you feel comfortable making the appointment for yourself, follow this link to the Contra Costa Health Services website: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/>. As we continue to move through the tiers, I will keep you all updated and will be happy to assist anyone looking to make an appointment when they qualify. Have a fantastic weekend everyone and see you virtually on Sunday! ~ Shanda.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

If you would like to have an emergency contact registered with St. Anselm's, please contact Cathy Witkay in the office with their information and we will keep it on file.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:6-14, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20.**  
**If you would like to receive the readings on a weekly basis, please contact Cathy Witkay in the office.**

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

**JANUARY 17-23, 2021**

Bob & Pam Green  
Scott & Kim Smigielski  
Dick & Jan White

***WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS:***

**January 20<sup>th</sup> -- Morning Prayer** will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 9 a.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at [orchidsnrch@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidsnrch@yahoo.com).

**January 20<sup>th</sup> -- Evening Bible Study** will meet via Zoom at 7:00. To be invited, email Cathy Witkay at [cathy.w@stanselms.ws](mailto:cathy.w@stanselms.ws).