

Processional Hymn

"Praise To The Holiest" (verses 1-3)

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his
 5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.
 3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;
 4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

The Gathering of the Community

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

The congregation sits.

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Lector A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,

or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *

"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *

and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
 be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
 and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
 prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

The Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' " ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Rev. John Sutton

The Affirmation of Faith *(all stand)*

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 Niassa, South Africa and Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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 Stephen Ministers.

Celebrant I invite your prayers of petition and thanksgiving at this time, either silently or aloud.

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

Participants now pray for those who have notified the church in advance of their birthdays and/or anniversaries.

Birthday Requests:

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.*

Anniversary Requests:

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

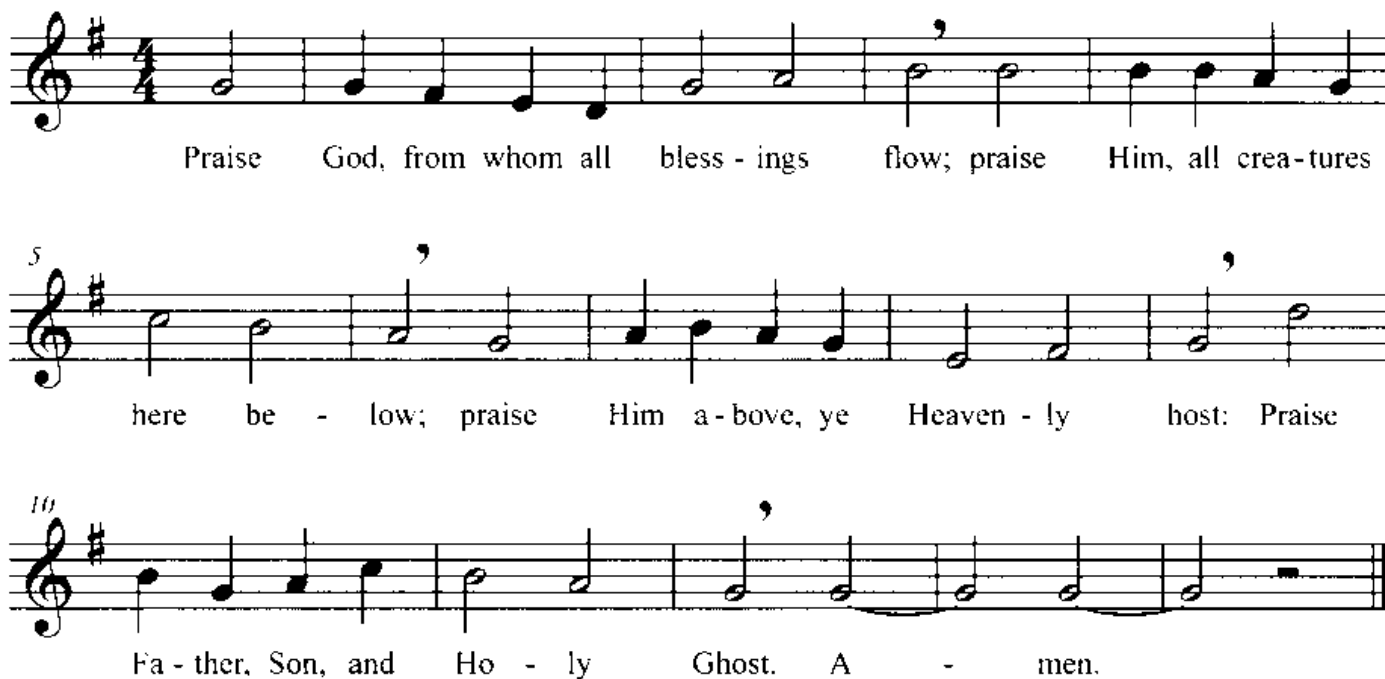
The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
(Ephesians 5:2)

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text reads: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score concludes with a double bar line.

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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.

*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.

*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.

*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 God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.
People ***Amen.***

Dismissal

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday evening.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

It's been a chaotic year for most! Through these difficult times, Trinity Center has stayed focused on their mission to help the homeless who are exploding in numbers at a time when funding has shrunk from the economic impact of Covid. Covid will eventually pass, but homelessness and its root causes will remain as the real human plague of our times. WE can help!

The last three St. Anselm's Harvest Festival Dinners raised over \$50k a year for Trinity Center. Importantly, those annual contributions allowed Trinity Center to expand programs to help meet the homeless crisis. This year, Covid prevents our annual gathering. But, let's not miss the joy of giving to the vital needs faced at Trinity Center (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxbwMK7shTs&feature=youtu.be>).

We are asking everyone to dig deep within your own resources and to reach out to friends who you feel might want to help with the mission of Trinity Center. Here's how you can help make the 2020 Harvest Festival the most successful ever:

1. Simply mail or drop off a check(s) to the St. Anselm's office until December 15th, when the campaign ends. Checks should be made out to "St. Anselm's" and footnoted "Harvest Festival". The address is: St. Anselm's, 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549.
2. Send one of our weekly email letters to as many friends as you feel might want to help with the needs at Trinity Center. If they prefer to give directly to Trinity Center, checks can be made out to "Trinity Center", footnoted "Harvest Festival" and mailed to Trinity Center, Attn: Victoria Briskin, P.O. Box 126, Walnut Creek, CA 94597. **OR** contribute online by credit card or PayPal (<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/helpingthosewithoutahome>) and please indicate "Harvest Festival" on the dedication line.

At harvest time we count our many blessings and do what we can to share them with others who are less fortunate. Our gifts to Trinity Center turn help into hope for those in desperate need of support.

FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY

The November/December/January of *Forward Day-by-Day* has arrived. If you would like a copy mailed to your home address, please email Cathy Witkay at cathy.w@stanselms.ws. These will be available on a first come, first served basis.

ONE OF THE WAYS THAT COVID-19 HAS AFFECTED ST. ANSELM'S

In reviewing the second quarter financials, the Vestry found that our plate offering is \$13,485 below budget year-to-date, which is 72% below the estimate for 2020. Each year, as we plan a budget, we set a figure based on the giving in previous years. Plate offering is a substantial factor in St. Anselm's being able to meet its financial obligations.

The shortfall is to be expected this year, as no one can come to church. But there is a way of donating during the service. With a Venmo account, 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. Alternatively, you can always donate by sending a check to the church. The mailing address is: 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549 Thank you!

CANTERBURY TALES

Today is the deadline for the November issue of Canterbury Tales. Please submit any articles to Cathy Witkay at cathy.w@stanselms.ws. Thank you!

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We will be honoring our veteran's on Sunday, November 8th. If you would like to be included please provide your name, rank, branch of service and when/where you served to Cathy in the office by Wednesday, November 4th. (If you've been previously listed you don't need to call in again).

COVID-19 TESTING AND FLU SHOTS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

With COVID-19 still in our community, it's more important than ever to get your flu shot this year. People can become sick with COVID-19 and the flu at the same time, so getting a flu shot is one thing we all can do to ease our minds and protect our community.

Flu vaccination is the best protection against influenza and people who get flu shots tend to get less sick than people who do not. That means that more people stay healthy and we lessen the strain on our hospitals and healthcare systems.

Contra Costa Health Services is now offering free flu shots with COVID-19 tests at some of our [COVID-19 testing sites](#) to make it even easier for you and your loved ones to stay healthy this season. We'll also be hosting a series of [free flu-vaccination clinics for the community](#).

Flu shots are also now available at many pharmacies, retail stores and through healthcare providers, such as Kaiser. [Click here to find flu vaccines near you](#).

For more information about flu including tips to stay healthy, visit cchealth.org/flu.

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: Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12. If you would like to receive the readings on a weekly basis, please contact Cathy Witkay in the office.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

October 25-31, 2020

Dimitri Seletzky
Susan Barnes & Richard Dunn
Bob & Georganne Eddy

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

October 28th -- Morning Prayer will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 9 a.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

November 1st -- Cancer Support Group will meet via Zoom at 12:00 noon. To be invited, email Julie Rinkenberger at jrjpmaggie@hotmail.com.

November 2nd – Sacred Ground will be facilitated by Anne Brown from 10:30 a.m. to noon. To be invited, email Anne at annechalfantbrown@gmail.com or Cathy Witkay at cathy.w@stanselms.ws.

November 2nd – Sacred Ground will be facilitated by Marian Mulkey from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To be invited, email Marian at marianmulkey@comcast.net or Cathy Witkay at cathy.w@stanselms.ws.