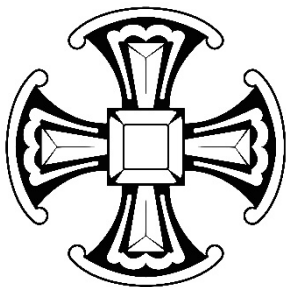




All Saints' Sunday

***Sunday, November 1, 2026
10:15 AM***



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Also Live Streaming at

<https://www.facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>

VOLUNTARY

Variations on "Sine Nomine"

Richard Proulx

(Please stand)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For All the Saints, Who from their Labors Rest

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(Verses 1 - 4, 7 & 8 are sung)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

<i>Presider</i>	Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
<i>Presider</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Presider</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	One God and Father of all.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

<i>Presider</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Revelation 7.9-17

Lector A Reading from Revelation.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

PSALM 34

Setting: David York

The choir sings the antiphon once and the congregation repeats. The choir sings the Psalm verses. The choir and congregation then sing the antiphon following each section of verses.



I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice. **Antiphon**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror. **Antiphon**

Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles. **Antiphon**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him! **Antiphon**

SECOND READING

1 John 3.1-3

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

(Please stand)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Who Are These Like Stars Appearing

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(The congregation sings vv. 1 - 3, the Gospel is read, then vv. 4 & 5 are sung)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5.1-12

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

The Rev. Michael Fincher

(Silent reflection)

THE RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

ASPERGES

The People are sprinkled with Holy Water as a reminder of their own Baptisms.

ASPERGES HYMN

Wade in the Water

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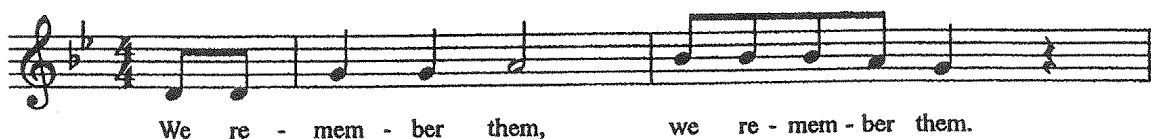
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We remember the saints who have gone before us.

(Please be seated)

In the rising of the sun and its going down,

All:



In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them, we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the birth of spring

We remember them, we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them, we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn

We remember them, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We remember them, we remember them.

When we have joys we wish to share,

We remember them, we remember them.

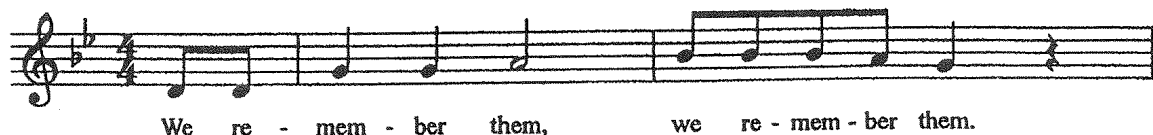
So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are a part of us, as we remember them.

We remember them, we remember them.

God of the living and the dead, accept the prayers we bring with all the saints and angels, with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. We remember today all the faithful departed who are with the Lord forever, especially...

(The people sing the refrain continuously while the names are sung by the cantors.)

All:



Bill Ahland
Bob Ahland
Clarence Ahland
Doris Ahland
Randy Ahland
Umu Anderson
Hilario Andrade
Maria H. Andrade
Aura Arana
Rafael Arana
Lorn K. Asmus
Gary Baker
Ed Bargender
Sally Bargender
Donna Beesmer
Hush Bell
Kitty Bell
Ruth Bell
Shelly Benner
Bernard & Pauline
Jimmie Bernstein
Michael Bernstein
Will Bernstein
BJ
Arnold Blanchard
Art Booth
Ze Booth
Marcus Bradshaw
Kearstyn Brammer
Lynne Branson
Cynthia Breslaw
Jed Breslaw
Marjorie & Lenard Briggs
Jim Bromley
Brother
Evelyn and Harold Brown
Edward Butler
Jane Butler
Buzzy

Alan Candock
Carol
Russ Carter
Polly Champion
Lisa Christensen
Clyde & Helen
Regina Fredson Cole
Constantine
Alex Contreras
Aurelia Contreras
Arnulfo Cortez
Hortencia A. Cortez
Raul T. Cortez
Carol Courtney
Dency and Frank Courtney
Dorothy and Frank
Courtney St.
Cheryl Cox
Judie K. Coy
Kathryn & Albert Cox
Joseph Cruz
Mary & Joe Cruz
Kevin Cundiff
Carolyn Curry
Larry Curry
Ronald Curry
Lara P. Curti
Leonora Dakin-Davies
David
Dolores Davis
Hodge Davis
Matthew Davis
Molly Dawes
William Dawes
Alfonso Davis
Elizabeth Davis
Lois Dolliver
Robert Dolliver
Donna

Norm Doughty
Michael Dowling
Hans Dreifus
Luella Dreifus
Frederick Dundas
Earl
Harry Edgecomb
Paul Edwards
Lavina Egenberger
Rosemary Eldon
William Eldon
Queen Elizabeth II
Sandy Ernst
Lance Erskine
Pauline Falkins
Robert Falkins
Al Faulkner
David Feit-Pretzer
Roger Fernandez
Ray Fincher
Jean Finney
Coleen Fisher
Doug Fisher
The Rev. Michael Francis
and Helen Francis
Shirley Freeman
Walter Freeman Sr.
Inge Frisina
Felix Fudge
Susan Fudge
Virginia Fudge
Felicia Fyne
Gail
Jane Garvey
Drexia Fincher Geier
Shollabienré Georgestone
Patricia Hoffman Gergen
Robert Raymond Gergen
Tom Gibbons

The Right Rev. Jackson
Gillian
Bruce Arthur Graham
Eric Michael Graham
The Rev. Canon Hailwood
Sally Hall
Dottie Hamilton
David R. Hatton
Cliff Hazzard
Sr. Helen
Brandon Henkel
Bonnie and Chuck Horton
Elease Inge
Hutchins Inge
Mike Ionatti
Roger and Doris Ionatti
Kate Irvine
Annie Irving
Helen and Robert Irving
Doris Jackson
Gene & Doug Jackson
Irene & Phil Jackson
Michie Jackson
Shirley Jackson
Walter M. Jackson
Janet
John
Lor Johnson
Ben Johnston
Rose Johnston
Rosamond Jones
Leslie Joseph
Tony Kanel
Dawn Kantner
Possible Kargbo
Willie Kavathan
Marie Kelleher
Kelly
Marjorie Keys
Stuart Keys
Delphia Knowles
Suni Knudson
Kurt
Ken La Carra
Zunilda Lara
Mamagi Lara

April Lareau
Edward Lasite
Roberta Lasite
Ellen Lawson
Jack and Eleanor LeDuc
Candelaria Lemus
José R. Lemus
Maria de Jesus Lemus
Leslie "Unky"
Margie Loeffler
Lois
Jack Lopez
Julia Lopez
Refugio Lopez
The Rev. A. Lord
Lorraine
Dougan Luebben
Dougan Luebben Jr.
Elizabeth and Thomas E.
Luebben
Mary Wilhelm Luebben
Richard Lyddon
James "Jimmy" Lyons
Kathrine Mackenzie
Maria
Anita Marshall
Chuck Marvel
Connor Martin
Susan Matthews
Virgil Maupin
Ginger McCarty
Fr. George McClaren
Jean McClaren
Karen McDonough
Philip and Lorie McElmurry
Marge Minkiewitz
Sally Montiel
The Rev. Gil Moore and
Lavonna Moore
Angelita Morales
Lorenzo Morales
Daryle Morgan
Georgiana Scott Morgan
Royald Morgan
Betty Boyer Morrill
Jerry Morrill

Jon Moshier
Munca
Olga & Hector Navarro
Oscar Navarro
Gloria Neal
Eleanor Nelson
Perry Nelson
Loren Nerell
Estela de la O
Don Oehlerts
Tom O'Keefe
David Orre
George Orre
Jacob Orre
Jack Orre
Martha Orre
Thelma Orre
Glen Outler
Lucille Outler
Grady Paine
Maria Palmer
Linda Pangelinan
Annie Patnelli
Paul & Alice
Alson Peckham
Ruth Peckham
Aidan Perez
Ber and George Rainer
John and Shirley Ramsdell
Gordon Ramsey
Nancy Ramsey
Bill Reynolds
Greta Reynolds
Daniel Edward Rhodes
Jo Ridenour
Thomas Ripa
Rob Rodgers
Carlos Rofoli
Tom Romer
Audrey Rood
Beverly Rood
John Rood
Roy Rood
Kathy Root
Nancy Root
Charles Rose

Kay Rosoff	Those who died due to	Doris White
Roy	violence against them for	Lucille & Lloyd White
Ruben	no reason	Roy White
Mary Salvesen	Janet Ticeson	Karen Whiteside
Percy Salvesen	David Thorpe	Dr. Francis Wilhelm and
Annabella Scott	Taiwo Thorpe	Margarite Wilhelm
Andrew James Scott	Teresa Torres	Granville Wilhelm
Fred Scott	Cecelia Tucker	Helen Williams
Adesina Secker	Jean Tyler	Virgil Williams
Barbara Shipnock	Harry Tyler	Maxine Williamson
Mickey & Jack Siglinger	Bert Upchurch	Arlie Wright
Sister	Wanda Upchurch	Richard Wright
Heather Gergen Smeall	Angel Vasquez	James and Edna York
Cecelia Smith	Diane Vasquez	Leslie Young
David Spencer	Mr. and Mrs. Villalobos	James Yuhas Jr.
Parents of Jane Stinson	David Villarreal	James Yuhas Sr.
Stan Steenbock	Virginia	John Zantek
Marilyn Steenbock	Koso Wallace	The Rev. Virgil Zirbel
David Stehr	Ralph Warner	
Suzanne	Sylvia Wheeler	

Presider We particularly remember those associated with this parish who have died in the past year:

Margo Elaine Dalessi
Walter Louis Gupton
Barbara Joan Cleantis
Kathryn Ann Edwards
Gloria Ann Neal

God of grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer: Watch over your *children*, O Lord, 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.

“PLENTY GOOD ROOM” STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Weekly stewardship handout can be found on Bulletin Page 31

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers,
Come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined
To meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round
The walls of Zion.

PRESENTATION HYMN

As Those of Old their First Fruits Brought

Forest Green

A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and give; to
make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may live; the
Church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true: a
world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

People
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

St. Anne's Mass, James MacMillan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly_ Lord,
God of_ power and might._ Heav'n and earth are_ full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na in_ the_ high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is_ he, who
comes in the name_ of the Lord._ Ho - san - na in the_
high - est, ho - san - na_ in_ the high - est.

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.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A period of silence is kept after the Presider breaks the host)

FRACTION ANTHEM

David York

Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Christ our pass-ov - er is
 sac-ri-ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast. —
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The Presider says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Altar. Holy Communion will be distributed from a single Communion Station at the foot of the chancel steps. The Ushers will release people by row to receive Communion. **Gluten free wafers are available upon request.***

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those who are participating in the live streamed service and therefore not able to receive communion may wish to say the following prayer in recognition that the desire to receive communion carries the same spiritual benefits of actually consuming the consecrated elements.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: "This is my body; this is my blood — given for you." Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Pie Jesu

Malcolm Archer

Brianna Zucker, soloist

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest.

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest. (Requiem Mass)

COMMUNION HYMN

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Who Are These Like Stars Appearing

David Thorne

FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and

**by Holly Graham
In Loving Memory of Laura**

**Please join us in Francis Hall for refreshments and fellowship
following the worship service**

(Francis Hall is out the main church doors and to the left)

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presider & Preacher	Fr. Michael Fincher
Organist	David York
Crucifer	David Luebben-Morrill
Lector	Dave DeMent
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Cheryl Rodi
	Holly Graham

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 287

For All the Saints, Who from Their Labors Rest

Sine Nomine

(Verses 1 - 4, 7 & 8)



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:____
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,____
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!____



thee____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;____
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
 We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O____ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
 win, with____ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are____ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



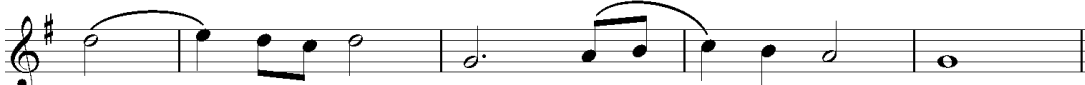
*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
 *8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host____



King of____ glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 286

Who Are These Like Stars Appearing

Zeuch mich, zeuch mich

(The congregation sings vv. 1 - 3, the Gospel is read, then vv. 4 & 5 are sung)

1 Who are these like stars ap - pear - ing, these, be - fore God's
 2 Who are these of daz - zling bright-ness, these in God's own
 3 These are they who have con - tend - ed for their Sa - vior's
 4 These are they whose hearts were riv - en, sore with woe and
 5 These, like priests, have watched and wait - ed, of - fering up to

1 throne who stand? Each a gold - en crown is wear - ing;
 2 truth ar - rayed, clad in robes of pur - est white - ness,
 3 hon - or long, wres - tling on till life was end - ed,
 4 an - guish tried, who in prayer full oft have striv - en
 5 Christ their will, soul and bo - dy con - se - crat - ed,

1 who are all this glo - rious band? Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 robes whose lus - ter ne'er shall fade, ne'er be touched by
 3 fol - lowing not the sin - ful throng; these, who well the
 4 with the God they glo - ri - fied; now, their pain - ful
 5 day and night they serve him still. Now in God's most

1 hark, they sing, prais - ing loud their heaven - ly King.
 2 time's rude hand? Whence comes all this glo - rious band?
 3 fight sus - tained, tri - umph by the Lamb have gained.
 4 con - flict o'er, God has bid them weep no more.
 5 ho - ly place, blest they stand be - fore his face.

ASPERGES HYMN

Wade in the Water

African American spiritual

Refrain
All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All



1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

COMMUNION HYMN
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 293

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
 by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

RECESSIONAL HYMN
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 618

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

Unison

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyr strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THIS WEEK AT ST. GREGORY'S

Tuesday, November 3

Centering Prayer at **6:30 PM** via Zoom. Contact Fr. Michael for access information.

Thursday, November 5

Holy Eucharist and Healing Service at **10:00 AM** in the Church.

Bible Study at **11:00 AM** in the Fireside Room.

Choir Rehearsal at **7:30 PM** in the Choir Room. Contact David York for more information.

Sunday, November 8 – Pentecost 24 (Proper 27)

Holy Eucharist (spoken) at **8:00 AM** in the Church.

Holy Eucharist (with music) at **10:15 AM** in the Church and live streamed on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

Sunday School at **10:15 AM**, as follows:

Beginners Grades K to 2) in the Youth Room

Juniors (Grades 3 & 4) in the Youth Room

Seniors (Grades 5 & 6) in Room 7

Nursery Care is available on Sundays, starting at 7:45 AM, in the Nursery (Room 3)

Evening Prayer (Tuesday through Thursday)

Evening Prayer: Tuesday through Thursday at **5:00 PM** on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

For Evening Prayer, you will need either a Book of Common Prayer or you can download the Evening Prayer liturgy and the Psalms for the week from the St. Gregory's website (www.stgregoryschurch.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 15 – Music at 4 - Kirkin' of the Tartan Evensong

The sound of Bagpipes fills the church in this festive Evensong service honoring St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. St. Gregory's Choir sings music by Alfred V. Fedak, Richard Shephard, and Thomas Tallis. Come join us on Sunday, November 15 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Thank Offering UTO Ingathering: November is a month of sharing our abundance with others such as family friends and our community as we begin our UTO ingathering this month, please remember that UTO grants often focus on urgent human needs meaning your individual gratitude gift help racial reconciliation efforts, to end poverty and so much more. The ingathering will continue until **November 29, 2026** Please give generously to this amazing program.

Supper Club: We will be having Supper Club on **Saturday, November 21 at 5:00 pm**. It will be hosted at John and Susan Mora's house. Flyers are available in the Narthex. Please call either Julie Robinson 562-619-9011 or John and Susan Mora for information on what to contribute.

Outreach Gift Card Donation Drive: It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! We are blessed with the honor of assisting families from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to provide food, clothing, and gifts during the holiday season. By donating gift cards, the families are empowered to shop for themselves. Our shopping locations meet the needs of the people we serve, so make sure you purchase from Target, Walmart, Food for Less, Albertsons, and Smart & Final in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. The cards may be sent to the church or placed in the collection plate. You may also make donations through the church website. Our drive runs from **October 4 through November 15**. As a frame of reference, a turkey or spiral-sliced ham dinner, serving up to 6 people, costs \$69.99 at Stater Brothers. Our gift cards will be distributed based on the needs of the people.

Long Beach American Sewing Guild: The next meeting of our Long Beach American Sewing Guild will be **Sunday, November 15** in St. Gregory's Room 1 from 1:00pm – 3:30 P.M. If you have any interest in sewing or fabric, please come to our meeting. For more information, contact Susan Mora.

St. Thomas of Canterbury Holiday Bazaar: Our sister congregation of St. Thomas of Canterbury (5306 E. Arbor Road) is having their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 21st. In the past, members from St. Gregory's have joined in to sell their items at the Holiday Bazaar. If anyone is interested in selling items this year, St. Thomas is offering a reduced rate of \$20 per table (normally \$35). For more information or to reserve your space, contact Shelley Arnold at shelleyarnold1@icloud.com ASAP so they can finalize their plans and generate promotional flyers.

Return of the Roamin' Gregorians: The Roamin' Gregorians are returning for an upcoming Roamin' Gregorians Prince of Peace Walk on December 6. Contact Susan Mora (310) 894-0731 or sign up in the Narthex after church.

Air Conditioner Fund: We have recently replaced the heating and air conditioning (HVAC) system in the Sanctuary, to the tune of \$120,000. While we are able to cover the expense out of our reserves, this will greatly deplete those funds. We are asking that parishioners consider giving to help offset the cost of our new HVAC system. You can do so by writing a check to St. Gregory's with "HVAC" in the memo line. Or you can make a donation online through our parish

website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4WR/campaign/C-12C50> and put HVAC in the note box. Thank you for your generosity.

Columbarium Niches: Many people do not realize we have a columbarium at St. Gregory's. Having your ashes placed in the columbarium is a less expensive option than burial at a cemetery and provides for your continued presence in a place that has been important to you during your life. For more information, contact the Parish Office.

Vestry Minutes and Reports: Following Vestry meetings, the approved minutes and reports are posted on our parish website (<https://stgregoryschurch.com/>). Click on the "About" tab and the last option under the dropdown menu is "Vestry Minutes & Reports." Approved minutes (without reports) are also posted on the bulletin board outside the Fireside Room. In addition, anyone is free to review minutes and reports of previous meetings, available in the Parish Office.

Stitches of Faith: Are you looking for a space to share your creativity, enjoy fellowship, and be inspired? Stitches of Faith is a gathering for anyone who loves to craft—or wants to learn! Whether you knit, crochet, quilt, paint, or want to try your hand at another craft, this group is open to all skill levels, including beginners eager to discover something new. We meet on Sundays from 1:00–3:30 PM in the Conference Room. Each week, we will enjoy time for projects, encouragement, and conversation in a relaxed, faith-filled environment. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your supplies, your curiosity, and your kind spirit. Come create, connect, and grow in community with us!

Lend a Hand: Like any older building, St. Gregory's constantly needs maintenance and touching up. Fred Cornett has made up a list of things to do in the near future: Cleaning and arranging the janitor's closet and the storage areas, cleaning the trash cans, etc. Many hands make light work, and most of the jobs won't take much time if two or three people join in. There is a signup sheet in the narthex, and Fred is always available for consultation or questions: (562) 308-6955. Thanks, Fred, for getting the projects going!

Altar Flower Donations: Need a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or friend? Make a flower donation. There is a flower donation chart located on the Narthex wall that you can use to sign up for special dates to donate altar flowers. Simply fill out a donation form attached to the bottom of the chart and return the form to the Parish Office. Payment for flowers can be made by check or online at <https://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2>. Make sure you specify your donation is for Altar Flowers. The Altar Guild thanks you.

Episcopal News Updates: The Diocese provides weekly email updates to help you keep informed about what's happening all over our six-county diocese. If you want to receive the Episcopal News, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ydxd2jn6> and enter your email address in the box provided.

Feed My Lambs: Here's How You Can Help

- On the first Saturday of every month, Feed My Lambs serves our neighbors at St. Luke's. There's a lot that happens before Saturday morning—and we would love to have you join us!
- **We Need Hard-Boiled Eggs!** Every Feed My Lambs lunch includes a hard-boiled egg, and we need more egg donors! You do not have to commit every month—even an occasional contribution helps.
VERY IMPORTANT: Please clearly mark your egg carton "FML." We share refrigerator space with other church ministries, and if the carton isn't marked FML, we won't know the eggs are ours to take early Saturday morning.
- **Bake Homemade Cookies:** Our guests love homemade cookies, and we can always use more! Please place your cookies in Ziploc bags and label them with the date and "FML."
- **Dropping Off Eggs or Cookies:** Donations may be dropped off at the St. Gregory's church office Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Because our office administrator occasionally needs to leave on church errands, please call ahead to make sure someone will be there to receive your donation.
- **Come Work With Us!** You don't have to do everything—or even stay for the whole day. Pick the job and time that work for you:
 - Friday before Feed My Lambs
 - 11:00 a.m. — Cookie Bagging
 - 12:00 p.m. — Sandwich Building
 - 3:00 p.m. — Lunch Packing
 - First Saturday of the month
 - 6:00 a.m. — Load Out at St. Gregory's
 - 7:00 a.m. — Set Up & Serve at St. Luke's

Interested in volunteering or have questions? Contact Tamera Benedict at tlbenedict4@gmail.com or 562-301-6800.

Food Bank: The Food Bank relies on your financial support and appreciates all donations of funds or non-perishable food items. We also can use more volunteers at:

- Bagging and distribution the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month from 8:30 to 11:00 AM
- Any other time you may have available and could assist with assembling our bags (e.g. on Sunday before or after service, or any time the office is open for access)

Please contact the Parish Office (info@stgregoryschurch.com, 562.420.1311) or Bill Eldon (billeldon@gmail.com, 562.234.9920) for more information about the Food Bank.

Gratitude for Your Support of the Parish: We continue to be humbled and so incredibly grateful for your generosity in supporting our parish and its ministries! While you may not be able to drop your donation in a real offering plate, there are still ways you can make sure your donation gets to the parish:

- You can mail your check to the parish office.
- Make donations through our online payment account, accessible through the parish website at <http://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2/>.
- Scan the QR code found in the Sunday bulletin.

And again, THANK YOU for your continued support!

Parish Directory: Our online parish directory is at <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. This is a secure site and can be accessed using the email address you had published in the parish directory. You can also download the “Instant Church Directory” on your smart phone. Versions are available for Android, iPhone, iPad, and Kindle.

One Body & One Spirit Annual Appeal: The Diocese has established an ongoing campaign focused on raising funds to assist congregations, schools, affiliated institutions, and their communities who are faced with unprecedented challenges. We are invited to prayerfully consider making a donation to help others in our Diocese who may have unmet needs. More information is available at <https://diocesela.org/annual-appeal/>.

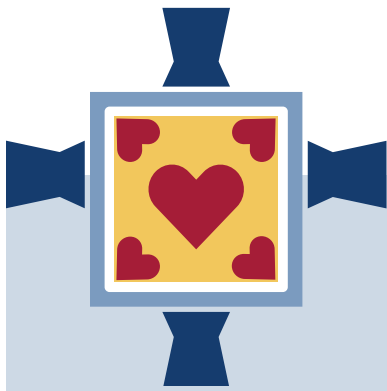
Forward Day By Day: For those who use the Forward Day By Day booklet for personal devotions and need the newest edition mailed, please contact the Parish Office at 562-420-1311 or info@stgregoryschurch.com.

In Case of Emergency . . . Notify Your Priest! In the event of a hospital stay, illness, death in the family, or other pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Michael on his cell phone (909-373-6478). And PLEASE, no excuses about not wanting to bother me. That’s why we are here – for YOU!

PRAYER LIST

Lydia Gibbs, Suzan Laverty, Martin Nemitz, Ferdinand Gonzalez, Patrick McDonough, Mike Laverty, Mother Beryl, Scott Morgan, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Harold Peacock, Rudy Revell, Jared Baker, Kimberly Bouzguenda, Shannon Romano, Ralph Tesla, Anne Cantrell, Matt Burger, Darlene Feit-Pretzer, Keeley Gilmore, Betty Peacock, Laura Mae Harper, Elizabeth Laursen, Eric Kela, Dodie Martin, Savannah Jimenez, Martha Wong, Carlos Cruz, Sean Wood, Marina Tesla, Nancy Luebben, Diane Duacsek, Michelle Morrill, Kira Dirghalli, Edith Finney, Paige Hardin, Marty Wong, Miriam Edwards, Charles H. Parks, Perry Nelson, Nellie Bell, Ernie and Vickie Morrison, Alison and Mick, Phyllis Comiskey, Brett W., Adan Murillo, Trisha Cookmeyer, Sally Blevins, Linda Elliott, Ron Dixon, Daryl Takaki, Paul Meyer, Juhani Palomaki, Jerry Simundson, Meg Wagner, Annette Ffrench, Barbara Barton, Rosan Curtis, Nick Playter, Mary Playter, David Caffrey, Brigitta Spinocchia Freund, Casey Ramsdell, Maria Cortez, Gloria Smith, Lynda Hartman, Gary Laursen, Vivian Anaya-Outler, Lori Toups, Greg Highstand, Keith Johnson, JR Amos, Loretta Scott, Jim Moody, Ruth Contreras, Holly Cardone, Dayna Kinkade, Laurie Baker

Note: Unless we are aware of on-going concerns, names only stay on the Parish Prayer List for a month. If names need to be re-added, please notify the Parish Office.



Plenty Good Room

On Being Invited

Questions for Reflection:

Take a moment to thank God for all those who made plenty good room for you in the Church. How has that shaped who you are today?



The Rev. Ramiro (Ram) Lopez serves as rector of St. George's

Church in San Antonio and serves on the board of TENS.

Growing up in Corpus Christi, Texas I spent more time fishing in the surf of Padre Island than in going to church. Our Latino family roots were in Roman Catholicism but our church was the Gulf of Mexico shoreline.

How, then, did I grow up to become an Episcopal priest?

Thinking back I will say that my life today is the result of someone taking the time to invite me to Christ's table. First invitation was to the local Canterbury group (college ministry). Next came an invitation to attend worship at Church of the Good Shepherd followed by an invitation to serve at the Diocesan camp, Camp Capers.

One after another, the invitations kept coming. Each one led me to a community which always made room for me. I found belonging in a spiritual family. They made plenty good room for me and for my family and friends. Over and over again, the graciousness of Christ was extended to me. I found fellow travelers on the spiritual journey. More importantly, I found the gifts of God within me.

I suppose that I am an Episcopal priest because of all the people along the spiritual way who invited me into communities in which there was plenty good room. Plenty good room to discover myself. Plenty good room to discover God. Plenty good room to discover and discern how God was calling me to serve and lead.

I cannot imagine any other life than the one I have now - serving as an Episcopal parish priest! I am ever grateful for all the wonderful, lifelong friendships I have made. I cannot imagine any other job that would be so wonderful, so exciting and energizing as the ministry I have today.

I am so grateful for all the invitations and all those who made plenty good room for me! tens.org



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St. Gregory's is a warm and caring community of families and singles, young and old, committed to sharing the good news that Jesus is the Lord of all life. We are an Episcopal Church, having members from all backgrounds and religious traditions. Many of us had no church involvement before coming here. We want to offer to you the same welcome and friendship that were extended to us when we came to St. Gregory's.

ST. GREGORY'S MISSION STATEMENT

God has called us into Christian community and gifted us for ministry:

To worship and glorify God
To transform faith into action
To share the love of Jesus Christ

The Right Rev. Dr. Antonio José Gallardo Lucena
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher, Rector
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