

# THE e-RUBRIC

## From the Rector: The Big Picture

The last seven months have given me a lot of time to reflect on our church and our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. As I look back, I am so proud of the staff of All Souls' and so inspired by our parishioners as together we've bravely moved into a future that no one ever expected and discovered ways to be church in a world that has been turned upside down and inside out. We've pressed on in sharing the Good News through our worship and formation opportunities. We've continued to reach out to those in our parish in prayer and assisting those who need help. We've maintained our support of those doing the hands-on work of the gospel through our outreach committee. We are as active and busy now as we have ever been.

Yet, in these turbulent times, especially with social isolation, it's easy to doubt. It's easy to wonder about what we are offering and to question if we could do more. Not a day goes by that I don't ask myself, are we doing enough? Are we effectively communicating the Gospel? I have a bad habit of comparing myself to others and comparing our offerings with other churches. The result is an urge to produce more and work harder: more services, higher quality videos, more phone calls, more, more, more... Clearly, this becomes an unsustainable proposition.



When these feelings rise up in me, I find I need to take a step back and take a look at the big picture. The work we are about, offering ourselves in service to God, is not about how much more we can do or how we compare to others. It's not about how fancy our videos are. It's not about the innovative use of technology. Our work, our function, our call, especially in the midst of the chaos, is to humbly and authentically proclaim our trust in Jesus and to openly, honestly, and generously share with others the love, grace, and mercy we've received from our savior.

When we feel that we aren't enough, we must remember that Jesus is enough - not just for us, but for the whole world. Jesus is the one who brings peace. Jesus is the one who makes it possible for us to repent of our sins and restore our relationship with God. Jesus is the one who moves our hearts, who calls us to a place of humility and self-emptying,



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## From the Rector, Cont.

who inspires us to give and work for the sake of the kingdom and who stands by our side as we proclaim to the whole world, “God loves you.”

It becomes imperative, therefore, not to get caught up in the details of how we live into our ministry but to maintain a focus on living into God’s call. We must be careful not to measure our success or participation against the success or participation of others but to honestly reflect on whether or not we are responding, as individuals, to the work to which God calls us. And that response takes many forms: prayer, active participation in ministry, and monetary support of the mission of the church.

As we begin our annual pledge drive, I encourage you to reflect upon how God is calling you to support the mission of the church. As we receive our pledge cards with the invitation to prayerfully reflect and consider our gift to the church, may we do so with the big picture in mind. While the world spins along through periods of upset and peace (like it has done in genera-

tions past), we must consider how much we have to be thankful for and how we are called to respond to God’s generosity. I am so thankful for the opportunity to share the freely given love of Jesus Christ with the world. I am thankful to lead a congregation like ours who courageously seek new ways to share God’s love with others. I am thankful for a church family that honors the gifts of all our members.

We have so much to be thankful for but none more important than the atoning gift of Jesus Christ and the promise

that all are welcome in the kingdom of God. This is the message of the gospel we are called to share. Your support of our ministries makes this possible. I pray that we are able to inspire one another to offer our gifts and that our efforts are pleasing to God.



## Food Donations... Keep Up the Good Work!

Keep up the good work!

You have been doing a wonderful job of providing shelf stable food and personal hygiene items. We have been making regular deliveries to four very grateful organizations: Loaves and Fishes, God’s Extended Hand, Rachel’s Women’s Center, and Jewish Family Services.

The sad truth is that with the failure to pass further government aid measures, the need for food continues at a high level. Please keep your brothers and sisters and their kids in mind as you make your shopping trips, and thank you so much for what you have done!

Carol Sands  
Outreach Committee



## Loaves and Fishes Looking for New Pantry Coordinator

The current pantry coordinator at Loaves & Fishes has submitted her resignation in order to be more present with her children during these times of at-home schooling. She will be dearly missed: so smart and such a beautiful, positive attitude!



**Loaves & Fishes**  
Community, Compassion & Food

The board is beginning the search for her replacement by reaching out to member churches. If you're interested in serving as the OB Loaves and Fishes Pantry Coordinator, please let Fr. Joe know and he'll put you in touch with the right folks to talk to.

In a nutshell, the pantry coordinator provides consistency in determining the needs of clients and coordinates the volunteers and constituents.



Duties include but are not limited to: conduct brief interviews of persons who come to OBEF to determine their food needs; records keeping; monthly volunteer schedules; reporting to the board; pantry supervision; and placing monthly food orders. The Pantry Coordinator is hired as a salaried employee. And must ensure the pantry is open for 6 hours a week. Of course, additional time is needed for ordering and purchasing food and for scheduling volunteers.

## A Note from the Vestry by Dan Garcia

Despite the lockdown, the Vestry continues its important mission of supporting the business side of All Souls'. They do this in part by conducting their monthly meetings online via Zoom video conference. Among other items discussed on September 22 was the need to identify one replacement for each of the four vestry members whose terms will end at the close of this calendar year (Bill Cobb, Teresa Espinoza, Isabel Lynne, Dan Garcia). All parishioners are asked to consider giving of themselves to participate in this important function by filling this role for a three-year term. If interested, or more information in being a member of the Vestry, please notify Father Joe or one of the outgoing individuals.



## Make Your Pledge for 2021

The season of stewardship is upon us. The truth is, the season of stewardship is always upon us because we are called to be good stewards of our God-given gifts and talents throughout the year. We should not just be mindful of stewardship in October when we traditionally begin asking for pledges for the upcoming year. Stewardship is not just about our monetary gifts to the church. Stewardship is about caring for God's creation, making proper use of the resources that God has given us, caring for our brothers and sisters, and caring for the growth of God's church.



### *Take One Step Up in Giving*

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my/our faith in and commitment to Christ and Christ's church, I/we plan to take ONE STEP UP in giving:

- STEP UP BEYOND TITHING: My desire is to do more than God's minimum.
- STEP UP TO TITHING: I will give 1/10 of my income to God's work.
- STEP UP TOWARD TITHING: I am not yet a tither, but I will move toward that goal.

MY COMMITMENT IS \$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly.

- This commitment represents an increase over last year.

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of putting our trust in God, developing a deeper relationship with God, and placing the mission of God first and foremost in our hearts and minds.

Some of us are able to tithe. Some are able to give more than 10% of their income to the church. (I recall hearing about some very wealthy people who practice a reverse tithe, they recognize they can live comfortably on 10% of their income and are willing to donate 90% to institutions and organizations which work for peace and justice.) Some of us, I would venture to say most of us, are still working toward being a tither. Whatever our giving level, whether we tithe or not, we will discover that making a financial commitment to the church begins to orient our lives toward God.

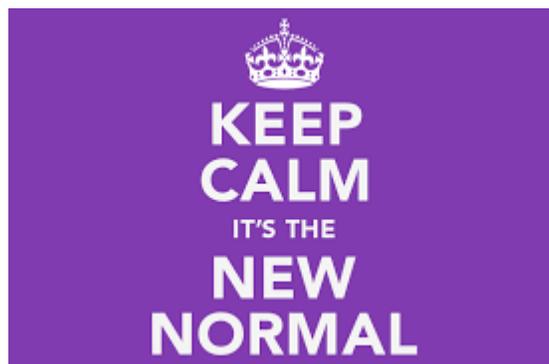
You can make your pledge to All Souls' by returning the pledge card you will soon receive from the Stewardship committee or by completing an online pledge form ([www.allsoulspointloma.org/pledge2021](http://www.allsoulspointloma.org/pledge2021)). Please spend some time in prayer. Consider how God is calling you to give. Then complete and return a pledge card. Our "in-gathering" Sunday will be All Saints Day, November 1. Let's see if we can increase the number of pledgers and let's see how God is calling us to use our resources for the building of God's kingdom!

That said, the season of the annual pledge drive is upon us. Each of us will be asked to consider our monetary gifts to God, the portion of our income that we feel called to contribute to the workings of the church. Our goal is the biblical standard of tithing: giving 10% of our income to the church. It is a practice which invites us into giving to God from the first fruits and not from our leftovers. It is an exercise

The screenshot shows the website for All Souls' Episcopal Church, Point Loma. The header includes the church's name and logo, a search bar, and navigation links: "Get Directions | Contact Us | Join Mailing List | Home". Below the header is a menu with "about us", "worship", "music", "grow and learn", "service", and "ways to give". The main content area features a red heading "Make a Pledge to All Souls' for 2021" and a quote: "Give thanks in all circumstances." 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Below this is the "Take One Step Up in Giving" section, which includes the same introductory text and three pledge options as seen in the printed form: "STEP UP BEYOND TITHING", "STEP UP TO TITHING", and "STEP UP TOWARD TITHING".

## From the Junior Warden by Bill Cobb

There's a commercial I've seen lately on television that ends by saying something to the effect that, when we finally get back to normal, let's not make it the same normal that it used to be. That probably goes without saying. Businesses will run things a bit differently. Will they keep bringing our orders out to the curb? Will I buy more from Amazon than I do from Target? Things will be different. Things at All Souls' will be different too. Eventually, we will have the Eucharist, live choir, indoor services, etc. But we will have to adapt to that new normal. I've heard it said that things will be exactly the same, just different. I think I'm figuring out what that means. Be at peace.



## Home Tour 2020 by Linda Parker

Stay tuned in the month of October for further announcements and e-blasts, as *All Souls' presents the...Point Loma Christmas at Home Fundraiser!*

**Saturday, December 5 is the Big Day** ~ Since we can't have our "in person" Home Tour this year, our presence will be "virtual", with many of your favorite Home Tour MarketPlace items for sale, a look back at Home Tours from past years, several surprises and opportunities for you to donate to All Souls' Missions and Ministries.

As you know, our Home Tour is All Souls' signature fundraiser. Ticket sales, at \$30 each, along with proceeds from the MarketPlace and Pastry Pantry, have, in past years, raised approximately \$30,000 to support a variety of Missions and Ministries:

- Showers of Blessings
- Monthly dinners for homeless & needy at OB Episcopal Church Center
- MCRD ~ Recruit graduation
- *Loaves & Fishes* ~ OB Food Pantry
- Episcopal Refugee Network
- Episcopal Community Services
- St. Paul's Senior Services
- And much, much more...

On Saturday, December 5, please plan to take the opportunity to shop at the online market and also make a generous donation in support of All Souls' programs.

You will be receiving more detailed information in the coming weeks...

## An Update on In-Person Worship

On September 13, 2020 we gathered for our first in-person worship service since mid-March. Our “Re-Gathering Sunday” service was held on the patio, right outside the main entrance of the church. The church doors were open wide so we all could enjoy the beautiful stained-glass window we all miss so much.

Everyone in attendance abided by the rules to ensure the safety of all present. Families maintained a safe 6-foot distance from other families thanks to clearly marked seating areas (many brought their own chairs). Everyone wore a mask, as required. The service was about 25 minutes long and included music, prayers, and the joy of seeing people in real life instead of in a small electronic window on our laptops or tablets. Following the service, the congregation dispersed and returned home. It was beautiful. We’ve since had two more in-person worship services.

At our September vestry meeting, the vestry approved the celebration of Holy Eucharist at our October 4 in-person worship service. So, after 7 months of fasting from the sacramental body of Christ, we are ready. Ready to celebrate, to consecrate, and to receive the bread of heaven.

In order to assure that conditions remain safe for all in attendance, we are asking that people make reservations to attend the celebration of Holy Communion. Space is limited and reservations will allow us to make sure that we can effectively and safely accommodate those who wish to attend and provide any contact tracing information, if required. A reservation form is available on our website: [www.allsoulspointloma.org/reservations](http://www.allsoulspointloma.org/reservations).

We look forward to seeing you and please remember to follow our guidelines:

- Masks are required
- 6-foot physical distance between family units is required
- There will be no congregational singing and limited prayer in unison
- There will be no child care or Small Souls
- There will be no coffee hour and no refreshments served

If you have any questions or concerns, please let Fr. Joe know.



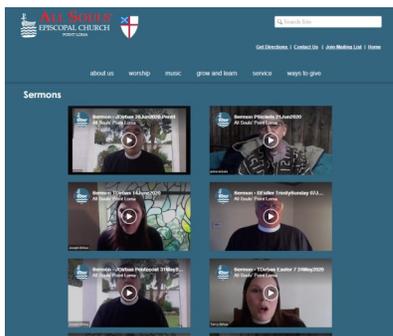
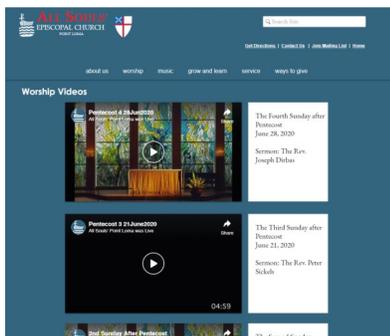
## Church is available all week and more!

Our Sunday morning worship services are available at any time on our Facebook page, YouTube, and on our church website. We also post a stand alone video of the sermon offered each Sunday:

Services are here: [www.allsoulspointloma.org/worshipvideos](http://www.allsoulspointloma.org/worshipvideos)

Sermons are here: [www.allsoulspointloma.org/sermons](http://www.allsoulspointloma.org/sermons)

Forums are here: [www.allsoulspointloma.org/forums](http://www.allsoulspointloma.org/forums)



And remember, tell your online friends about church. Invite them to check us out and visit our website and Facebook page.

## Fellowship at All Souls'

Our next virtual coffee hour will be held on Sunday, October 18 immediately following the 10:15 live feed. Please mark your calendar and join us, via zoom, for conversation and fellowship.



[JOIN US VIA ZOOM](#)

## Stay Connected!

All Souls' is active on all sorts of social media. **Each of the images below will link you to appropriate social media page! Just click and go!**

We post regularly to Facebook (both as All Souls' Point Loma and Music at All Souls' Church).



We are on Instagram at [AllSoulsPointLoma](https://www.instagram.com/AllSoulsPointLoma).



You can follow us on Twitter [@AllSoulsptLoma](https://twitter.com/AllSoulsptLoma).

And if you're on NextDoor, you can see posts we make about worship and community events.



Be sure to share our web address with your friends and neighbors, too. We have a lot of good information posted including an up-to-date calendar, community events, service opportunities, and information about church and staff. You can also sign up for our weekly e-blast on the website.

## This Month's Gracious Rohr By Lorraine Padden

*I consider it an honor and deeply meaningful part of my spiritual practice to offer the writings of Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM to the All Souls' community via the e-Rubric. I find great solace and support for my own journey by sharing his wisdom with others. While perusing one of his volumes for what I might suggest for October's Gracious Rohr, I received this email -- and the decision on what to offer was immediately clear. May Father Rohr's words and prayers below enhance our resilience and gracious abiding. ~LP*

### **Some simple but urgent guidance to get us through these next months.**

I awoke on Saturday, September 19, with three sources in my mind for guidance: Etty Hillesum (1914 – 1943), the young Jewish woman who suffered much more injustice in the concentration camp than we are suffering now; Psalm 62, which must have been written in a time of a major oppression of the Jewish people; and the Irish Poet, W.B. Yeats (1865 – 1939), who wrote his “Second Coming” during the horrors of the World War I and the Spanish Flu pandemic.

These three sources form the core of my invitation. Read each one slowly as your first practice. Let us begin with Etty:

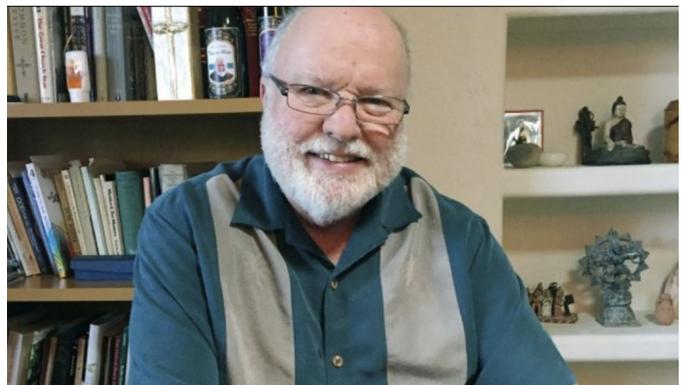
There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God. Sometimes I am there, too ... And that is all we can manage these days and also all that really matters: that we safeguard that little piece of You, God, in ourselves.

—Etty Hillesum, Westerbork transit camp

Note her second-person usage, talking to “You, God” quite directly and personally. There is a Presence with her, even as she is surrounded by so much suffering.

Then, the perennial classic wisdom of the Psalms:

In God alone is my soul at rest.  
God is the source of my hope.  
In God I find shelter, my rock, and my safety.  
Men are but a puff of wind,  
Men who think themselves important are a delusion.  
Put them on a scale,  
They are gone in a puff of wind.  
—Psalm 62:5–9



What could it mean to find rest like this in a world such as ours? Every day more and more people are facing the catastrophe of extreme weather. The neurotic news cycle is increasingly driven by a single narcissistic leader whose words and deeds incite hatred, sow discord, and amplify the daily chaos. The pandemic that seems to be returning in waves continues to wreak suffering and disorder with no end in sight, and there is no guarantee of the future in an economy designed to protect the rich and powerful at the expense of the poor and those subsisting at the margins of society.

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## Gracious Rohr, cont.

It's no wonder the mental and emotional health among a large portion of the American population is in tangible decline! We have wholesale abandoned any sense of truth, objectivity, science or religion in civil conversation; we now recognize we are living with the catastrophic results of several centuries of what philosophers call *nihilism* or *post-modernism* (nothing means anything, there are no universal patterns).

We are without doubt in an apocalyptic time (the Latin word *apocalypsis* refers to an urgent unveiling of an ultimate state of affairs). Yeats' oft-quoted poem "The Second Coming" then feels like a direct prophecy. See if you do not agree:

Turning and turning in the widening gyre  
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;  
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,  
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;  
The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity.

Somehow our occupation and vocation as believers in this sad time must be to first restore the Divine Center by holding it and fully occupying it ourselves. If contemplation means anything, it means that we can "safeguard that little piece of You, God," as Etty Hillesum describes it. What other power do we have now? All else is tearing us apart, inside and out, no matter who wins the election or who is on the Supreme Court. We cannot abide in such a place for any length of time or it will become our prison.

God cannot abide with us in a place of fear.  
God cannot abide with us in a place of ill will or hatred.  
God cannot abide with us inside a nonstop volley of claim and counterclaim.  
God cannot abide with us in an endless flow of online punditry and analysis.  
God cannot speak inside of so much angry noise and conscious deceit.  
God cannot be found when all sides are so far from "the Falconer."  
God cannot be born except in a womb of Love.  
So offer God that womb.

Stand as a sentry at the door of your senses for these coming months, so "the blood-dimmed tide" cannot make its way into your soul.

If you allow it for too long, it will become who you are, and you will no longer have natural access to the "really deep well" that Etty Hillesum returned to so often and that held so much vitality and freedom for her.

If you will allow, I recommend for your spiritual practice for the next four months that you impose a moratorium on exactly how much news you are subject to—hopefully not more than an hour a day of television, social media, internet news, magazine and newspaper commentary, and/or political discussions. It will only tear you apart and pull you into the dualistic world of opinion and counter-opinion, not Divine Truth, which is always found in a bigger place.

Instead, I suggest that you use this time for some form of public service, volunteerism, mystical reading from the masters, prayer—or, preferably, all of the above.

- You have much to gain now and nothing to lose. Nothing at all.
- And the world—with you as a stable center—has nothing to lose.
- And everything to gain.

## Music at All Souls'

### You can join our All Souls' Chorister Program at any time!

Your child (age 7-15) is invited to join our chorister music program this fall. All learning takes place online, with the possibility of a bi-weekly outdoor rehearsal once it is safe to do so. This music program provides a unique opportunity for children to receive invaluable skills in music, teamwork, and leadership. Teaching includes:

- Music Theory
- Sight-Singing
- basic vocal technique
- virtual choir project

**All online classes are held on Thursdays (4-4.45pm).  
You can join anytime!**

ALL ARE WELCOME, no previous musical experience is necessary, and the program is FREE. All that is required is a commitment to the program and a desire to learn. For more information, or to register your child, please email Ruben Valenzuela (Director of Music & Organist): [rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org](mailto:rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org).

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### Director of Music Ruben Valenzuela works his way through Bach's Clavier-Übung Part III.



Sometime in mid-July, Director of Music Ruben Valenzuela decided to challenge himself by committing to record all of Bach's Clavier-Übung Part III for our week to week online services. He's been working on learning the music for some time, and thought this would be a good opportunity to document week to week progress, and most importantly to enrich our worship life online.

This is no small task, as this collection contains some of Bach's most demanding, musically complex, and theologically rich music for the organ. Each week, a new chorale setting is recorded and included in our online services, and then posted on the All Souls' YouTube channel. All in all, over 22 compositions when the project is done.

**Surely by now you're wondering...what is Bach's Clavier-Übung III? and why is it so important?**

The Clavier-Übung III (literally meaning Keyboard Practice) is a collection of compositions for organ by J.S. Bach, started in 1735–36 and published in 1739. It is considered Bach's most significant collection of music for the organ. The various individual compositions are varied in nature and address all of the styles, genres, and techniques for organ that were prevalent at the time. Stylistically, the collection includes compositions that look back to older styles, as well as those that are forward looking.



## Music at All Souls', Cont.

The collection takes the form of an Organ Mass in between its opening and closing Prelude and Fugue in E-flat major BWV 552. Inside those two bookends, there are 21 chorale preludes, BWV 669–689, setting parts of the Lutheran mass and catechisms, followed by four duets, BWV 802–805. The chorale preludes range from short compositions for single keyboard to an extensive six-part chorale prelude with two independent parts in the pedal. This entire collection can be understood as a summation and translation of Lutheran doctrine into musical terms for devotional use in the church or the home.

For individual week to week short explanations of each composition, be sure to check the All Souls' Facebook page, or the Music at All Souls' Facebook page.



## A Reflection from The Choir by Phil Simon

A reflection on singing during the pandemic:

Recording service music from home (or in my case, my office, since home is never quiet, because children) has been a constantly evolving challenge. So far I've done a couple solo unaccompanied plainsong hymns (back during Holy Week if I recall correctly), recorded hymns (typically with one other singer) with the organ, and chanted the psalm with another singer on the zoom service recordings. Learning new tech doesn't come easily or enjoyably to me, and this has typically felt like 90% tech issues and 10% music making. There have been times where the process of figuring out which device and app to use, how to deal with my office's less-than-kind lighting, which resolution to use to get a decently clear picture without an unwieldy file size, and how to upload said file, has taken 2+ hours for a single hymn. Beyond the technical challenges, there has been a disconnected quality to the whole experience, recording my part alone in my office, then uploading it to Google Docs for mixmaster Ruben to put it all together into the music we experience on Sunday morning. So not surprisingly, I found chanting the psalm in alternation on the zoom calls to be the most natural, because of the real-time interaction with other people.

I've now been back in the church twice to record music – once singing solo with Spencer at the organ, and more recently with Brad, Spencer, and Ruben. Even with masks and social distancing it is a great relief to be back in the church, making music with others in real time. And there is of course no substitute for hearing the organ in person.

—Phil Simon

## Ensemble-in-Residence Bach Collegium San Diego

BCSD presses on amidst limitations of pandemic featuring All Souls' Church and its baroque organ.

Crafting a season that rises to the challenge of our times, Bach Collegium San Diego announces its VIRTUAL SEASON 2020–2021...*'for the refreshment of the soul'*, with a total of eleven performances all presented entirely online. Each performance will feature a notable speaker to provide further enrichment through context and background.



For full information and how to view these virtual offerings go to: [bachcollegiumsd.org](http://bachcollegiumsd.org).

### VIRTUAL SEASON 2020–2021

*...for the refreshment of the soul.*

Ruben Valenzuela, Artistic Director

Michael Sponseller, Associate Director

**MAINSTAGE** October 24, 2020 • release date

#### MUSES OF PARNASSUS

Three seventeenth-century Italian muses—Isabella Leonarda, Francesca Caccini, and Barbara Strozzi—serve as the inspiration for a program featuring scintillating repertoire of the Italian baroque, sung by Grammy-nominated soprano Jennifer Ellis Kampani.

**reDISCOVER series** November 7, 2020 • release date

#### EARTH, WIND, AND FIRE!

F.J. HAYDN: Lord Nelson Mass

A full release of F.J. Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*, originally performed on May 13, 2017.

**BACH AT HOME (noon)** November 18, 2020 • release date

#### TONOS HUMANOS

Spend time in Spain's Siglo de Oro (Golden Century) – considered a pinnacle in the flourishing of arts and literature in Spanish history.

**MAINSTAGE** DECEMBER 19, 2020 • release date

#### A BAROQUE NOEL • BACH & VIVALDI

Vivaldi *Gloria* and Cantata *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben* BWV 147a, highlights two beloved works to be infused with BCSD's dynamic approach.

**BACH AT HOME (noon)** January 20, 2021 • release date

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## Ensemble-in-Residence Bach Collegium San Diego

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### **AD LIBITUM**

Enter the world of improvisation using Bach's famous Chaconne for solo violin as the springboard into other historical styles.

**reDISCOVER series** February 6, 2021 • release date

### **J.S. BACH: Welcome to Leipzig**

A full release of cantata *Siehe zu, dass deine Gottesfurcht nicht Heuchelei sei* BWV 179 and *Sinfonia* (from BWV 42), originally performed on October 14, 2016.

**BACH AT HOME (noon)** February 17, 2021 • release date

### **A BOHEMIAN IN DRESDEN**

Explore Dresden's musical life through two names inextricably linked to the Dresden court of the first half of the eighteenth century – Jan Dismas Zelenka and Johann Adolph Hasse.

**MAINSTAGE MARCH 6, 2021** • release date

### **BACH TO BOP • REGINALD 'REX' MOBLEY**

Countertenor d'amore REGINALD MOBLEY is featured in a program displaying the musical fusion between the baroque and jazz idioms. The repertoire, from Bach to Sarah Vaughan, will explore the world of ornamentation, rhetoric, and, most importantly, groove.

**reDISCOVER series** March 20, 2021 • release date

### **WELCOME TO ALL THE PLEASURES!**

The Odes of Henry Purcell

A rerelease of two Purcell Odes, and other previously unreleased works, originally performed May 13, 2018.

**BACH AT HOME (noon)** April 7, 2021 • release date

### **ACTUS TRAGICUS**

Eternity lies at the core of Bach's beloved cantata 'Gottes Zeit Ist die allerbeste Zeit' which creates a stark juxtaposition between the earthly death of the Old Testament and the redemption to come of the New Testament.

**MAINSTAGE** May 1, 2021 • release date

### **BACH AND HIS RIVALS • THE LEIPZIG AUDITION**

1722 was an eventful year in the life of Leipzig and in the careers of Telemann, Graupner, and J.S. Bach, a pivotal year when Leipzig looked to fill the post of Thomaskantor left vacant following Johann Kuhnau's death.

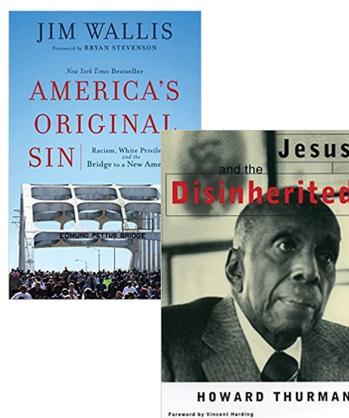
## Some Reading Suggestions

Most of us have not been taught about the history and life experiences of the Indigenous, Black, Latinx, and Asian people who have lived among us in this country, in many cases for hundreds of years, and become fellow citizens and important contributing members of our society. Suddenly, in the midst of a pandemic, we have been made aware that we have a lot to learn, and that it is our responsibility to do that learning as Christians who pray, “Thy kingdom come on earth.”

The following is a list of just a few books that readers have found helpful in understanding the lives of others and some of the issues of racial justice:

America’s Original Sin  
Between the World and Me  
Caste  
How to be an Antiracist  
Jesus and the Disinherited  
Just Mercy  
Waking Up White  
White Fragility

Jim Wallis  
Ta-Nahisi Coates  
Isabel Wilkerson  
Ibram X Kendi  
Howard Thurman  
Bryan Stevenson  
Debbi Irving  
Robin DiAngelo



Carol Sands

## The State of Philanthropy: The CARES Act and Your Taxes

COVID -19 is a world-wide term today, certainly a term most of us had not heard until early 2020. As a result of this virus and the resulting pandemic, Congress enacted a number of acts to react to the ensuing needs of the US population. The CARES ACT is one of these acts and includes significant tax relief and charitable giving benefits.

According to an article in a recent publication, “CAF America Insider Blog”, these benefits relate to both individual and corporate taxpayers making a qualified charitable contribution. These contributions must be in cash only and do not apply to marketable securities, real assets, and with few exceptions, must be made to a public charity. The CARES ACT makes a new charitable deduction available to individual taxpayers that do not itemize their deductions.

Of course, discussing this with your accountant or tax preparer is recommended. Learn if this benefit applies to you. If it does, and a deduction would be a benefit, consider All Souls’ as a beneficiary of this new benefit.

To read more about it, go to : <https://www.cafamerica.org/cares-act-impacts-giving/>

Thank you, The Finance Committee



## An Update on our Finances

A special note of thanks to our finance committee, accountant, and all those supporting the finance and operations of the parish. We continue to tread water. As expected, income is down. We are about \$28,000 off on pledge income. Third quarter statements will be mailed shortly. However, our expenses continue to trail budgeted expense. So, overall, we're doing alright. Soon, members of the finance committee, with Fr. Joe, will begin working on the 2021 budget. We'll be leaning heavily on the 2020 budget for guidance and our experience of living in this pandemic.

INCOME & TRANSFERS	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020
Income Budget	\$ 206,466	\$ 151,225	\$ 48,699	\$ 48,699	\$ 49,089
Income Actual	\$ 186,786	\$ 158,962	\$ 50,820	\$ 35,941	
Difference	(? 19,680)	\$ 7,737	\$ 4,439	(\$ 12,758)	

EXPENSE	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Jul 2020	Aug 2018	Sep 2020
Expense Budget	\$ 175,520	\$ 164,803	\$ 48,129	\$ 57,325	\$ 54,992
Expense Actual	\$ 160,466	\$ 161,115	\$ 42,985	\$ 48,352	
Difference	\$ 15,054	\$ 3,688	\$ 4,395	\$ 8,973	

## Make Your Pledge Online

You will soon receive a letter from our Stewardship Committee kicking off our 2020 annual pledge drive for the 2021 operating budget. With your letter, you will receive a 2021 pledge card. You can mail that into the church office or, if you'd rather get your pledge in quick and easy, you can visit: [www.allsoulspointloma.org/pledge2021](http://www.allsoulspointloma.org/pledge2021) and fill out your pledge card online! All pledge information will be confidential.

## One-time Gifts, Sustaining Gifts, and Giving Time and Talent

Our website offers links to many giving opportunities. If you'd like to make safe and secure gifts to the parish here's where you can do that:



One-time gifts or special offerings: [allsoulspointloma.org/donate](http://allsoulspointloma.org/donate)

Sustaining gifts (to set up your pledge payments): [allsoulspointloma.org/pledge](http://allsoulspointloma.org/pledge)

And, if you want to offer your time and talent, check out: [allsoulspointloma.org/time-and-talent](http://allsoulspointloma.org/time-and-talent)

## The Daily Office—Structure, Prayer, and Scripture

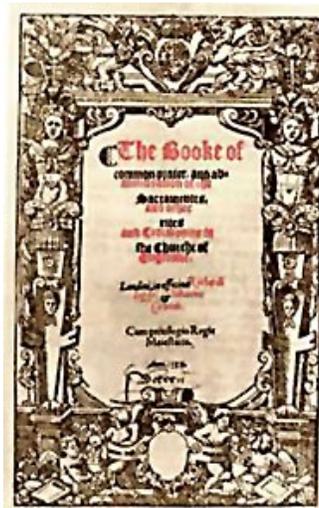
Praying the daily office (Morning and Evening Prayer) is a wonderful way to add structure to your daily prayers. The format is ancient and the services date back to the original Book of Common Prayer first published in 1549.

If you want some help, we can send you a daily e-mail with the service of morning prayer with selected canticles and assigned readings.

[Visit this Website](#) to sign up.

What's more? The clergy, staff, and several lay people are offering daily Morning Prayer live on Facebook. Typically that streams at about 8:00 am. Pray with your fellow parishioners from all over the world.

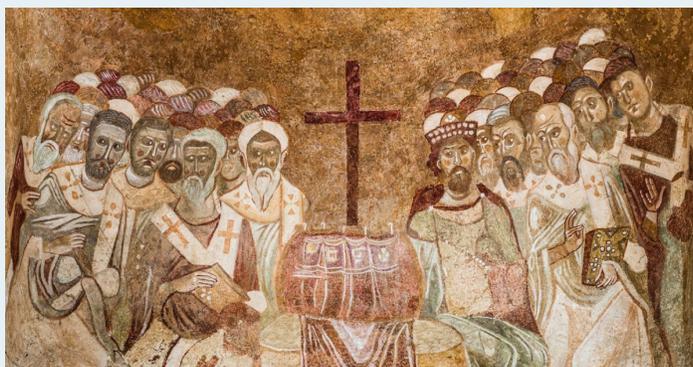
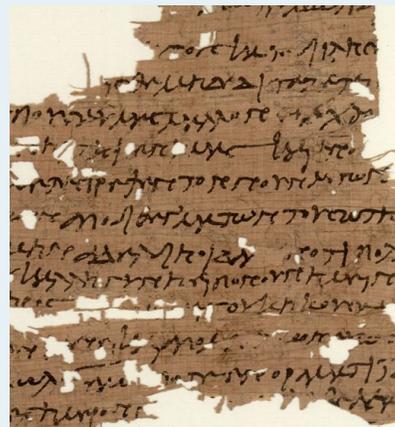
Tune in to [www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma](http://www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma) and pray with us!



## Upcoming Forum Opportunities

First and foremost, thank you to our amazing presenters, some of whom come from within the parish and others who join us from local universities. Dr. Michael Lodahl recently completed a forum series on Gnosticism in which we explored the sayings in the Gospel of Thomas and the Gospel of Mary Magdalene. If you missed those forums, videos are posted on our website: [www.allsoulspointloma.org/forums](http://www.allsoulspointloma.org/forums).

In October we'll be discussing orthodoxy, creeds, heresy, conflict, and reformation. Clearly, there's a lot to talk about and we'll have a great time learning together.



We'll be joined by Professor Sam Powell of PLNU on October 4 and 11. He'll be presenting on the conflicts leading up to the council of Nicaea followed by a discussion of the creed itself.

Be sure to join us for these wonderful educational opportunities!

[ZOOM INTO THE FORUM](#)

## Facebook Live and Zoom Calendar

Worship, Prayer, Conversation: Here are the ways you can connect with your All Souls' family and friends:

Daily Morning Prayer, 8:00 a.m.—Visit [www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma](http://www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma)

Thursday, Morning Prayer, 9:30 a.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 816-9552-4008

Saturday, Centering Prayer, 4:00 p.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 876-5494-9984

Saturday, Evening Prayer, 5:00 p.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 898-0219-8912

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Live Stream—Visit [www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma](http://www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma)

Sunday Morning Forum, 9:00 a.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 340-447-809

Sunday 9:15 a.m.—Small Souls Online Live Stream—Visit [www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma](http://www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma)

Sunday 10:15 a.m. Live Stream—Visit [www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma](http://www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma)

## Which Mask is the Right Mask

Vestry member David Ostrander shares a few bits of information about masks and safety from a brief editorial in JAMA Internal Medicine.

1. N95 >KN95>Standard Surgical Mask when bench tested
2. Observational (not randomized) studies in the health care settings show rough equivalence of KN95 to surgical mask when health care worker and patient are both wearing masks.
3. Inconsistent use of masks is likely a greater contributor to failure than mask design.
4. N95S are not easily available, KN95S are and are three to six times more expensive than surgical masks.



So... what to do?

1. Everyone should be meticulous adhering to mask use. Cover nose and mouth at all times when in the company of non-family members
2. Consider using a KN95 for high-risk individuals (over 60, HTN, diabetes, heart/lung disease, cancer, use of immunosuppressive drugs, frailty).
3. As for me... I've switched to a KN95

## Peninsula Shepherd Center Update

Hello Friends of the Peninsula Shepherd Center!

We hope October finds you safe and healthy! We have missed seeing all of you, but are enjoying staying in touch through weekly phone calls to our members checking in to make sure everyone is safe, healthy and just to visit! We are resuming our monthly Lamb's Tales in November to keep you up to date on all of the activities at PSC. If you do not receive our newsletter, please call our office at (619)223-1649 to sign up for either yourself or a family member. Unfortunately, our physical location remains closed, as we all navigate COVID-19 and work to keep our members, guests and staff safe.

Our PSC Connection Through Technology Program continues to move forward. We are connecting with our members through computer tablets to enjoy PSC activities, along with events in the community. All available tablets have been distributed to our pilot group and we are having regular activities, including PSC Bingo (Zingo!) and Weekly PSC Chats. During



September we enjoyed two presentations by our members over Zoom. Stanley Follis shared his interesting experience of an eco-burial at beautiful Joshua Tree National Park and Bob Keck entertained us with his travels to Corsica and Sardinia! We are planning more presentations to come.

Stay tuned as we will be having our Fall Fundraising Campaign starting in October.

Your generous contributions will help us continue to find ways to stay connected with our members during this challenging time and support our ongoing programs. In addition to supporting PSC's ongoing operational needs, we are looking to purchase a new van with wheelchair access for our Out and About Senior Transportation program.

We encourage you to visit our Website [www.sdpsc.org](http://www.sdpsc.org) as we have many links to resources and services for the senior community, including food services, transportation and activities that may be of interest. As we receive more information we will post to our site. We look for-



## October 4—The Feast of St. Francis



ALL SOULS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
OCTOBER 4, 1-2PM  
THE CLERGY OF ALL SOULS' WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH TO BLESS YOUR CRITTERS. ALL SPECIES WELCOME.

### A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis



Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

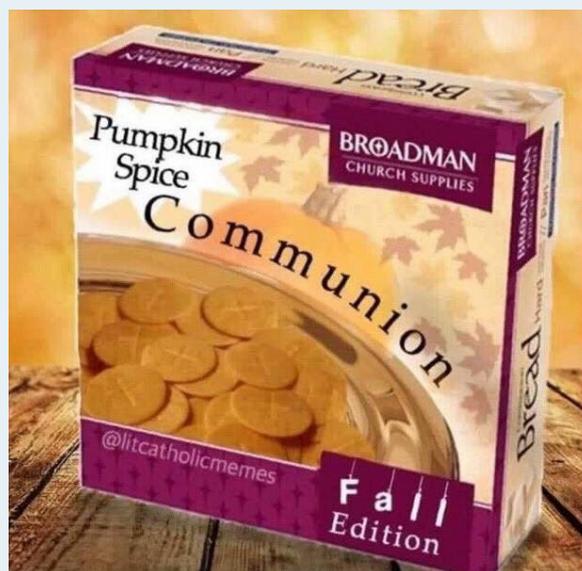
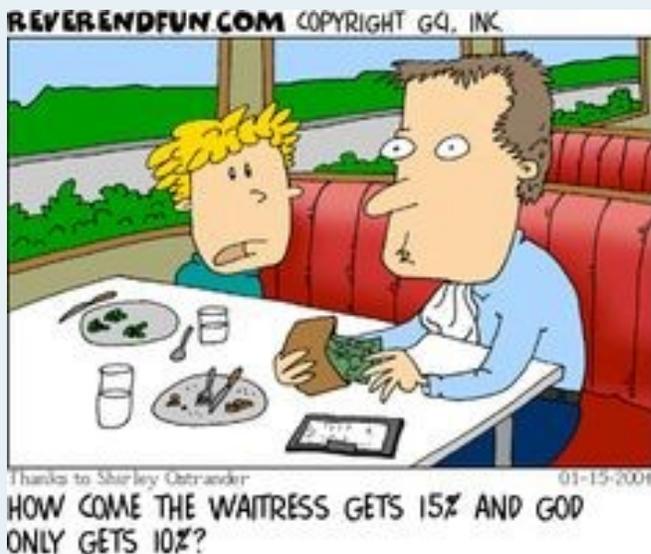
## A Statement of Commitment

The Rev. Brenda Sol, rector of St. Andrew's in Encinitas, and other clergy colleagues in our diocese created a statement of our commitment to our baptismal covenant and Jesus' call to us during this time of twin pandemics of COVID-19 and racial injustice. We encourage you all to make these commitments in your lives.



As part of the Jesus Movement and the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, we pledge to love our neighbors and protect the most vulnerable among us, remembering our baptismal vows to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” We live these pledges out by actively engaging in dismantling racism. For many of us, this will mean learning more about our racial identity, listening to those who have experienced racial prejudice, speaking out against racism, and showing up alongside those in our community working to change unjust systems in our society. We also live out this pledge at worship during this pandemic, by wearing face-coverings, respecting distancing guidelines, foregoing the common cup and refraining from congregational singing.

## On the Lighter Side





**ALL SOULS'**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## All Souls' Episcopal Church

All Souls' is a vibrant Episcopal congregation in the heart of Point Loma. All ages are welcome; infants and children enliven our worship. To learn more about membership, please contact the church office or visit us online.

Visit our website at [allsoulspointloma.org](http://allsoulspointloma.org)

Listen to sermons online at [allsoulspointloma.org/sermons](http://allsoulspointloma.org/sermons)

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Spencer Velky, Gouraud Asst. Organist  
Jennifer Smith, Parish Admin Asst.  
Jeff Dames, Sexton

### Weekend Services

Saturday: Worship via Zoom  
5 p.m.—Evening Prayer

Sunday: Livestreamed  
8 a.m.—Liturgy of the Word w/  
prayers for Spiritual Communion  
9 a.m.—Small Souls Online

10:15 a.m.—Liturgy of the Word w/  
prayers for Spiritual Communion

### Weekday Worship

Thursday Morning Prayer: 9:30 a.m.