



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

JAZZ VESPERS

A Celebration of Life, Spirit and Music

January 25, 2026,
5:00 p.m.

Glen Turner II

Glen Turner II, *saxophone*

Alex Williams, *piano*

Weldon Scott, *bass*

Don Brown, *drums*

*Listen to your life.
See it for the fathomless mystery that it is.
In the boredom and pain of it no less than
in the excitement and gladness:
touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it
because in the last analysis all moments are key moments,
and life itself is grace.*

— Frederick Buechner (1926–2022)

WELCOME

Melissa Hayes

PRAYER

Minister: God dwells in you.

People: And also in you.

Minister: Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Minister and People:

Loving God of all that is, help us to be still. Loosen our grip on our cares and concerns; clear away all stresses and frustrations. Quiet our busy minds; open a space deep within us; fill us with your grace. Help us to see all you have made as holy, the earth and people as sacred. Help us to live our lives with you at the center. Guide us, encourage us, resource us to articulate your kingdom, in partnership with those who differ most from us. Surround us with your love that casts out fear. Fill us with your hope for the world as it might be. Amen.

MUSIC

Glen Turner II

READING

Dan McCarrel

Kindness

Before you know what kindness really is
 you must lose things,
 feel the future dissolve in a moment
 like salt in a weakened broth.
 What you held in your hand,
 what you counted and carefully saved,
 all this must go so you know
 how desolate the landscape can be
 between the regions of kindness.
 How you ride and ride
 thinking the bus will never stop,
 the passengers eating maize and chicken
 will stare out the window forever.

Before you learn the tender gravity of
 kindness
 you must travel where the Indian
 in a white poncho
 lies dead by the side of the road.
 You must see how this could be you,
 how he too was someone
 who journeyed through the night
 with plans
 and the simple breath that kept him alive.

Before you know kindness as
 the deepest thing inside,
 you must know sorrow as
 the other deepest thing.
 You must wake up with sorrow.
 You must speak to it till your voice
 catches the thread of all sorrows
 and you see the size of the cloth.
 Then it is only kindness that makes sense
 anymore,
 only kindness that ties your shoes
 and sends you out into the day
 to gaze at bread,
 only kindness that raises its head
 from the crowd of the world to say
 It is I you have been looking for,
 and then goes with you everywhere
 like a shadow or a friend.

— Naomi Shihab Nye (b. 1952)

READING

Gabriel Ryder

Vessels of Truth

Who can bear the Truth?

What vessels must we make of ourselves to receive it?

It's not brought forth by the stony hand of dogma or purity codes but through new vision

Truth speaks to us through dreams, symbols, and images

It's the artists and philosophers and shamans and prophets who show us how to see

They shatter our schemas, invert our values, elude our common sense, and end our worlds

Not so long ago, we knew that slavery was a part of the natural order, that kings were divinely appointed, and that women and children were property

But the Spirit of Truth said otherwise

If it doesn't honor the dignity of humanity and the integrity of all life, it's not Truth

In our brokenness, we have resisted the Truth of these matters

But we can no longer deny it

Even those who are now working to reverse the progress of Truth know better

They cannot unsee it

But fear can lure any of us into willful blindness

Even in its sharpest expressions, Truth is always filtered through our messy humanness, our culture, and our time

Like Midas, we want to put our hands on Truth and turn it into a shiny golden object, dance around it, and claim it for our tribe

But Jesus turned the tables on this

In a riot of righteousness, he showed us that truth is not found here or there but is a heart-centered relationship with God and neighbor

Truth *lives* in relation, in action, in flow

It is a sacred dance with Life

And the world is our living scripture

— Gabriel Ryder

INTERCESSIONS

Melissa Hayes

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Melissa Hayes

**Donate to All
Saints Church:**



MUSIC

Glen Turner II

PRAYER

Minister and People:

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now
and for ever. Amen.

—From *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

BLESSING *Standing – all who are able.*

Melissa Hayes

Minister: The blessing of God, the eternal good will of God, the shalom of God, the wildness and the warmth of God, be among us and between us, now and always. *Amen.*

—From *Prayer at Night's Approaching* by Jim Cotter

DISMISSAL *Remain standing.*

Gavin McFatter

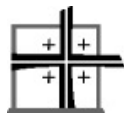
Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* * * * *

JAZZ VESPERS COORDINATORS: Bill Cunliffe, Melissa Hayes, Christina Honchell.

* * * * *



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

132 NORTH EUCLID AVENUE PASADENA CA 91101

tel 626.796.1172 + fax 626.796.4749 + www.allsaints-pas.org

Upcoming Jazz Vespers

All Jazz Vespers are at 5:00 p.m., on the Chancel

Sunday, February 22 Sasha Berliner Quartet

Sasha Berliner is a musician, composer, producer, and band leader from San Francisco, CA. A rock drummer turned vibraphonist, Sasha was introduced to the instrument while attending Oakland School for the Arts. She moved to New York City in 2016 to attend the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, studying under acclaimed vibraphonist Stefon Harris. Harris' influence on Sasha, in particular with regard to harmony, directly aided the development of her unique style.



Sunday, April 19 John Proulx

The jazz scene is abuzz about singer, pianist, composer, recording artist, and All Saints' parishioner John Proulx. His piano playing is hot and swinging, and his voice recalls the smooth, mellow sounds of a young Chet Baker. John's 2018 CD, "Say It", on the ArtistShare label, features Chuck Berghofer, Joe LaBarbera, Larry Koonse, Bob Sheppard, a duet with Melissa Manchester, and three string quartet arrangements by Alan Broadbent. In addition to touring with his own trio, John has performed with the likes of Anita O'Day, Natalie Cole, Melissa Manchester, and Marian McPartland.

Sunday, May 24 Anthony Wilson Group

Born in Los Angeles in 1968, guitarist and composer Anthony Wilson is known for a body of work that moves fluidly across genres. The son of legendary jazz trumpeter and bandleader Gerald Wilson, his musical lineage has deeply influenced his creative trajectory, compositional choices, instrumental groupings, and the wide-ranging discography that blooms out of them. An inventive soloist and sensitive accompanist, he has been a core member of Diana Krall's quartet since 2001, after joining her for a series of concerts in Paris at the Olympia Theater, which became the Grammy award winning recording and concert film Live in Paris (2002).



Sunday, June 21 Kevin Van den Elzen & Josh Nelson Quintet

Kevin van den Elzen is an in demand jazz-drummer and bandleader originally from the Netherlands who works and resides in Los Angeles. He has worked with musicians such as John Clayton, Dick Oatts, Bob Mintzer, Larry Carlton, the New York Voices, Bob Sheppard, Dianne Reeves, Gerald Clayton, Anthony Wilson, Nick Mancini, and the Millennium Jazz Orchestra.

Pianist, composer and recording artist Josh Nelson maintains an active and creative schedule. He has performed and recorded with some of the most respected names in jazz and beyond, including Natalie Cole, Ivan Lins, Anthony Wilson, George Mraz, Jeff Hamilton, Walter Smith III, Dayna Stephens, Eddie Daniels, Gaby Moreno, Sinne Eeg, Richard Galliano, Michael Buble, Benny Golson, Sheila Jordan, Greg Hutchinson, John Clayton, John Pizzarelli, and Lewis Nash.



**If you would like to be included on the Jazz Vespers Email List,
please complete this form and put in Offertory basket.**

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

Any questions, contact Melissa Hayes 626.583.2725.

**Members of the musical community
who need our prayers:**

NAME: _____

TYPE OF PRAYER:

☐ Deceased.

☐ Prayer of Thanksgiving.

☐ **Prayer for any need. Explain:**
