

**A Celebration of Life
Abbygale Loeb
February 5, 1968 – November 20, 2025**



**Saturday, January 31, 2026
11:00 a.m.
All Saints Church
Pasadena, California**

VOLUNTARY*Played by Weicheng Zhao.***WELCOME**

Thomas Diaz

MINISTRY OF THE WORD**OPENING SENTENCES** *Stand – all who are able.*

Tim Rich

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succor, but of you, O Lord,
who for our sins are justly angered?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Those who have faith in me shall have life,
even though they die.

And all who have life,
and have committed themselves to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
who, at the last day, will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, God will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold God
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For we do not have life in ourselves,
and we do not become our own master when we die.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!
So it is says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

HYMN "What a Fellowship" *Remain standing, everyone sings.*

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
 last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,
 Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, Safe and se-ure from
 all a-larms; Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

—Words: Elisha A. Hoffman (1839–1929)
 Music: Anthony J. Showalter (1858–1924)

COLLECT

Priest: God dwells in you.

People: And also in you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Remain standing, silence is kept.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Abby. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

READING *Seated.*

Claudia Estrada

A Reading from Isaiah (61:1-10).

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display God's glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks; foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines, but you shall be called priests of the Lord; you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I, the Lord, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my whole being shall exult in my God, for the Almighty has clothed me with the garments of salvation; and has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is observed following the reading.

PSALM 23 *Remain seated.*

Veronica Fernandez

The Lord is my Shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

GOSPEL *Standing – all who are able.*

Tim Rich

Minister: The Good News of Jesus as written in John (14:1–6a).

People: Glory is yours, O Christ.

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In God’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY *Seated.*

Thomas Diaz

ANTHEM *Remain seated.**Sung by Trans Chorus of Los Angeles.*

“You Have More Friends Than You Know”

—Music & Lyrics: Jeff Marx and Merv Warren

REFLECTIONS *Remain seated.*Mariah Ramirez
Jamie Lunsford**SOLO** *Remain seated.**Sung by Lawrence Dotson.*

“Amazing Grace”

—Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.; v. 5, John Rees (19th cent.)

Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851–1921)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Standing – all who are able.*

Thomas Diaz

Reader: Holy One, Source of all life and love, we come before you with grateful hearts and grieving spirits.

People: Holy One, hear our prayers.

Reader: We give thanks for the life of Abby Loeb and for her witness among us.

People: Holy One, hear our prayers.

Reader: We pray for the trans and queer community, especially those who grieve and those who fear.

People: Holy One, hear our prayers.

Reader: Receive Abby into your eternal care, where love is made whole.

People: Holy One, hear our prayers.

Reader: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of one we loved so deeply; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Great God of all that is, we pray to you for Abby and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through your mercy, rest in peace. *Amen.*

PEACE

Tim Rich

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

GREETINGS *Seated.*

Tim Rich

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Standing – all who are able.*

Susan Russell

Priest: God dwells in you.

People: And also in you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Priest: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his love, he reconciled us. By his life, we are healed.

Priest: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS *Unison.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

CONSECRATION

Priest: And so, God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now Christ's work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate Christ's life, death and resurrection, as we await the day of Christ's coming.

Priest: Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Ishmael; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah and Hagar; God, of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Christ's name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Priest: Accept these prayers and praises, God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language of your heart, we are bold to say,

Priest and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept, during which the priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest: Alleluia! We are one bread, one body.

People: We will love one another as Christ loves us. Alleluia!

INVITATION

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All persons are welcome to come to the altar.

DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Sung by Trans Chorus of Los Angeles.

"City Called Heaven"

—Traditional Sorrow Song

HYMN "For Everyone Born a Place at the Table" *Everyone sings.*



1 For ev - 'ry-one born, a place at the ta - ble, for ev - 'ry-one
 2 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a voice to be
 3 For ev - 'ry-one born, a place at the ta - ble, to live with-out

born, clean wa - ter and bread, a____ shel - ter, a space,____ a
 heard, a part in the song, the____ hands of a child____ in
 fear, and sim - ply to be, to____ work, to speak out,____ to

safe place for grow-ing, for ev - 'ry-one born, a star o - ver - head,
 hands that are wrin-kled, for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 wit - ness and wor-ship, for ev - 'ry-one born, the right to be free,

and God will de - light____ when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,____ God will de -

light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

—Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)
 Music: Joy F. Patterson (b. 1931)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Standing – all who are able.*

Susan Russell

Priest: Let us pray.
 Priest and People:

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

COMMENDATION

Tim Rich

Priest: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
 People: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Priest: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created us, saying, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Priest: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Abby. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming love. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

People: Amen.

BLESSING**DISMISSAL**

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" *Remain standing; everyone sings.*

1 Go, my children, with my blessing, Ne - ver a - lone;
 2 Go, my children, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure,
 3 Go, my children, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, You are my own;
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure;
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, Here you touched him, saw his glo - ry,
 Here my Spi - rit's pow - er filled you, Here its ten - der com - fort stilled you;

Go, my children, with my blessing, You are my own.
 Go, my children, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 Go, my children, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.

—Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919–2008)
 Music: *Ar Hyd y Nos*, Traditional Welsh Melody

VOLUNTARY

Played by Weicheng Zhao.

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Participants

Officiant

The Reverend Tim Rich, *Priest-in-Charge*

Presider

The Reverend Canon Susan Russell, *Associate Priest*

Homilist

Thomas Diaz, *Director of Pastoral Care and Parish Life*

Assisting

Matt Berkley

Marianne Ryan

Gabriel Ryder

Acolytes

Willow Baughman, Cress Deihl, and Cruz Jackson

Director of Music/Organist/Choirmaster

Dr. Weicheng Zhao

Soloist

Lawrence Dotson

Choir

Trans Chorus of Los Angeles

Coordinator

Anina Minotto

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Anyone wishing to do so may make a contribution in Abby's memory to:

Trans Chorus of Los Angeles

<https://transchorusla.org/>

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Immediately following the service, all are invited to a reception in Sweetland Hall of Regas House.

