



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

JAZZ VESPERS

A Celebration of Life, Spirit and Music

April 19, 2026,
5:00 p.m.

John Proulx

John Proulx, *piano, vocals*

Zac Matthews, *bass*

Deam Koba, *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

John Proulx

READING

Anina Minotto

Today

If ever there were a spring day so perfect,
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze

that it made you want to throw
open all the windows in the house

and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,

a day when the cool brick paths
and the garden bursting with peonies

seemed so etched in sunlight
that you felt like taking

a hammer to the glass paperweight
on the living room end table,

releasing the inhabitants
from their snow-covered cottage

so they could walk out,
holding hands and squinting

into this larger dome of blue and white,
well, today is just that kind of day.

— Billy Collins (b. 1941)

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"Seek the silence
Within the noise
The quiet
Within the clamor.
Seek the still space
In the valley of your soul.
There peace waits for you
Beneath the timeless stars."

— Bishop Steven Charleston (b. 1949)

READING

Dan McCarrel

Some Days Are Just for Breathing

Some days, to simply be here,
to breathe, to rest, to exist,
is enough.
To rest in the stillness of your own being,
and let the world move as it will.

You don't have to accomplish, impress,
or rise to meet the day with purpose.
There are moments in life
when quietly existing,
without demand, without effort,
is the bravest thing you can do.

The world can wait.

The unfinished tasks, the noise,
the restless tide of expectation,
all can pause.
The sun still rises,
the sky still turns,
and life continues
without your constant tending.

Allow yourself to soften.

Feel your breath move through you,
the steady rhythm asking nothing in return.

Healing lives here,
in these small, unremarkable hours
when you grant yourself permission
to simply be.

So let this day be gentle.
Let it ask nothing more
than your quiet presence.

Stay, breathe, rest,
and know that this moment, too,
is enough.

Not every day has to shine.
Some days are just for breathing.

— Mary Anne Byrne

INTERCESSIONS

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MUSIC

John Proulx

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.

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

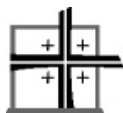
Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Upcoming Jazz Vespers

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

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 band-leader 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.

We offer a unique opportunity to experience world class musicians in an intimate and beautiful setting in our chancel. We do a little praying with an interfaith flavor, we hear a poem or a reading, we listen to a short meditation. But it's all about the music. We ask our guest artists to play what they want to play, and they never disappoint.

**For more information,
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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:

