



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

JAZZ VESPERS

A Celebration of Life, Spirit and Music

June 21, 2026,
5:00 p.m.

Kevin van den Elzen & Josh Nelson Quintet

Kevin van den Elzen, *drums*

Josh Nelson, *piano*

Bob Sheppard, *tenor sax*

Ron Stout, *trumpet*

Mike Gurrola, *bass*

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

Christina Honchell

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

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READING

Dan McCarrel

A Litany for Survival

For those of us who live at the shoreline
 standing upon the constant edges of
 decision
 crucial and alone
 for those of us who cannot indulge
 the passing dreams of choice
 who love in doorways coming and
 going
 in the hours between dawns
 looking inward and outward
 at once before and after
 seeking a now that can breed
 futures
 like bread in our children's mouths
 so their dreams will not reflect
 the death of ours;

For those of us
 who were imprinted with fear
 like a faint line in the center of our
 foreheads
 learning to be afraid with our mother's
 milk
 for by this weapon
 this illusion of some safety to be found
 the heavy-footed hoped to silence us

For all of us
 this instant and this triumph
 We were never meant to survive.

And when the sun rises we are afraid
 it might not remain
 when the sun sets we are afraid
 it might not rise in the morning
 when our stomachs are full we are afraid
 of indigestion
 when our stomachs are empty we are
 afraid
 we may never eat again
 when we are loved we are afraid
 love will vanish
 when we are alone we are afraid
 love will never return
 and when we speak we are afraid
 our words will not be heard
 nor welcomed
 but when we are silent
 we are still afraid

So it is better to speak
 remembering
 we were never meant to survive.

INTERCESSIONS

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OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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MUSIC

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PRAYER

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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.*

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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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who need our prayers:**

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TYPE OF PRAYER:

Deceased.

Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Prayer for any need. Explain:

