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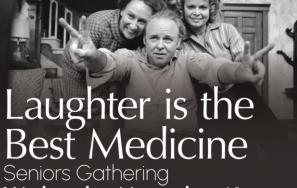
# Dialogues Miniatures

Saturday, November 19 6:30 pm'in the church

J.S. Bach, Brandenburg Concerto #5, 1st movement; Franz Schubert, Arpeggione Sonata, 1st movement Plus More!

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Wednesday, November 16 10:00 am, Serra Center

Do you miss when humor was funny, not scandalous? If so, come for fellowship and laughter as Warren Murray, comedy television executive and writer; standup comedian, author, educator, and son of the late Jan Murray, shares some tall tales of the Old Days, funny lines, and schticks! Doors open at 9:45 am for refreshments provided by Alma Via.

Contact: Jan Pirkl, janpirkl@yahoo.com Visit www.padreserra.org/seniors



### **GATHERING**

### **Our God Is Here** Chris Muglia

Here in this time, here in this place,

here we are standing face to face.

Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here. Here for the broken, here for the strong,

here in this temple we belong.

Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here. And we cry...

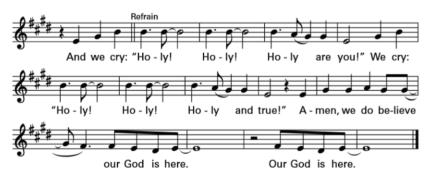
Here in the Word God is revealed,

here where the wounded can be healed.

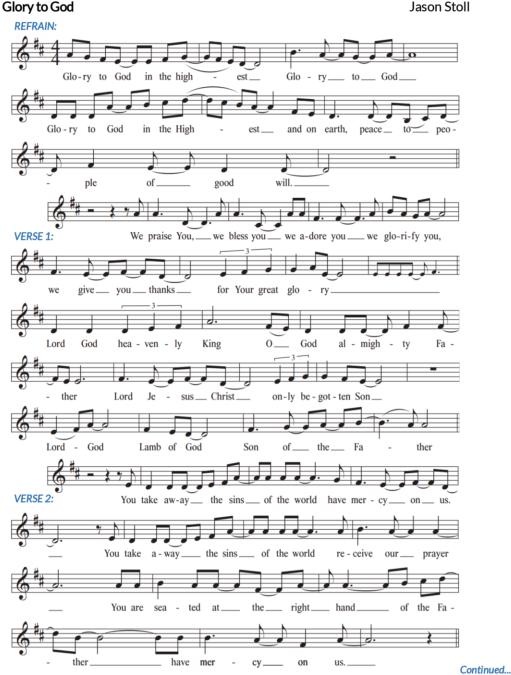
Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here. Here we become what we receive,

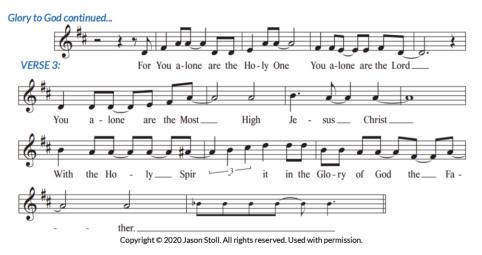
here in this Eucharistic feast.

We are his body, living as one; our God is here. And we cry...



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### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

### Psalm 98: The Lord Comes to Rule the Earth with Justice

Dominic MacAller



Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with harp and melodious song. Sing joyfully before the King, the Lord with trumpets and with the sound of the horn.

Let the sea and what fills it resound, the world and those who dwell in it; let the rivers clap, let them clap their hands, let the mountains shout with them for joy.

Let them shout for joy before the Lord, for he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice, rule the peoples with equity.

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# Reading 1 Malachi 3:19-20a Reading 2 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Gospel Reading Luke 21:5-19



### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ. his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died and was buried: he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Easter Alleluia

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia!

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE, 10 10 10 with alleluias; adapt. by Marty Haugen, b.1950

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Psalms 116:1-2

### **INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

In Memory We Hold You

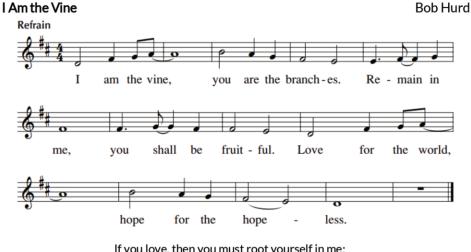
**Bob Hurd** 

Marty Haugen



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### PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS



If you love, then you must root yourself in me; For the branch will fail and die without the tree.

If you give, then you must give yourself to me; For the well will soon run dry without the sea.

Text: John 15:1-10; Bob Hurd, b.1950, © 1979 Tune: Bob Hurd, b.1950, © 1979; acc. by Craig Kingsbury, b.1952 Published by OCP Publications. May the Lord accept
the sacrifice at
your hands,
for the praise and glory
of His Name,
for our good and
the good of
all His holy Church.

**Jubilant Song** Allen Pote

### **EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**





Memorial Acclamation A Gather #264

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen Gather #267

Lamb of God Gather #269

### LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.

### **COMMUNION SONGS**

### Amen! El Cuerpo de Cristo

### John Schiavone, Gather #912

# Refrain A - mén. El Cuer - po de Cris-to. A - mén. La San-gre del Se-ñor. Eat-ing your Bod-y, drink-ing your Blood, we be come what we re-ceive. A - mén. A - mén.

- Amén. We remember your dying and your rising. Amén. Y contigo, Señor resucitamos. Amén.
- Amén. Now we offer the sacrifice you gave us.
   Amén. Te ofrecemos, Señor todo lo que somos. Amén.
- 3. Amén. Lord, you make us one body and one spirit. Amén. En tu cuerpo, Señor, un pueblo santo. Amén.
- 4. Amén. We find you when we serve the poor and lowly. Amén. A ti mismo servimos en los pobres. Amén.
- 5. Amén. We look forward to your return in glory. Amén. Esperamos el día de tu venida. Amén.

# I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Pfautsch Who Am !? Mark Hall

Who am I, that the Lord of the earth Would care to know my name Would care to feel my hurt Who am I, the Bright and Morning Star Would choose to light the way For my ever wandering heart

Not because of who I am But because of what You've done Not because of what I've done But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours, I am Yours

Who am I , that the eyes that see my sin Would look on me love and watch me rise again Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea Would call out through the rain And calm the storm in me

Matt Maher

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### **SENDING FORTH**

### Your Grace Is Enough

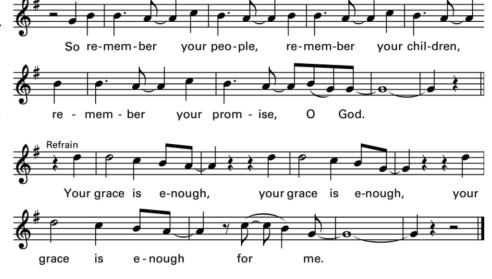
Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy, And nothing can keep us apart.

### So remember your people...

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation. And all Your people sing along.

### So remember your people...





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### Altar Servers ... a Long Tradition

Dear Friends,

Reflecting on the past and looking to the future. Nine years ago my wife Catherine and I visited Turkey. We spent several days in an area called Cappadocia which has one of the most surreal and strange landscapes on earth, formed by thousands of years of erosion. This area has more than six hundred so-called "cave churches," hollowed out from the volcanic rock formations. We had the privilege to celebrate a liturgy in one of these very small churches that date back to the second century. While sitting around the small stone altar, I wondered what it would have been like to serve Mass in the early church.

In the very early church, Christians gathered to celebrate the Supper of the Lord in the larger homes of the towns and villages. With flickering oil lamps and a few wooden benches, the altar was a table normally used for the daily meals. What was an ordinary dining table became the altar of the Lord. The altar servers, girls and boys, helped the deacon to prepare the altar with fine linens and the sacred vessels. These young Christians understood table etiquette and would have been very helpful in many different roles: washing hands, lighting oil lamps, preparing the bread, and placing the sacred vessels. When it was time for the readings, they would have helped keep the scrolls from rolling up thus providing a firm platform for proclaiming the word. At the Last Supper, someone had to set the table and prepare the meal. Servers are not mentioned in the gospels, but unquestionably, the very first Eucharist would have relied on servers, both girls and boys.

Today, the altar servers can influence the atmosphere of prayer by their presence in the assembly around the altar of Our Lord. Rest assured that the assembly definitely admires the altar servers. As trained young ministers, they come to the altar of God to be close to our public prayer life. As I mentioned above, this ministry goes all the way back to the early church.

Serving is a privilege and with a privilege comes responsibility. Our altar servers have been called to serve during our liturgies. Padre Serra Parish is grateful that they have responded to this call with a real sense of dedication. They help the entire community celebrate the Eucharist by their humble service. They help the assembly thank God, and in doing so they show their love.

At Padre Serra, we have 65 dedicated young ministers, ranging in age from 10 to 20. Half are high school students and there is an equal mix of girls and boys. It is my hope that our altar servers will spend a lifetime serving the Church in many other ways and remember this ministry as a time when God gave joy to their youth.

In Christ.

Bob Shadduck

Altar Server Ministry Director

Hobert D. Shalluck

### Children

12 months to Grade 8.

### Little Church ~ November 13, 20

Age 3 through Kindergarten. Sunday preschool during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Children learn so much! From the Sign of the Cross to the Bible stories, songs, and more. Super fun to make friends and be at Church on Sundays! Children must be registered to attend; visit www.padreserra.org/registration. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

### Spark! ~ November 14 and 16

Grades 1 - 5. This week kids will learn about the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. For more information, please contact jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

### Three-Sixteen ~ November 16

The Middle School retreat meets at 10:30 in Serra Center. This week kids will learn about Jesus' promise, "Today you will be with me in paradise." For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

### **High School**

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

### Confirmation Y1 ~ November 13

Mass at 11:00 am. Meet us for lunch at the San Juan Capistrano room (next to the bell tower); sessions conclude in Serra Center at 2:00 pm. Today's session, The Gift of Courage. For more info, youth@padreserra.org

### 4:12 ~ November 16 and 30

High school teens, join Brett, and the peer leaders, for fun and fellowship. Wednesdays 7:30 in San Juan Capistrano room. youth@padreserra.org

### **Confirmation Y2**

The weekly ministry has begun, be sure to sign in every time. If you have not gotten started yet, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

### Adults

### **Caregivers Support Group ~ November 15**

Caritas supports those caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. 7:00 pm, in the San Fernando room and via Zoom. Fall schedule: November 15, and no meeting in December. Contact Patricia sentclan@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/caritas

### Healing from Divorce Support ~ November 15

Our healing from divorce support group offers a welcoming environment for people dealing with divorce, whether in the earliest stages of grief, the initial stages of coping with severe changes, or through the worst of it and now looking to move forward, grow, and serve. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Zoom. Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/divorce

### Ladies' Night Out ~ November 16

Lemons on the Loose is a women's social gathering to share fellowship and laughter while playing Bonkers. \$5/person. Proceeds benefit pediatric cancer research through Alex's Lemonade Stand. 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Serra Center. Kathy quannys5@yahoo.com or Michelle mcpaschens@gmail.com

### Bereavement Support Group ~ November 17

Grief can be overwhelming and difficult to understand and navigate, but you don't have to do it alone. Our bereavement support group offers mutual support to those who have lost a loved one through death. 10:00 am, San Fernando room. Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407·3000, bettybright41@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement

### PAX Christi ~ November 17

Grounded in the gospel and Catholic social teaching, our PAX Christi ministry seeks to model Christ's peace in our witness to nonviolence through prayer, study, and action rooted in justice for the common good of all God's children. We continue our reflection on the pastoral letter, "Living in the Light of Christ's Peace — A ConversationToward Nuclear Disarmament" written by Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Fernando room. Gary gfreeberg@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/pax

### Seeds of Faith ~ November 21

SEEDS (Sisters ~ Embracing ~ Enlightening ~ Daughters of Faith) is a monthly evening of spirituality for women who want to grow deeper in faith and affirm our mission and worth as God's daughters and Jesus' disciples. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds

### **Benedicts Books**

Spiritual reading can help you grow in your faith life and knowledge of our Catholic tradition. Visit our lending library, where you can find books to expand your knowledge, deepen your faith, and grow in your relationship with God. Stop by the church lobby, pick up a book, return when you're done, or pass it on to someone else. If you have spiritual books to donate, please bring them to Teresa in the parish office. Questions teresa@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/benedicts-books

### Pastoral Care

We care about you. Pastoral Care is available with Teresa Runyon, Pastoral Associate. She will work with you to help discern your needs and provide referrals to our many support ministries, clergy, and other resources, including therapists and local support groups. Contact Teresa teresa@padreserra.org

### **Becoming Catholic**

### Various Paths to Becoming Catholic

Becoming Catholic is different for everyone. Each seeker's religious background and experience are considered when discerning what path will best meet individual needs. If you would like to discuss what will work for you, please contact Mary Huebner; you will receive a warm and friendly welcome! (805) 482·6417 x321 or mary@padreserra.org



### **Faith Sharing Question**

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table Luke 21:5-19 ~ Your endurance will win you your life.

In Luke's version of Jesus' apocalyptic discourse concerning the end of the world, two sets of images are interwoven. They include the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 by the Romans and the coming of the Son of Man at the end of time. By the time the Gospel of Luke was written, it was evident that the return of the Son of Man was not going to happen immediately. Luke encourages Christians to persevere in faithfulness so that they will always be ready. How do you think people should secure their lives? How has Jesus ever spoken through you?

### In the Community

### **Stephen Ministry**

Everyone goes through times of stress, confusion, or loneliness, and having someone to care for, listen to, and to share God's love with you can help. Through Stephen Ministry, a trained, trustworthy, caring Christian confidant and companion provides one-to-one confidential care to people who are grieving the death of a loved one or a loss of a relationship, lonely or discouraged, unemployed, disabled, or other life struggles. St. Julie Billiart Stephen Ministers are standing by to help. Leave a confidential message at (805) 498·3602 x106, stephenministry@stjulieschurch.org.

### Homeless Persons' Memorial ~ December 21

Every year over a thousand individuals experiencing homelessness die on the streets of Los Angeles. On the first day of winter, the longest night of the year, let us join together for an interreligious memorial service to acknowledge and honor their lives. 7:00 pm, Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. Details/RSVP:

lifejusticeandpeace.lacatholics.org/memorial

### Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to our newest registered parishioners! May you find faith, fellowship, love, and peace.

- Arthur Lucero
- Maggie Lucero
- Loren Gutierrez
- Paul Beltran
- Hailey Garcia
- Richard Madera
- Ryan Madera
- Isaac Beltran
- Marlene Guizar
- Henry Tijerino
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- Cherilee Hernandez
- Aleiandro Ambriz
- Frances Martinez
- Trances Martine.
- Aubree Ambriz
- Ariannah Ambriz
- Herminio Hernandez Jr.
- Maribel Arteaga
- Camila Hernandez

If you are not yet registered or have moved, dropped your landline, added a cellphone or email, or have adult children who have moved out, please keep us updated. If you live alone, provide us with an emergency contact. Contact Mary (805) 482-6417 x321 or mary@padreserrra.org

### **Prayer Life**

### Weekend Schedule

All liturgies are celebrated inside our beautiful parish church:

- Saturday, 5:00 pm
- Sunday, 7:30 am
- Sunday, 9:00 am
- Sunday, 11:00 am Livestreamed. Visit www.padreserra.org/mass

### Reconciliation

• Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm or by appointment: barbara@padreserra.org, (805) 482·6417 x324

### Weekday Mass

• Monday to Friday, 8:00 am

### **Pray for Our Sick**

Bob Amantia, Olga Arellano, Greg Cannon, Michael J. Dilley, Ben Fisco, Duane Fowler, Hyman Garcia, Ramona Garcia, Tim Graf, Jay Graham, Jessica Haff, Dorothy Johnson, Edna Jost, Hank Koval, Richard LeMar, Maria Luisa, Earlene McCormick, Dave McDonnell, Jackie Miller, Maggie Murtha, Hector Navarrete, Binh Ninh, Robert Olavarrietta, Donna O'Neil, Sophia Pantoja, Ashanti Paumley, Sister Carol Quinlivan, Alice Redondo, Juan Andres Sanchez, Dorothy Simmons, Ken Solovy, Jackson Soyster and Melissa Yeager. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

### Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Edwin Henderson, RIP

Mickey Huntsinger

Beloved mother of Pat Yost

Lourdes Quito, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

### **Prayer Opportunities**

- Daily Readings: bible.usccb.org
- Parish Book of Intentions: www.padreserra.org/intentions
- Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime
   Bette (805) 482·0067 bette\_church@hotmail.com
   Shirley (805) 482·2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com
   or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests
- Stations of the Cross: www.padreserra.org/stations
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: www.padreserra.org/news/olph
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel: www.padreserra.org/prayer

### Save the Date

- La Posada ~ December 5
- Simbang Gabi ~ December 17

### Giving

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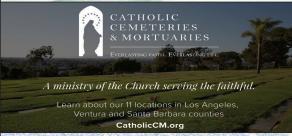


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brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste washes with ADVERTISED soap puts on ADVERTISED clothes drinks a cup

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Help a child or senior adult have a special Christmas morning! Pick up a tag from the Christmas trees in the church, purchase at least one of the items listed, and attach the Angel Tag firmly to the outside of the package.

Return the wrapped gift to the church no later than **9:00 am on Sunday, December 11.** 

Contact Geralyn Moody, (805) 491.2602, angeltags@padreserra.org

Visit www.padreserra.org/angel-tags



# Altar Server Installation

New date:

Sunday, November 20 9:00 am Mass

Let's welcome the newest members of one of the largest altar server ministries in the archdiocese and express our heartfelt gratitude to their parents and families!

Visit www.padreserra.org/altar-servers



Henri Nouwen said, "The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."

As we enter this Advent season to prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's second coming at the end of time and to celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' birth on Christmas, we are also called to remember that Jesus is very much present today.

This Advent let us commit ourselves to seek and encountering Jesus daily. Consider one or more of these Advent preparations:

**Little Blue Books:** Simple thought-provoking reflections. Books are available in the church lobby.

**Advent Calendar:** Inspirational reflections for personal conversion and service to others. Sign up today at www.padreserra.org/advent

**Weekly Faith Sharing:** Virtual small group sharing and discussion of scripture. Sign up today at www.padreserra.org/advent-faith-sharing

Questions

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# Christmas Concert & Dinner Friday, December 16

Celebrate with Padre Serra choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists as they bring you joyous music in the beautiful ambience of the church.

Enjoy a festive community meal before the concert in the Serra Center!

Tickets will be available exclusively online; visit www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert

Reserved seating ticket sales begin Monday, November 28!

Questions: michelle@padreserra.org

