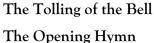


Advent IV December 18, 2022 11:00 a.m. The Congregation Gathers

Prelude My inmost heart now raises

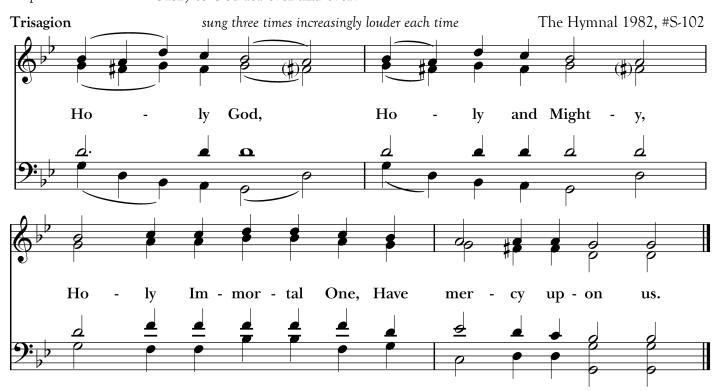
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The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant	Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People	Glory to God for ever and ever.



The Collect of the Day

CelebrantGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

God with us, borne by Mary's flesh beyond all convention: give us the faith of Joseph to see the Spirit's work where the world sees only shame; to listen to the promise and waken to the cry of life renewed and love reborn; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 80 vs. 1-7, 16-18Qui regis IsraelThe Hymnal, S-446, Tone 1, Variation 8



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading / Joseph / like a flock;* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the / cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, / and Ma-/nasseh,* stir up your strength and come to / help us.
- 3 Restore us, / O God / of hosts;* show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be saved.
- 4 –/ O God / of hosts,* how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your / people?
- 5 You have fed them / with the / bread of tears;* you have given them bowls of / tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision / of our / neighbors,* and our enemies laugh us / to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, / O God / of hosts;* show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the / man of your / right hand,*

the son of man you have made so strong / for yourself.

- 17 And so will we never / turn a-/way from you;* give us life, that we may call up-/on your Name.
- 18 Restore us, / O God / of hosts;* show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be saved.

The Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

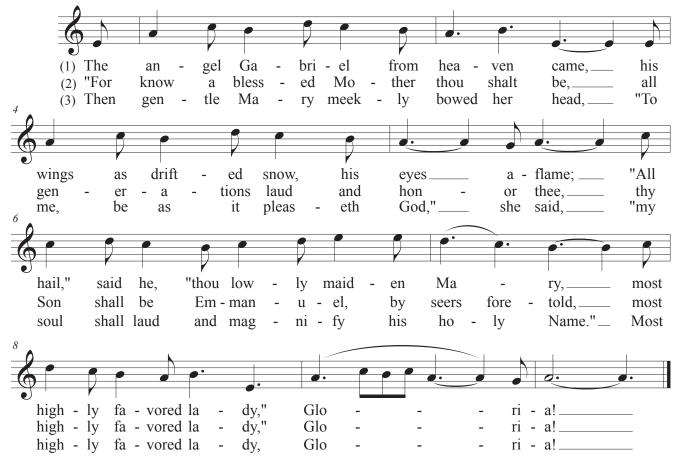
Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.*People* Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Procession



The Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Gospeler The people respond The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

G*ospeler* The people respond The Gospel of our Savior. *Praise to you, O Christ.*



Prayers of the People

During the pause after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Deacon / Celebrant

As we keep awake for the revealing of our Savior Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who stirs up strength and comes to help us.

Leader

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ -- we pray to you, O God. *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh.*

For Marc our bishop and all bishops, for the priests, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God - - we pray to you, O God.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh.

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place -- we pray to you, O God. *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh.*

For Joe our President, for the leaders of the nations and all in authority -- we pray to you, O God. *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh.*

For justice, peace, and freedom among all peoples of the earth -- we pray to you, O God. *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh.*

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering and for those in any need or trouble -- we pray to you, O God. *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh.*

For the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison -- we pray to you, O God. *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh.*

For the dying and the dead, and for those in mourning -- we pray to you, O God. *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh.*

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need -- we pray to you, O God.. *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh.*

Joining our voices with our Sister Mary of Nazareth and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Celebrant

O Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, sun of justice, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

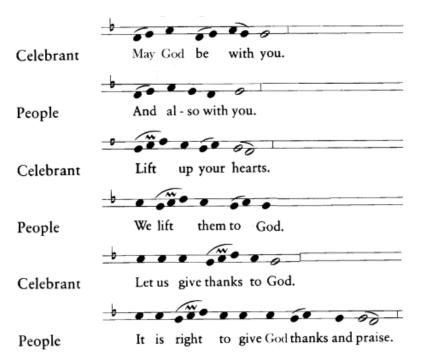
Offertory Anthem Soon and very soon

Words & Music: Andraé Crouch (1942-2015)

Presentation Hymn



The Great Thanksgiving

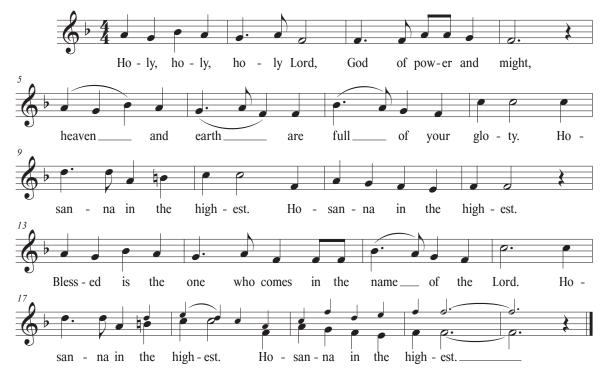


Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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 he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Loving God:

We remember your death, O Christ, We proclaim your resurrection, We await your coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

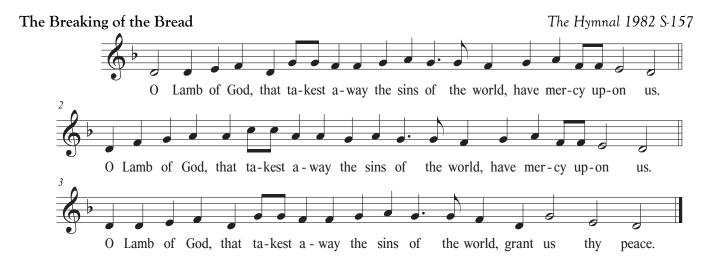
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, the Blessed Holy Innocents, Blessed Francis, Blessed Clare, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.



Invitation to the Table

The Celebrant invites all who wish to come to the Table by saying:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

During Communion all are invited to receive either the Sacrament or a blessing; gluten-free wafers are available.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are always welcome at Holy Innocents.

Healing Prayer

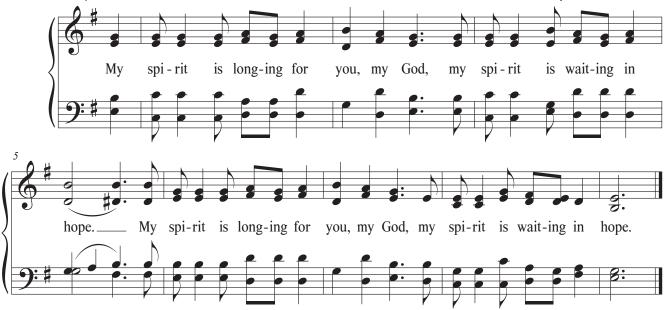
During this time people are also invited to participate in Healing Prayer in the Mary Chapel, at the back of the nave. All are invited to participate in the laying on of hands and anointing for yourself or for someone else.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshiping with us online:

Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

William Bradley Roberts



Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

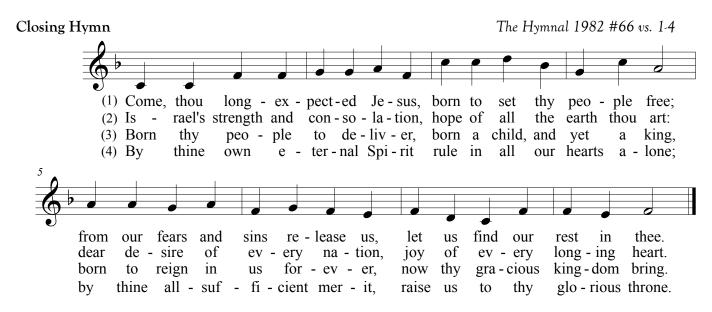
Celebrant Celebrant & People

Eternal God, we thank you that in Christ you give yourself into our hands: May we who have tasted life proclaim the coming feast when many will come from east and west, from north and south, to greet the Lord of all. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Community Blessings

Blessing

May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgment and flame to our longing that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love; and the blessing of God, one holy and undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*



The Dismissal

CelebrantLet us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude Sortie on Veni Redemptor gentium (Redeemer of the nations, come)

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SERVING HOLY INNOCENTS TODAY

The Rev. Scot Sherman, Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain, Deacon Bill Keck, Director of Music Sr. Pamela Clare, CSF, Prayers of the People Sr. Jean, CSF, Healing Minister Thomas Farmer, Flowers Beth Weise / Sarah Thornburg, Tech Team Dano Cammarota, Altar Guild & Bell Toller

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We need volunteers for the Planning Committee for the Christmas Pageant. These are not necessarily the people who will do all the work, but the people who will plan what we're going to do, how it can happen safely, who do we need to do what, etc. Please contact PamelaClarecsf@aol.com to volunteer for the planning committee.

Holy Innocents Christmas

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Pageant & Communion for all ages!10:30 pm Christmas Eve Carols & Festal Eucharist10:00 am Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols

- Advent Flowers: If you would like to contribute to the Altar Flowers for Advent, please use the red flower envelopes on the credenza in the back of the church. There is also a clipboard on the credenza where you may write your dedication. The names and dedications will appear in the bulletin on Christmas Eve / Day. You may also donate online and/or send your dedications to Dano Cammarota (my email is on the flower envelopes) before December 21st.
- Holy Innocents Stewardship Campaign Thank you for all you do for the Holy Innocents Community! Your gifts help us live out our mission and ministry in our neighborhood and throughout the world. You are invited to make your pledge of time, talent, and treasure for the 2023 fiscal year during our pledge campaign season - October 9 - October 30. Don't worry if you have not yet sent in your pledge card. You may still do so!

To participate in this year's campaign, please visit our Stewardship web page at https://holyinsf.org/giving You may also complete a pledge card located at the back of the church and place it in the plate. However you make your gift this year, please know that your work is appreciated and needed."

Healing Service

We have resumed having a service of healing at the Mary Chapel during communion on Sundays. All are invited to participate (in whatever manner is comfortable for you) in the laying on of hands and anointing for yourself or for someone else in.

Interfaith Winter Shelter Volunteering in March 2023

Are you interested in volunteering for the Interfaith Winter Shelter this season? Holy Innocents is signed up to prepare and serve meals **Sunday**, **March 5th** at Canon Kip Senior Center (705 Natoma Street). We need to prepare meals offsite for 30 guests plus 3 staff, and then be there at 5 pm to serve them.

If you are interested in participating, please let Sarah Klapec know at <u>sklapec@yahoo.com</u> or via text at 415-672-4298. We can then discuss what we want to prepare and who will do what. If you are just able to cook but not serve, or just able to serve but not cook, just let Sarah know, and she will coordinate accordingly!

If this date doesn't work for you or if you want to volunteer for more days, there are weekdays we can sign up! Just let her know your interest and your weekday availability. There are different locations depending on the date but we do need to be ready to serve at 5 pm.

San Francisco Deanery

Holy Innocents has an opportunity for a parishioner to serve as a lay delegate to the San Francisco Deanery for the Diocese of California. There is also one alternate delegate position open. The Diocese is organized into six deaneries, or jurisdictions, and the SF Deanery is one of them. It has lay and clergy representatives from each of the 16 Episcopal churches in San Francisco and holds four meetings a year in February, May, September, and November-on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 (meetings next year will likely be hybrid Zoom/in-person meetings). The purpose of the Deanery is to allow for better communication across congregations and with Diocesan leadership; typical meetings include presentations and discussions of key issues in the Diocese, and provide the opportunity to learn a lot more about how our Diocese works. Lay delegates also attend the Annual Convention in October and vote on resolutions and nominees for various Diocesan positions. In 2023, there will also be a special December convention to elect the new Bishop, so next year is a big year for the Deanery delegates! If you're interested, talk to Miriam Keil, Senior Warden. If you want more information about what's involved, talk to Richard Mills, who has been a delegate for the last 4 years.

- Due to privacy concerns, we have removed personal email addresses from our newsletters and bulletins. When we list a person as a contact, please use our membership directory. This directory requires that a person be in the directory in order to retrieve contact information. If you need to be added to the directory, please send your request to <u>support@holyinsf.org</u>.
- **Sock Drive for Bayview Mission:** A box will be kept in the back of the sanctuary for donations of a new pair of socks (men, women, children). The socks will be collected and delivered to Bayview Mission in time for Christmas. For more info contact Dano Cammarota.
- **Emergency Flood Relief for Haji Muhammad Sharif Village in Pakistan** Claire Quarterman's best friend is trying to raise money for the victims of a flood in Pakistan. Her friend's father lives in the town. Here is the link where one can

donate: <u>https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/emergency_flood_relief_for_haji_muhammad_shari</u> <u>f_village_in_pakistan#!/</u>

Open Cathedral - potluck and sandwich making date: January 18, 2022.

Thanks to everyone who has been part of this ministry. Reach out to Rita Lin or Fabienne Blanc if you are interested in taking part in this ministry. We would like to commit to providing meals once a month, and do have some funds if you would like to help but want reimbursement for the cost of the meals.

Wednesday Potlucks are back!

Come join us for a shared meal in the parish hall every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, Bring a dish and/or beverage to share. At our next gathering, we will discuss bringing back our post meal content and conversation. Contact Stephen or Cynthia Walker for questions or more information.

- **Hospitality:** We have begun having a small **coffee hour** on the sidewalk after the service, you can sign up to contribute on the <u>rota sign up link</u>.
- **Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed**: No specific skills required, just a willingness to learn and a general comfort with technology. We will provide all the training you need.
- Morning Prayer (via Zoom) continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please reach out to Sue Fandel if you'd like the link.

To add an announcement to the weekly newsletter and/or Sunday bulletin, please send your text (ready to paste) no later than 11:00 am Wednesday to office@holyinsf.org.

Staying Connected!

You can follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HolyInSF. If you would like to receive our congregational emails, email office@holyinsf.org

HOLY INNOCENTS PRAYER LIST

* to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please contact the church office at office@holyinsf.org

For healing of body, mind, and spirit:

Alyssa (Sarah B's friend); Andrea & Lucas, and their family (Sarah B's friends); Ange; Betty (Camilla's sister); Bill & Sergio; Carol & Katie (Joyce's nieces); Catherine (Amelia's mother and Thomas' friend); Christopher (Beth's friend); Darlene (Judith's friend); David B.;Diana (Anne's niece); Elyse (Judith's friend); Eric (Liz K's nephew); Fatima (Claire's godmother); Giovanni and Rosanna (Fabienne's cousins); Gloria (Tom L's sister-inlaw); Hotie Gilpin (Sarah's aunt); Jane Davies; Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Jeremy (Thomas' husband); Joel & Sam; John (Tom L's brother); John (Davey's father); John M. (Sam's friend); Judith; Julia; Julie (Ange's aunt); Kathryn (Judith's friend); Kristen, Ben, and Haven (Sarah B's friends); Leigh (Sarah B's friend); Lina (Fabienne's friend); Lorene and Danny (Joyce's friends); Mallory, Eric and (baby) Anthony (Judith's friends); Marge (Ellen's mother); Margie and Roger (Cary); Marius et Michelle (Fabienne's parents); Mary (Susan K DeGrado's mother); Mary M.; Maxime, Thomas & James; Peter (Tom L's friend); Pierre (Fabienne's family friend); Rob M.; Robin (Anne's friend); Sarah, Gideon, and family (friends of Malcolm, Seth, and Cora); Sarah (Kevin's aunt); Sharon (Natasha's mom); Seán (Judith's friend); Stephen W.; Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth's brother and sister in-law); Susan D.; Thomas F.; Virginia, Will (Cynthia's son).

For the departed:

Robert Bautista (Joyce's friend), Mike and Toni Rae Katz (John's brother and sister-in-law), Fred (Bucky) Mills (Richard's dad); Laura Pettibone (Anne Jenkins' wife); Burt Cazden; Donald Pace (Judith's friend); Eleni Kasapi (Steven's mother); Joan Blair (Anne R's mother); Mary (Alison's mother); Mike Scorer (Paul's father), Peter Olson and Ilan Vitemberg (Tom L's friends); Sue (Sarah B's friend); Thomas Jenkins (Anne's dad).

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