

The Baptism of Christ January 8, 2023 11:00 a.m. The Congregation Gathers

Prelude Meditation on St. Patrick's Breastplate (I bind unto myself today)

The Tolling of the Bell

Please stand as you are able.



The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Creator, the Word Incarnate, and the Sustainer.

People And blessed be God's dominion now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God of all.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of freedom, your beloved meets us where we are, immersed in the flow of life: by his humility and solidarity raise us from fear and guilt; may the arc of the Spirit's flight make us a people of peace; through Jesus Christ, the Son of Righteousness. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,

or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed

until he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,

who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it

and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,

a light to the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,

nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,

and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,

I tell you of them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 Afferte Domino

Lift Every Voice and Sing, #276

- 1 Ascribe to the Most High, you gods,* ascribe to our God glory and strength.
- 2 Give glory to the name of the Most **High;*** worship God in the beauty of **holiness**.
- 3 The voice of the Most High is upon the waters; the God of glory **thunders**;* God is upon the mighty **waters**.
- 4 The voice of the Holy One is a powerful voice;* the voice of God is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedar trees;* God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Most High splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Most High shakes the wilderness;* God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe* and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Holy One* all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Most High sits enthroned above the **flood**;* God sits enthroned as Sovereign for ever-more.
- +11 You, O God, will give strength to your people;* you will give your people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ~he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.



The Hymnal 1982 #120 vs. 1-2



- (1) The sin-less one to Jor-dan came, and in the riv-er shared our stain;
- (2) Up ris ing from the wa ters there, the Fa-ther's voice did then de-clare



God's right - eous-ness he thus ful-filled, and chose the path his Fa - ther willed. that Christ, the Son of God, had come to lead his scat-tered peo - ple home.

The Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The people respond Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.

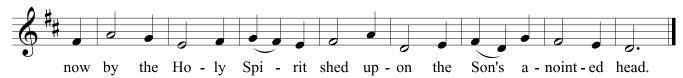
The people respond Praise to you, O Christ.

The Gospel Procession

The Hymnal 1982 #120 vs.3



(3) A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove, the sign of God the Fa-ther's love,



The Sermon The Rev. Scot Sherman

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the

right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,

and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent

and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity

of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and

renew the life of the Earth?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers of the People

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

Deacon / Celebrant

Dear people of God, let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need:

Leader

For the Church of God in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope... (petitions may be added) ...we pray to you, Loving God.

Hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples... (petitions may be added) ...we pray to you, Loving God.

Hear our prayer.

For the poor, the sick, and all who suffer, that they may be relieved and protected... (petitions may be added) ...we pray to you, Loving God.

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died and those who mourn... (petitions may be added) ...we pray to you, Loving God.

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

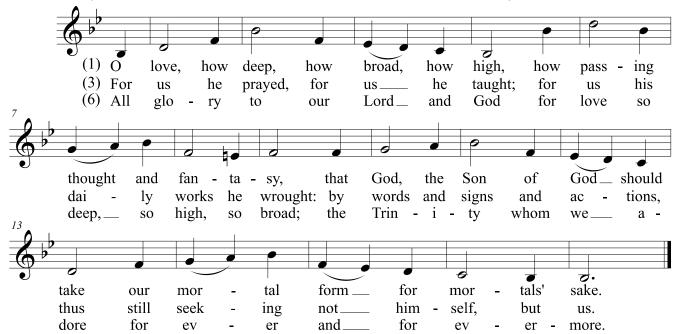
The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Baptized in water Words: Michael Seward (1932-2015);

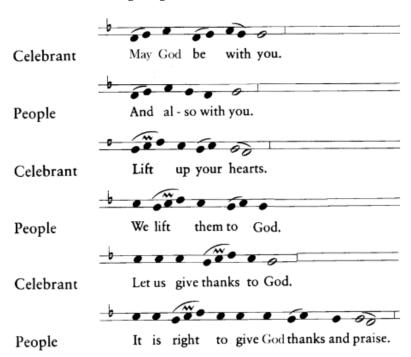
Music: David Charles Walker (1938-2018)



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The Great Thanksgiving



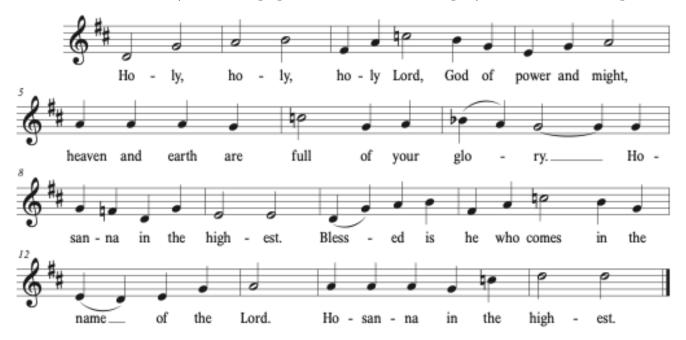
Celebrant

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

We praise you, God of many names, whose Spirit runs free through all the earth, whose image lies deep in every mortal soul.

In your grace your Word is made known to every people, calling forth the best they have to offer; your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation healing the chaos that floods our world; your Son is the guest who offers new wine changing hearts grown withered and cold.

Therefore we celebrate the rays of morning light that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:



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:

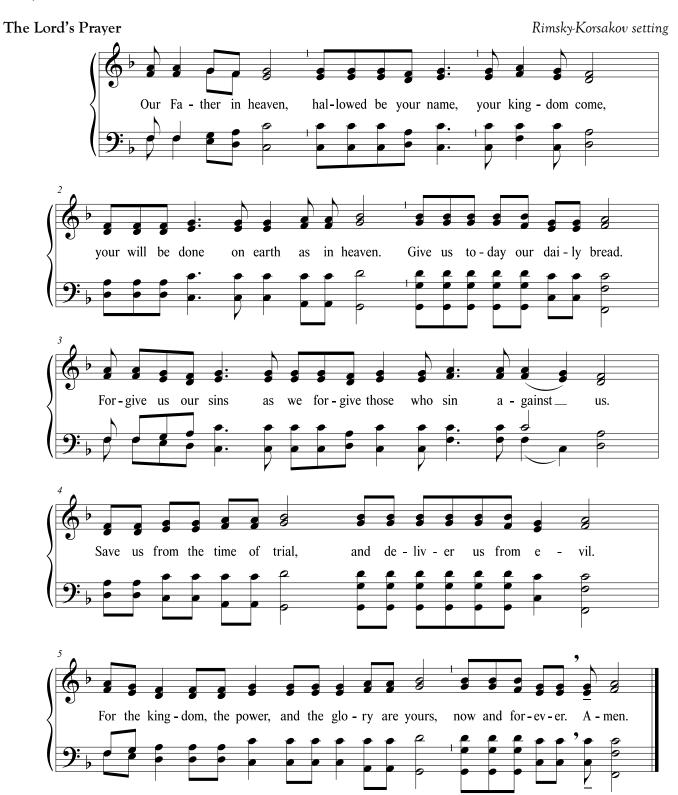
We remember your death, O Christ, We proclaim your resurrection, We await your coming in glory.

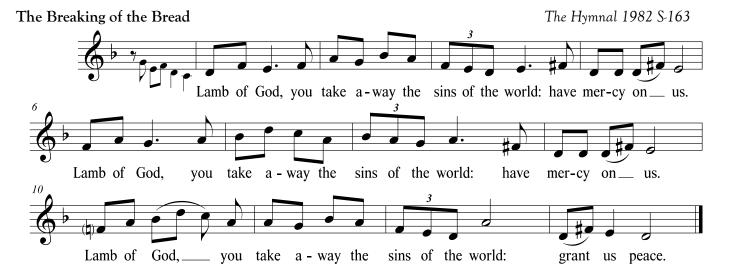
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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.*





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.

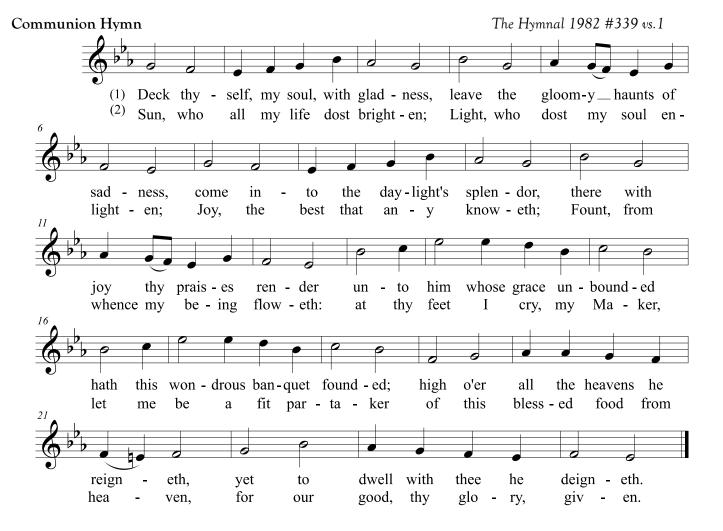
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are always welcome at Holy Innocents.

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.



Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

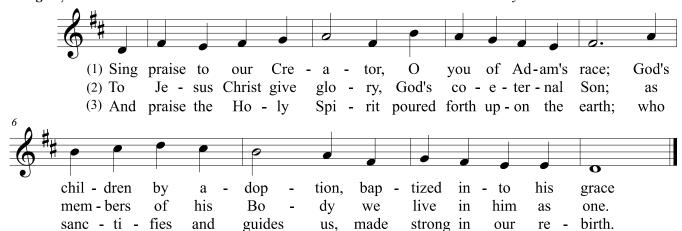
Celebrant & People

Lord of the wedding feast, we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life: in the beauty of humility may we receive with joy the stranger's gift, the water's grace, the living wine of love's desire. Amen.

Community Blessings

Epiphany Blessing

May Christ, who draws the nations to himself, teach us to love our enemies; may Christ, who enters the water of baptism, lead us to die to all but love; may Christ, who gives new wine for the world, turn our bitterness into joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Word Incarnate, and the Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you and those you love always. *Amen.*



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Allegro (from Voluntary in A minor, Set 1 No.2) by John Stanley (1713-86)

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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 sklapec@yahoo.com 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 support@holyinsf.org.
- 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: https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/emergency flood relief for haji muhammad sharifyvillage in pakistan#!/

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** 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.

Staving 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-in-law); 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 (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:

Roger Wolcott (Cary), 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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