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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
September 20, 2020
10:30 a.m.

# THE VOLUNTARY Prelude for Organ: Tonality of Time

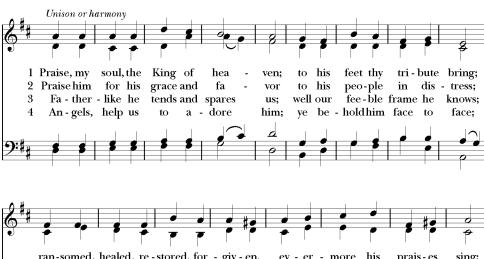
Francesco Blackmore (b. 1991)



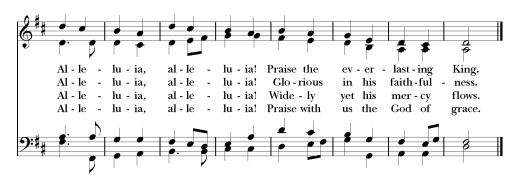
Born in Jamaica, Francesco Blackmore is a Connecticut composer and organist, currently serving as director of music at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Windsor. He was an award-winning composition and theory student at CCSU, and recently was composer-in-residence at West Avon Congregational Church. Scott was honored to play the premiere of this work on our Pipes Alive! series in 2019.

THE OPENING HYMN 410, vv. 1, 2, 4 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven *All sing or read along*.

Lauda Anima







Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: Lauda anima, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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#### OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

# THE SONG OF PRAISE Dignus es

Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)



For you created every thing that is,

and by your will they were created and have their being; Refrain

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation,

a kingdom of priests to serve our God. Refrain

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,

and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,

for ever and for evermore. Refrain

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The Rev'd Benjamin Straley is rector of St. Stephen's Church in Providence, former organist of Washington National Cathedral, and a noted concert organist who performed here in 2020. He wrote this song of praise for the Cathedral, and our choir had the honor of premiering it while singing there in July 2019. His tempo marking is "with much verve," so listen once to the refrain and then help us make a joyful noise to God, even from the comfort of your home!

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. Celebrant

And also with you. People

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things

> heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the

Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 

THE PSALTER Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45

The people say the words in **bold**.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \* make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \* and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \* let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \* continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \* his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \* in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \* because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \* and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \* and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \* so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word \* and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \* his chosen with shouts of joy.

- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \* and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes \* and observe his laws.
  Hallelujah!

# THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

o me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 

THE GOSPEL Matthew 20:1–16

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

esus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

# THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in **bold**.

Let us offer prayers to God for all who labor in the vineyard of Christ and for all in every danger and need.

For Michael our presiding bishop, for Ian and Laura our bishops, for our clergy, for this holy gathering, and for all who share the bread of life. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our parish community of St. John's, that we will be guided by God's wisdom, protected by God's strength, and filled with God's goodness. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all peoples and their leaders, for candidates for office, and for justice, mercy, and peace in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

For all who work for daily wages, and for their employers and managers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For abundant fruit from the earth, for travelers, and for safety from violent storms. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

For the sick and the suffering; prisoners, captives, and their families; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed; and all those in desperate need, especially those whose health, well-being, safety, and livelihood are threatened by the pandemic, and those affected by the wildfires in the West. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our community and those who live in it; for our families, companions, and all those we love; and for those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Officiant Gracious and merciful God, you honor the last as well as the first. Hear the prayers we offer this day and welcome your people into your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE WELCOME

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM Locus iste

Anton Bruckner (1824–1896) Words: Latin gradual for the dedication of a church Adult and Youth Choirs

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est. *This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.* 

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

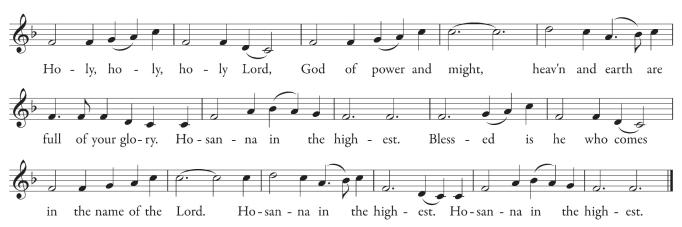
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

# THE SANCTUS



Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Gary James (b. 1957)



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Refrain* One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. *Refrain* 

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#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Gracious and Risen Lord, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament and we love you above all things. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we desire to receive you into our souls. 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.** 

AR HYD Y NOS

People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this gathering of the community he formed. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

# THE CLOSING HYMN For the fruit of all creation

All read or sing along.

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#### THE DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Fantasy in G minor, BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

# THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton
Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker
Organist: Scott Lamlein
Cantors: Cate Emerick and John Nowacki
The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs
Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto
Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

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## In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

## Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

| Jim Evans       | Susan           | Michael           | Whitney Lynch |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Kim Green       | Edith Connolly  | Beth              | Lee           |
| Janet Ray       | Sue             | Chris             | Patricia      |
| Susan Murray    | Gwain Gillespie | Ellie Brown       | Seamus        |
| Brad Babbitt    | Maureen Carrol  | Billy Ulrich      | Deedy         |
| Barbara         | Robert E. Eikel | Lowenstein Family | Beverly       |
| Dhaliwal Family | Moghadam Family | Jonah Dahlstrom   |               |
|                 |                 |                   |               |

#### Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Helen Cooke Eddie Genece
Bradley Crocker Alison Buckley
William Smith Lilley Hohl
Ted Whittemore Sofia Jones
Margaret Babbitt Lindsey Carlisle

#### Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

June and Emmy Aziz Julia and Jim O'Brien

#### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Trinity, Torrington; and for c children and children's ministries; Rhythms of Grace, Grace2Go, and other ministries for children with special needs.

#### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

#### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

Go to our web site at www.sjparish.com for details and links.

Sunday School (elementary through middle school), 9:30 a.m. Sundays on Zoom

Sunday morning livestream service, 10:30 a.m. on YouTube, Facebook and the web site

#### Sunday evening outdoor service, 5 p.m. on the West Lawn

Masks are required and we will observe socially distanced seating. Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket to sit on. Stay afterward for socially distanced conversation and games; you're welcome to bring food or non-alcoholic beverages for you/your family.

Online Noonday Prayer, Monday through Friday at 12 p.m. on Zoom

Online Bible Study, Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Online Morning Prayer, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. on Zoom

Family Happy Hour, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom

**After the 5:00 outdoor service**, we're offering several activities to encourage safe and socially distanced connections.

- Today, September 20, we'll host an informal newcomers' gathering.
- Healing prayers are available in the Cloister Garden.
- You're welcome to bring food or non-alcoholic beverages.
- We'll have safe outdoor games for all ages after the services on 9/20, 10/11, and 10/18.
- On September 27, we'll have a BYO picnic followed by a family-friendly movie.

**The book study discussion group on** *Just Mercy* **by Bryan Stevenson** will meet virtually on Zoom on one more Wednesday, September 30 at 7 p.m.

**Fall Quiet Day, September 26, 9 a.m. to noon.** Join us for a morning of quiet, prayer, and rest at St. John's. We will begin and end in prayer, with time in between for walking the labyrinth, prayer, contemplation, art, and journaling. This event is limited to 20 participants. Social distancing and masks will be required. Sign up at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/sjpquietday">https://tinyurl.com/sjpquietday</a>

**Dine Around Dinners, September 25–27.** The Stewardship Committee is happy to announce that the annual St. John's Dine Around Dinners will take place this year, with some changes to ensure everyone's safety. There are two options you may choose from.

**Option 1** - Virtual Hosted Dinners on September 25 and September 26. Four dinner hosts will each make a main dish, and guests will supply their own sides and beverages. Guests will be assigned to one of the hosts, and pick up their main course at church. If a guest is unable to pick up their meal, a member of the Stewardship Committee will deliver it to their home. At a designated time, the diners will gather virtually with their host and other diners on Zoom, where the host will talk about their recipe and people can chat.

**Option 2** - Picnic and a movie outdoors at St. John's on September 27. This option is designed especially for families with children, but anyone is welcome. After the 5 p.m. service, guests will bring their own picnic, along with chairs or a picnic blanket, and enjoy socially distanced conversation outdoors. At 7 p.m., we will show a family-friendly movie.

Sign up online at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/sjpdinearound">https://tinyurl.com/sjpdinearound</a> OR <a href="e-mail Ellen">e-mail Ellen</a> in the parish office.

#### STEWARDSHIP NOTES

Susan Pinkerton, our rector, has shared that through our worship, pastoral care and the many ministries at St. John's, we experience God's grace working in our lives in ways we could never imagine: "God's abundant love transforms and shapes how we see ourselves and how we act in the world, as we become more aware of the many blessings that grace our lives. With this deepened awareness, we understand that all that we have and all that we are comes from God."

Stewardship is about gratitude for the abundant gifts God has given us. Giving generously out of that abundance can change our outlook and nurture our relationship with God and others.

Pledge cards will be sent to your home in the middle of October, and we hope to receive completed pledge cards (or your online pledge) by Commitment Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our annual giving campaign, Kim Byrd and Matt Ciscel, Co-Chairs, Stewardship Committee

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# **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. (livestream video) and 5 p.m. (outdoors). Noonday Prayer online via Zoom at 12 p.m. every weekday, except on holidays. Morning Prayer online via Zoom at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#### **STAFF**

| The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net)   | Rector                            |  |  |  |
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| Christa Rakich                                  | Organ Artist-in-Residence         |  |  |  |
| Ralph Valentine                                 | Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus |  |  |  |
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| VESTRY                                          |                                   |  |  |  |
| Geoff Emerick                                   | Warden                            |  |  |  |
| Virginia Van Dyk                                | Warden                            |  |  |  |
| Tim Goetz and John Roche                        | Co-Treasurers                     |  |  |  |
| Tim Goetz and John Roche                        | Scribe                            |  |  |  |
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