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and Feast of Francis of Assisi

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Welcome to ZOOM worship at St. Thomas.

This Sunday at 10:00am, you are invited to join Pastor Salying for open conversation before worship begins at 10:30am.

Now that most of us know how to use Zoom, the half hour before service usually dedicated to trouble-shooting will also be an open time to connect with one another and with the pastor. All are welcome. Just sign in as usual.

All others, at 10:20-10:25am Sunday, please connect to our worship meeting.

There are two ways to do this:

1. by computer or smartphone (video and audio):

You may access our ZOOM meeting on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

2. by telephone (audio only):

Dial +1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

This will be our link/ID going forward.

When prompted for a participant number, touch the pound key #

*Notes for dial-in users: *6 (star 6) to mute/unmute the audio from your phone to the meeting. This doesn't stop audio from the meeting to you.*

**9 (star 9) raise your hand to (hopefully) let someone else at the meeting know you'd like to speak. You may use *9 again to lower your raised hand.*

Actual connection time may take several minutes; please be patient.

Once you are connected, your face (or phone number) should appear in a square on your screen, as will the faces of others who have signed in.

Note: For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.

We will begin with introductory remarks, announcements, and then worship with Morning Prayer together as one large body; we will then break out into small groups for "coffee hour" and sermon discussion.

You may print the order of service from this document, OR you may follow along when the order of service appears on the screen.

When all are ready, the officiant will begin.

General Announcements

Family Ministry Hour Family Ministry will gather the children for a Zoom meeting to discover more about Moses from the Book of Exodus on **Thursday October 8th at 4:00p.m.** Activity Sheets will be mailed before the class. Our Zoom address is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86433323177>

Peace and Justice Committee Report

Voting Matters! Please Vote!

We are supporting PACT (People Acting in Community Together) and PACT's parent organization PICO CA this election season to encourage potential voters to commit to vote in the Presidential Election and to support California Proposition 15 which will bring \$12 Billion to schools and local communities each year by closing a corporate property tax loophole. We need volunteers who are interested in helping. Please contact Cal Cornwell at 408.529.2066 or calcornwell@yahoo.com.

League of Women Voters Pro/Con Presentations As we have an election coming up, at the national, state, and local levels, the League of Women Voters will do their usual fine work in presenting information on the propositions and ballot measures before the voters, both in favor of and against these issues. An on-line presentation will be available to any interested voters. The LWV is offering two live webinars on November 3 ballot measures. You may register online with the following links:

October 17 at 2:00pm: <https://my.lwv.org/california/cupertino-sunnyvale/event/nov-3-2020-election-pros-cons>

October 19 at 7:00pm: <https://my.lwv.org/california/cupertino-sunnyvale/event/nov-3-2020-election-pros-cons-0>

These webinars will be recorded; the recording may be accessed for a few days after the date, using the link.

Voter's Edge California: A good online resource for voters.

<https://votersedge.org/ca>

Voter's Edge California is a joint project of MapLight and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund. Voter's Edge California is a comprehensive, nonpartisan online guide to elections covering federal, state, and local races in the state of California.

With Voter's Edge California, voters can:

Access their full, personalized ballot by entering their address.

Get in-depth information on candidates, measures, and who supports them.

View candidate biographies, top priorities, answers to questions, photos, policy videos, endorsements, and detailed information about who funds their campaigns.

Browse unbiased explanations of ballot measures; find out who supports, opposes, and funds them.

Check where, when, and how to vote, including information on their local polling locations.

Keep track of their choices to make voting easier.

Share information about the election with friends and family.

Post-Election Conversation This election cycle promises to be full of big emotions around deep convictions. Whatever happens, we can get together to talk and pray for our common life. Come process the election on November 10 at 7pm with Pastor Salying and the St. Thomas community:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83401954609>

Or, one tap mobile

+16699009128,,83401954609# US (San Jose)

Weekly Diocesan Conversations About Race

The Revs. Karen Cuffie and Jani Wild are leading weekly pastoral conversations on racism **every Thursday at 4:30 pm**. There will be a brief introduction to the focus of the session followed by discussion and prayers. Please join us; there is no better way to learn, process, and share together than in a faith community.

There is no preparation required and no homework. Each meeting has a short video and then a discussion in breakout groups.

Please come to the conversation whenever it fits your schedule.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83575948022?pwd=eUVMeDcrTTkzTHNKYUQ0c2J4b1YvUT09>

Meeting ID: 835 7594 8022 Passcode: 748467

One tap mobile: 16699006833, 83575948022#, 0#, 748467#

St Thomas Library: Delivering to your Doorstep!

The library is extending its trial of a no-contact delivery service until November 4, 2020. Due to Covid-19, we're closed to in-person visits, but we will bring the books to you! Make requests by email to library@stthomas-svale.com or through your online account at <https://stec.booksys.net/opac/cl/#menuHome> We'll put your items in a bag and leave it on your doorstep at a pre-arranged time. When you're ready to return the items, send us another

email and we'll arrange a pick-up, preferably on a Friday. Simply leave the items in the bag on your doorstep at a pre-arranged time and we'll pick them up! If you live more than 30 minutes from the church, then we can mail items to you. You're responsible for return postage.

If you'd like to read the procedures we use to minimize risk, including health checks, hand sanitizer and quarantining returns, a document is available on the website or can be requested from the library.

We've acquired new titles since the start of the year! Why not try...

Wrestling with God by Valerie Ann Hart

They Call Us Enemy by George Takei – Teens and older/Book Club choice

The Painting Table: A Journal of Joy and Loss by Roger Hutchinson

Food Delivery for Seniors: Great Plates Delivered program.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/restaurants-deliver-home-meals-for-seniors/>

Great Plates Delivered is a program “designed to support adults 65 and older and adults 60-64 who are at high-risk from COVID-19, in staying home and staying healthy by delivering three (3) nutritious meals a day, and also provide essential economic stimulus to local businesses and workers struggling to stay afloat during the COVID crisis.”

The following is info from the site about where to call in Santa Clara County for someone interested in getting meals:

Cities in Santa Clara County including San Jose (Sourcewise): call 408-350-3230, select Option 1

The following is a link to the FAQs for participants:

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/great-plates-delivered-participants-faqs.pdf>

Re-Keying the Campus

Dorothy Furgerson

The Vestry has approved a new Key Control policy that spells out how we control access to our buildings to safeguard our people and property. Before we are able to gather at St. Thomas again, we will be getting the exterior doors and most of the interior doors re-keyed.

The Vestry has developed a list of the roles that may require people in those roles to have keys, and to which buildings. Before getting a new key, each person identified in an eligible role will need to complete on-line training in Safeguarding God's People and/or Children, and to sign an agreement to abide by the policy: to use the key only for sanctioned entry, to not copy the key or give it to someone else, and to return it when no longer in the role or when requested. The Parish Administrator will maintain a roster of who has

keys. We are discussing requiring a deposit from non-St. Thomas people getting keys.

Members of the congregation identified as needing keys are the staff, Vestry, Altar Guild, LEMs, library volunteers, and leaders of groups/programs that meet or work at St. Thomas. Pam Storrer will be coordinating the on-line training and will notify people of which modules they need to complete and how to access them. We will give people at least a month to complete the training and sign the agreement before we have the re-keying done.

If you currently have a key and want to see if your role is included in the list we have developed, please contact Dorothy Furgerson: drdfurg@mac.com.

Re-entry Team Report

As you know, we are in Phase II of the response to the COVID crisis. This means we shelter-in-place and do worship, programs, and meetings online. Only essential business is conducted on campus. Our Daily Bread volunteers conducting the business of the meal program are managed by David Barnes while on campus.

All others must have Pastor Salying's permission to be on campus and follow the protocol of masks and disinfection.

For the present time, we will worship online for the rest of the year. At the beginning of 2021, the re-entry team will reassess the plan. Even so, our current reentry plan provides a protocol for extraordinary worship gatherings, (funerals and memorial services) to be held outdoors, with attendance limited to the numbers allowed for gatherings in Santa Clara County. Our protocol requires social distancing, wearing of masks by all participants, and that the service be non-contact (no Peace, Eucharist, etc). We will require that the requester cover the cost for janitorial cleaning / sanitation services. Written attendance lists will be maintained in the event that a post-event positive diagnosis is made and contact tracing information is required.

Protocols for the lunch program, Our Daily Bread have been in place since the switch to take-out meals, and are an addendum to the parish reentry plan. A return to sit-down dining depends on a lifting of restrictions on in-door gatherings and group sizes in the County and approval from the Bishop. At this time the library remains closed and the office is minimally staffed. AA and AlAnon are not meeting at the parish at this time.



FAITH • FILLED GENEROSITY

by The Rev. Ed Gomez

This Sunday falls on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and, as if by design, all the readings speak to his exemplary life of practicing generosity. Living church in the time of COVID-19 has reconfirmed my views of poverty and generosity.

As I ponder today's readings, Paul's words pop out at me in Philippians, where he writes: "Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ."

He continues: "For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ."

In reflecting on the life of Francis and these words, I wish to suggest that we not romanticize his embrace of poverty, but rather focus on his Faith-Filled Generosity. His generosity allowed him to surrender his privilege and wealth, and to embrace and consider them "rubbish," in order to be Jesus to those who need Him most.

When the church where I serve, San Pablo in Houston, closed doors for public worship, we opened a new way of church... one that provided drive-by food distribution and rental assistance for Houston's most vulnerable people. Donations and volunteerism increased tenfold and online viewership flourished more than any Sunday attendance record in recent memory. The gifts came mainly from those we called "unchurched" or who do not consider themselves religious. The joy exuded in giving included dancing, socially distant high-fives and laughter through masks.

Our worship became solidarity and compassion, the religious became spiritual, the unchurched found their worship, and the poor heard and felt the Good News. I learned that practicing Faith-Filled Generosity as Francis did transforms and unites us all. A new Church for a new world.

See questions for reflection following page.

Stewardship
October 4:

For reflection

- In this time of COVID-19, did you focus and mourn what you lost, or rather did you focus and rejoice on what you gave to others?
- When you have practiced faith-filled generosity, did you experience an increase in joy and wealth; i.e., wealth as a quality of life measure: joy, peace, love, personal satisfaction, fulfillment and self-actualization?

Flu shot for free! If you cannot afford a flu shot, please let Pastor Salying know. A generous donor has given money to help us all get vaccinated.

Online Giving Update: Online donations has gone live on our website! Online Giving: Please look for the “Donate” option on the main menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located in the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “Donate” you will be taken to the PayPal site for our St. Thomas account. You may donate through PayPal, use a debit card or use a credit card. Or if you prefer you may go directly to PayPal through the link below:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9C43D8TLRQCLU&source=url

As always, we want to say “Thank You!”. We have received strong support during this time of crisis and are most grateful for your continued support of the church’s operations.

Small Groups and Spiritual Formation Ministries

Join our Prayer Chain Team The Prayer Chain at St. Thomas is a group of people dedicated to lifting up our concerns to God. If you would like to join this team, please email to prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us and let Deacon Bertram know that you would like to join. Also, this email address receives prayer requests, so please send your concerns here.

Zooming in Men's Spiritual Growth Group

Yes! Now you can be there in your pajamas (at least), and therefore sleep a bit longer. But on the other hand we can no longer advertise coffee + if you arrive a bit early. We are now meeting **weekly** with a standard format, alternating between wondering what the scriptures might be leading us to personally on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (9-10 AM on your computer), and on the other Saturdays, a check-in and just for sanity's sake (starting at 9 AM).

Our Zoom meetings are password protected so you'll need to connect with Chris Schmidt (randischris@gmail.com) if you are new to the group. We invite all men (even those not a part of St. Thomas) to join with us for fellowship and good discussion.

Craft Group is on hiatus, with the next meeting TBD.

Book Club usually meets once a month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the St. Thomas Library. We are an open book club: All are welcome, whether you have read the book or not. **Please note that the Book Club now meets on the last Monday of the month.**

On **Monday October 25**, using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss *The Unexpected Spy* by Tracy Walder, the riveting story of Walder's tenure in the CIA and, later, the FBI. *Her candid story will connect with readers curious about counterterrorism work and seeking an inspirational account of a woman seeking to change the balance of power in not only a male-dominated field but the world.* —Library Journal

Please join us – contact Dorothy Furgerson for the Zoom ID:
drdfurg@mac.com

The Parish Library and Diocesan Resource Center are normally staffed from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, open on

Sundays after the morning services and may be visited at any time the Parish Office is open (408-736-4155). **Currently the Library is closed and will remain so for the rest of the year. Please see our new delivery service described on page 3.**

The Library catalogue can be viewed at

<https://stec.booksys.net/opac/cl/#menuHome>

NOTABLE EVENTS

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, October 25

Ingathering/Pledge Sunday

All Saints

Sunday, November 1

The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Opening Music

Hassidic melody

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Michele Kemmerling, piano

Link: <https://youtu.be/k4wqD3C-GjU>

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a namaste of peace.

The bell tolls and the officiant continues.

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

Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Confession

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.**

Officiant: 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.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence
with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

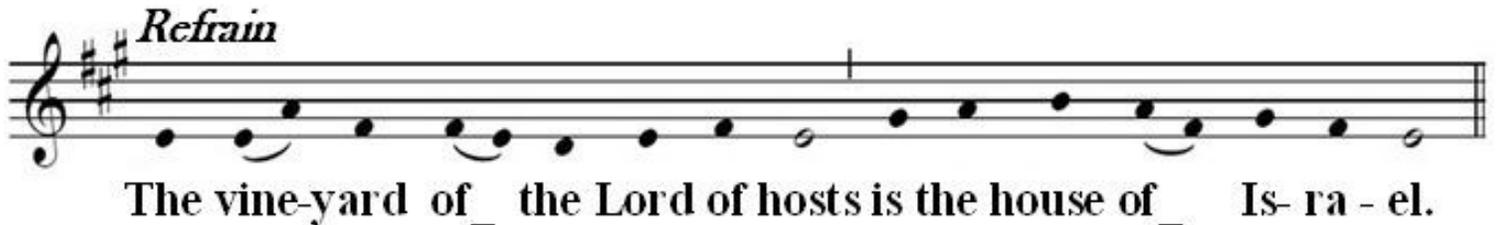
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 80:7-14

The cantor will lead the Psalm; you may join in on the refrain.

Refrain



The vine-yard of _ the Lord of hosts is the house of _ Is- ra - el.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it. *Refrain*

Refrain



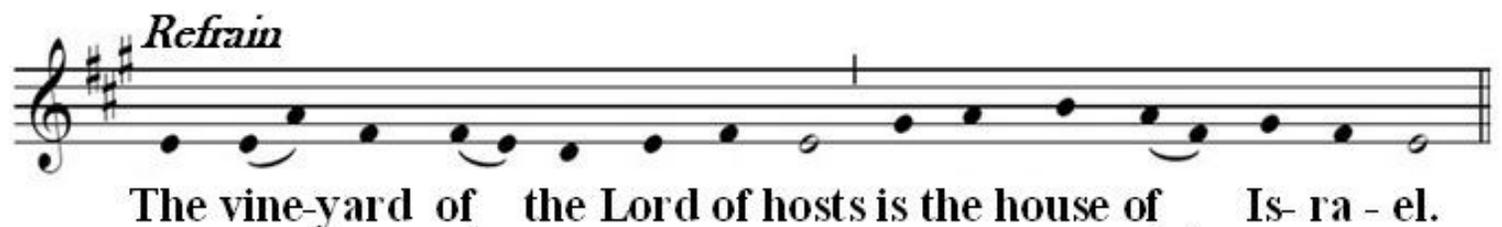
The vine-yard of _ the Lord of hosts is the house of _ Is- ra - el.

You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River. *Refrain*

Refrain



The vine-yard of _ the Lord of hosts is the house of _ Is- ra - el.

Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? *Refrain*

Refrain



The vine-yard of_ the Lord of hosts is the house of_ Is- ra - el.

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted. *Refrain*

Refrain



The vine-yard of_ the Lord of hosts is the house of_ Is- ra - el.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford,
Church Publishing Incorporated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Isaiah 5:1-7

Lector: A reading from the book of Isaiah

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our parents; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon

in unison

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

**Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

**A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

Gospeller: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it

falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

There will be a time of silence for meditation.

Anthem

Henry Purcell

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Patricia Pietrzyk, Fulvia Govetto, soprano
Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, alto and piano
Ian Fugate, tenor Jeremy Smith, bass
Link: <https://youtu.be/zfO3BQKdvYw>

The Apostles Creed

Enriching Our Worship

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

led by the Deacon

**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 today 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 Prayers of the Animals

The Starfish	Carol Campbell
The Hawk	Cal Cornwell
The Polar Bear	Sam Leen and Joe Leen
The Cat	Brighid Beckham and Liam Beckham
The Butterfly	Sue Beckham
The Dog	Pam Storrer

The Blessing of the Animals

- 1. Please raise your hand if you have an animal to receive a blessing.*
- 2. When Pastor Salying unmutes you, please say the animal's name.*
- 3. The priest will bless the animal:*

We ask you to bless *N*. We give thanks for *N*'s offering of friendship to his people. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! **Amen.**

Prayers of the People for the Season after Pentecost *by the Rev. Salying Wong*

Leader: “God, our help in ages past and hope in years to come”,
thank you for walking these days with us. Sometimes, the ground
gives and we are uncertain if it will hold us; so, we hold fast to our
trust in you, the foundation of our life and the Church. To you, we
make our prayers:

We give thanks for the ability to gather from our various places in
one Spirit. We give thanks that we can see each other’s faces and
hear each other’s voices, even though we are physically
separated. We pray for all those who do not join in our gatherings,
that they may still know the love of the gathered body and, most
especially, your embracing love.

We pray also for gatherings that seek to worship you in all the
world.

Lord, hear us.

People Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We pray for our nation, most especially in our time of crisis due to
COVID, racial agony, severe economic hardship for many, political
tumult, and now, natural disasters.

We pray for wise leadership, for politicians to serve the public
good, and for laborers dedicated to the harvest of justice and peace.
We pray also for the nations and peoples around the world.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We pray for all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering,
the poor and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, and for little
children.

We pray for the protection of people who work under the threat of
COVID so that we may enjoy the provisions of our daily life--for
factory workers, farm workers, grocery store workers, healthcare
workers, public servants, and the many laborers whom we do not
see.

We pray especially for the workers of our lunch program, Our
Daily Bread, and for our diners.

We pray also at this time for firefighters and first responders, for their energy, courage, and safety.

We pray for all people and creatures caught in the path of the burning. We pray for all who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes in the fires.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We pray for those who suffer even more now, especially the dying and those who wait and watch with them.

We pray for those who have died.

Silence

We pray especially for those who died brutal deaths.

Silence

We pray for those who will die today from COVID.

Silence

We lift our hearts in lament over all unnecessary deaths.

Bell is tolled three times.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We pray for our enemies and for the stranger.

We pray for compassion for others and for ourselves.

We pray for trust in your kingdom, forgiving one another's debts as our debts are forgiven.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: God of mercy, have mercy on us. Come to our aid; come quickly to help us. Help us to calm down.

Finally, we ask for the protection of our joy and that you give us open and thankful hearts. Still the storms within us even as the storms without rage and tumult. For even as we slip and fall, we trust that we fall into you, the ground of our being.

To you, O Lord, we commend our souls.

People: To you, O Lord. Amen.

The Collects

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 22

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for the Feast of St. Francis

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of thee delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for Recovery from Sickness

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O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your children, the President and First Lady, and all in the White House or Government who have been infected by this virus, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Covid-19

Cameron Wiggins Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors, remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home, remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, remember those children who will go hungry with no school meals.

May we who have to cancel our trips, remember those with no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market, remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for quarantine at home, remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.

Through Jesus Christ our Savior, whose arms of love embrace us all.

Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

**All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,**

**and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Deacon: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Closing music

Myrna Emata Diaz

Good News

Myrna Emata Diaz, vocal and piano

David Files, vocal

David Stein, cello

Link: <https://youtu.be/I0epRWEtrBw>



**Break-out groups: Check-in by mutual invitation
and
Questions for discussion:**

Where do you see violence in simple interactions?

Serving today

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Intercessor/Responder: Joe Gutierrez

Lectors: John Pietrzyk, Steve Williams

Cantor: Patricia Pietrzyk

