

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30am



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Welcome to Sunday worship at St. Thomas.

This Sunday we have the opportunity to worship in person on our campus' outdoor courtyard, or on Zoom, as we have been doing in recent months.

For those attending remotely, you are invited to follow the same procedure as in recent months, that is, gathering at 10am for informal conversation, and at 10:20 to prepare for the service. You may connect in either of two ways:

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

*When prompted for a participant number, touch the pound key (#) .
Please follow the usual procedures for muting and unmuting (*6)
and raising a hand (*9).*

*For those attending in person on campus, please bring your own chair. (Come early to claim your spot!) If you would like a seat set up for you, please let Pastor Salying know at pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us.
There should be plenty of shade.*

Because the new delta variant of COVID is highly contagious and spreading rapidly and because of the density of the outdoor service, everyone must wear masks for this service. Please maintain a 6 feet distance. Thank you for keeping each other safe

***Coffee Hour** will be served in a minimal way. When eating, please only touch what you will eat. Also, stand 6 feet apart when you do not have your mask on.*

When all are ready, the Celebrant will begin.

Announcements

The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Prelude

Pepper Choplin

We Are Not Alone

Members of the St. Thomas Choir,
Michele Kemmerling, soloist

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.
Amen.

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 21

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of

Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!”
But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
**the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
**the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
**the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great

millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

There will be a period of silence for meditation.

The Nicene Creed

said in unison

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Form II

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers.
Please place them in the chat or speak aloud.*

Leader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishops Michael and Lucinda for this gathering; and
for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____]
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Prayer in a Time of Disaster

Holy One, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos. Surround with your grace and peace those who are in the paths of storms or earthquakes, fires or floods. We name before you those places and people.

Silence. Please speak your prayers.

By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer. **Amen.**

The Confession

said in unison

**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.**

The Absolution

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

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a wave and a namaste of peace.

Offertory

Anthem

Elaine Hagenberg

[O Love](#)

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Myrna Emata Diaz, piano

audio mix courtesy of Bonnie Montgomery, Trinity Cathedral

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Offertory sentence

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

People: And of your own have we given you.

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift 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.

Celebrant: 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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-130, F. Schubert

Sanctus

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Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, piano

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant:

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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *said in unison*

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

*Everyone is invited to receive Communion.
Pastor Salying will come to you to distribute communion.
No wine will be served.*

Communion Music

William Bright/William Henry Monk

[*And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love*](#)

soprano: Fulvia Govetto alto: Abby O'Connell

tenor: Ian Fugate bass: John Pietrzyk

Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, piano

Post Communion Prayer *led by the Celebrant, said in unison*

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
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

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Officiant: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and
of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy
Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her
children, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

W. A. Mozart, arr. Kirkby

Jubilate Deo

Link: <https://youtu.be/5A3MtJmgSGs>

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Serving today

For the **Altar Guild**: Hugo Lopez-Laguna

Officiant The Rev. Salying Wong

Preacher: Lou Poulain, LLP

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kopischke

Readers: Robert Minchin, Susan McVey

Usher/Greeters: MaryJane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Zoom Host: Abby O'Connell

Zoom Co-host: Aer van de Water

Tech crew/Sound: Stephen Williams

Canopy Crew: Chris Schmidt

Coffee Hour host: *Pat Dare*



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Parish Mission Statement

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!
We are becoming whom Jesus calls us to be:
a spiritually-centered community
dedicated to creating connections
with God, each other, and our neighbors,
so that we might walk together with love
toward justice, compassion, and hope.

Welcome

St. Thomas' Parish is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love, and service to welcome all people just as God created them. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity and gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical, or mental ability. God delights in the diversity of creation, and so do we!

Rector: The Rev. Salying Wong.....pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.org
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IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

If you or a loved one is in urgent need of pastoral care (hospitalization, death in the family, etc.), PLEASE CALL US.

(The hospital does not always automatically notify the parish)

The Rev. Salying Wong, Rector.....510-478-3554

Parish Office.....408-736-4155

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

You may invite prayers online through The Intercessory Prayer Chain
at prayerchain@stthomas-svale.org