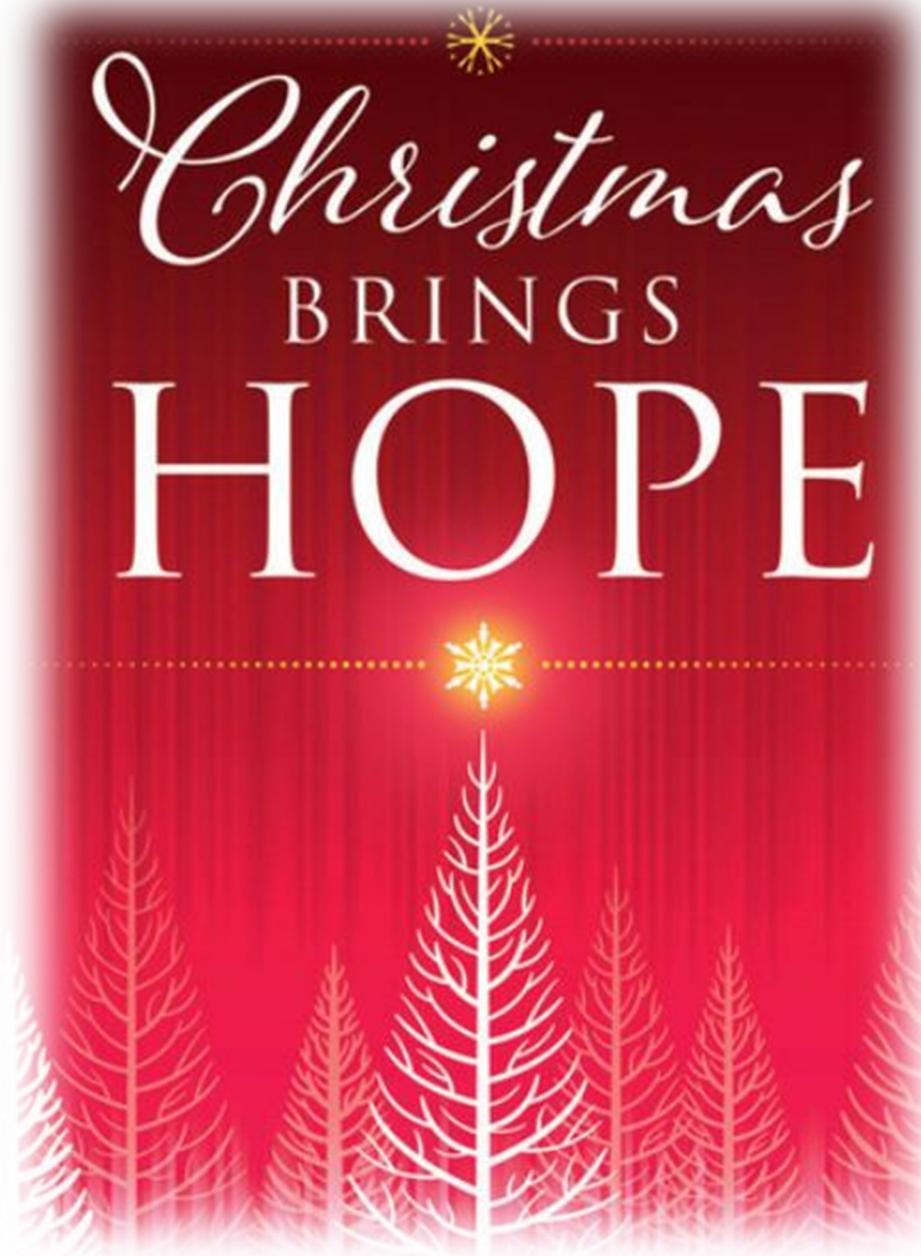


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Merry Christmas!

We are so happy you are here, in-person and online.

For those of you coming to church in-person, please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe during this pandemic:

- *Sit behind the yellow post-it. (Every other pew is open for seating. When you are seated, the yellow post-it is in front of you.)*
- *Wear your mask and cover your nose and your mouth.*
- *Keep a six-foot distance from anyone not in your pod.*
- *Refrain from physical contact with those outside your pod—no handshakes or hugs, please.*
- *Do not share bulletins. If you see someone without a bulletin, please indicate where they can get one rather than getting one for them.*

There will only be bread served for communion.

For those attending remotely, 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:

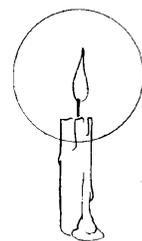
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2. by telephone (audio only):

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*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).*

*Those attending on Zoom are encouraged to have a candle at the ready, for lighting at the close of the service as we sing
Silent Night.*



*Please pick up a candle as you enter.
Children are encouraged to pick up an electric votive candle.*

When all are ready, the service will begin.



Carols

All are welcome to sing along; Zoom participants please stay muted.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal #96

*Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.*

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis deo!

Gloria in excelsis deo!

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear? [Refrain]*

*Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]*

*See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While we raise our hearts in love [Refrain]*

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Hymnal #99

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!*

*1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]*

*2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]*

*3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn [Refrain]*

What Child Is This?

Hymnal #115

*1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?*

Refrain:

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary. [Refrain]*

*2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?*

*Good Christians, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]*

*3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. [Refrain]*

The First Nowell

Hymnal #109

*1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]*

*3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]*

*4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]*

*5. Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence,
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]*

*6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made Heaven and earth of nought,
and with His blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]*

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear Hymnal #89

- 1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious
King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*
- 2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings
unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*
- 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of
wrong;
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!*
- 4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

In the Bleak Midwinter Hymnal #112

*1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

2. *Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.*

3. *Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.*

4. *What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him--give my heart.*

Please. stand.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal #83

O Come, All Ye Faithful

All are welcome to sing along; Zoom participants please stay muted.

1. *O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;*

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

2 *God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father; [Refrain]*

3 *Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; [Refrain]*

*4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; [Refrain]*

*5 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? [Refrain]*

*6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]*

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.

The Gloria

Malcolm Archer, on the tune Ashgrove
from *An English Folk Song Mass*

[To God Be the Glory](#)

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Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, Piano

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please. sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

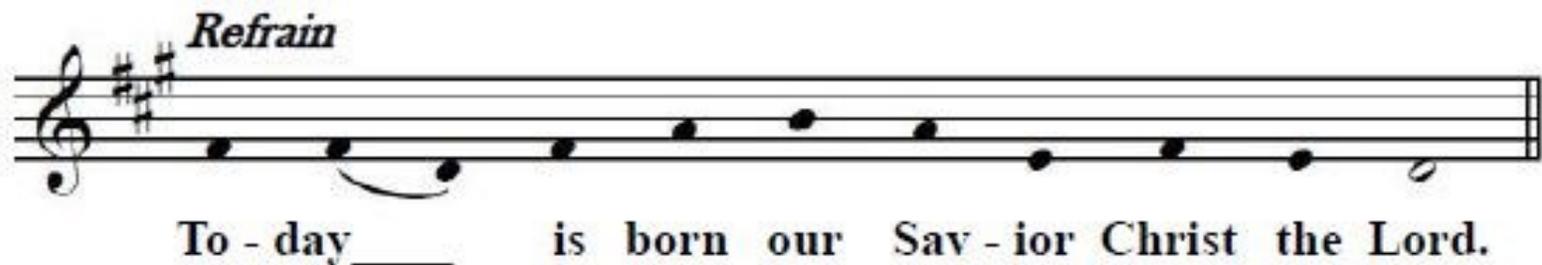
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

The congregation joins the choir in singing the refrain:

Refrain



To - day ___ is born our Sav - ior Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. *Refrain*

Refrain



To - day ___ is born our Sav - ior Christ the Lord.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods. *Refrain (above)*

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! *Refrain*

Refrain



To - day ___ is born our Sav - ior Christ the Lord.

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him. *Refrain*

Refrain



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Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein. *Refrain*

Refrain

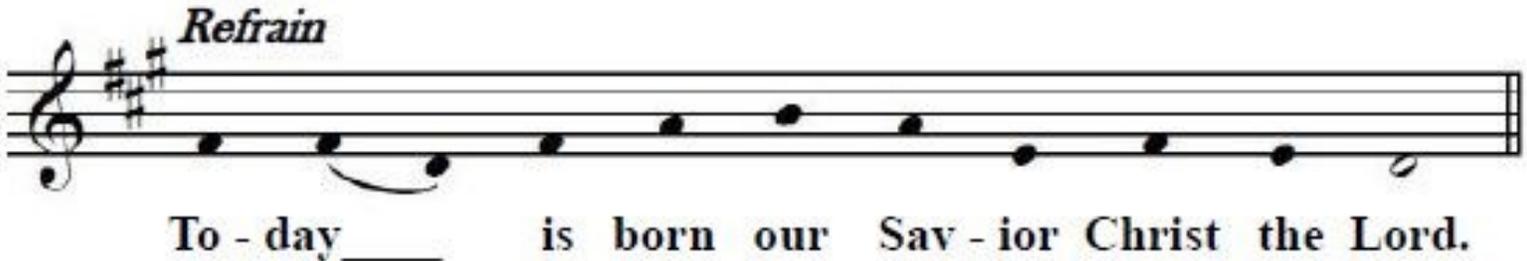


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Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth. *Refrain*



The Epistle Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Please. stand.

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was

taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you , Lord Christ.

Please sit.

Homily

There will be a period of silence for meditation.

Please. stand.

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

Leader: By the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus.

Silence.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: For Lucinda our bishop, and the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Silence.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

Silence.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying, especially...

Please name aloud.

Silence.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: For those who have died in Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, especially those whom we now name...

Please name aloud.

Silence.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, O Lord.

All are invited to share prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Those connecting on Zoom may unmute and share.

*Phones press *6 to unmute.*

Celebrant: Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

You may kneel or stand.

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.**

Please. stand.

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 sentence

Anthem

John Rutter

[Christmas Lullaby](#)

Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, piano

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

Sanctus

Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, piano

You are welcome to sing along with the recording of the choir.

Zoom participants, please stay muted.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might (x2)

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest (x2)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest (x2)

Celebrant:

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant:

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.

All: 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.

Celebrant: The gifts of God fir the people of God.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to receive Communion.

Please come to the rail and stand behind the yellow post-its.

No wine will be served.

O Holy Night

Jean Platner, soprano

Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, piano

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

**All: 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 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.**

Blessing for Christmas

Book of Occasional Services

**Celebrant: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature
upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the
darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of
his holiness. Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news
of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you
heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to
earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you
for ever. **Amen.**

*The altar party will light your candle.
Once your candle is lit, please pass on the light.*

Closing Hymn

Franz Gruber

[Silent Night](#)

All are welcome to sing along; Zoom participants please stay muted.

*1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

After the bell tolls, the people may depart.

*Due to the pandemic, we will not have a reception following the service.
We wish you a merry Christmas and a healthy and safe new year.*



Serving today

For the **Altar Guild**:

Hugo Lopez-Laguna, Robert Minchin, Helen Minchin,
Rita Welsh, Claribel Dare, and Jan Letson

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Gutierrez

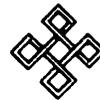
Readers: Patricia Pietrzyk, Abby O'Connell

Cantor: Chris Schmidt

Usher/Greeters: MaryJane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Zoom Host: Lou Poulain

Audio/Visual Technician: Helen Minchin,
Robert Minchin and Jim Cobb, assisting



General Announcements

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and updates of various parish events and activities may also be found
on our website at www.stthomas-svale.org.

Christmas Worship

The scheduled worship services are as follows. Please be aware that some of this may be adjusted/confirmed as we go along. Thank you for remaining attentive and flexible!

This evening, Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve

one service at 4pm, in person and online – Carols and Holy Eucharist Rite II

Use the same zoom links as for regular Sunday services:

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

Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

One tap mobile: +16699009128,,82690025101#

(no service on **December 25**)

Sunday, December 26—1 Christmas

one service at 9am in person and online Holy Eucharist Rite II (usual Sunday Zoom address, as above)

Thursday, January 6, 2022—Epiphany

Lucernarium and Evensong at 7PM on zoom only

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85959139220> Meeting ID: 859 5913 9220

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Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

Tuesdays, 6pm Centering Prayer, led by Pastor Salying:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/724376004>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 meeting ID# 724376004

Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer with Commemoration of a Saint, led by Pastor Salying: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313271549>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 meeting ID# 86313271549

Thursdays, 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Group on Zoom

led by Deacon Bertram. *Weekly except for December 30.*

Meetings resume on Thursday January 6, 2022 at 6:00pm:

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09>

Meeting ID: 896 9918 8717 Passcode: 225424

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Sundays: **8am** Holy Eucharist Rite I in the church
with masks and social distancing protocols
and
10:30am Morning Prayer, led by Pastor Salying on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>
Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

Monthly 4th Sunday: In-person Holy Communion Rite II
service held on campus with simultaneous Zoom
(as above)



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!

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or 510-478-3554

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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

