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*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:*

<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).*

*We will begin with introductory remarks, announcements,  
and then worship together as one large body.  
Today, after the liturgy, please stay for our Annual Meeting  
and the presentation of our Annual Report.*

*When all are ready, the Celebrant will begin.*



**Announcements:** *(also found at the back of the bulletin)*

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## **The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Prelude**

Henry Purcell

*Sarabande for Bells*

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**Opening Hymn**

Hymnal #577

*God Is Love*

Patricia Pietrzyk, soprano      Dorothy Furgerson, alto  
Ian Fugate, tenor      Jeremy Smith, bass

## **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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Gloria

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

### *To God Be the Glory*

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.*

*To God be the glory, all glory in the highest  
and peace to his people who dwell here below,  
Our heav'nly Father, our Lord, and our sov'reign,  
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow.  
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you  
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise.  
All glory and honour and glad adoration  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

*Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father  
we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb.  
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,  
have mercy upon us, the Great I AM.  
For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,  
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One.*

*All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,  
From ages everlasting, the Three in One.*

## **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Lector: A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

*There will be a time 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.**

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lucinda, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Here the prayers for healing, strength and guidance are given*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

**People: For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Here the thanksgivings are given*

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Here the names of the departed are given,  
the People may add their own petitions*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

J. S. Bach

*My Heart Ever Faithful*

Jean Platner, soloist

Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, piano

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**Celebrant:** All things come of you, O Lord.

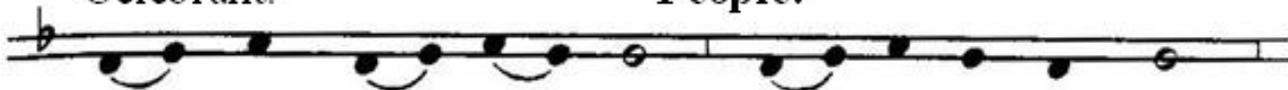
**People:** And of your own have we given you.

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant:

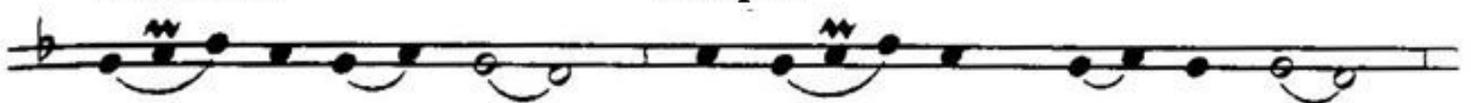
People:



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant:

People:



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People:** By your will they were created and have their being.

**Celebrant:** From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You

made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**

Hymnal S-130, F. Schubert

*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)*

Celebrant:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**      *led by the Deacon, 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 for the people of God.

### **The Communion**

*Everyone is invited to receive Communion.*

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

*Communion will be in bread only. No wine will be served.*

*Today, in addition to the administration of the bread,  
the oil of unction, consecrated by our bishop for healing, will be offered.*

*If you do not wish to receive the anointing,  
please cross your arms over your heart  
and the minister will pass by you.*

### **Communion Music**

Richard Shephard

[\*Bread of the World\*](#)

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

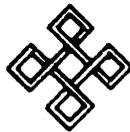
**Post Communion Prayer**      *led by the Celebrant, said in unison*

**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.**

**Blessing**

Officiant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Following the Blessing, we will continue with the Annual Meeting.  
An agenda may be found on the following pages.*



**Serving today**

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong  
Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah  
Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kopischke  
Lector: Robert Minchin

## **Prayer for Annual Meeting**

### **Officiant and People:**

**Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in St. Thomas for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Food distribution**

Pat Dare and team

*Please refer to coffee hour food consumption protocols on page 21.*

### **Adoption of Minutes from Annual Meeting 2021**

Fran Hostettler and Pastor Salying

### **Newborns, Newcomers, and Necrology**

Pastor Salying

### **Awards and Honors**

Pastor Salying

- **Exiting vestry members**
- **New Senior Warden**
- **Rector's Award**
- **Vestry Cross**
- **Other Honors**

### **Election of New Vestry and Delegates to Convention**

**Report of Finances - 2021 Actuals and 2022 Budget**     Jim Cobb

### **Reports:**

- 1. Vestry Report on Financial Sustainability**     Abby O'Connell
- 2. The Catechumenate**     Lou Poulain
- 3. Worship and Technology**     Pastor Salying

## Commissioning of Vestry, Delegates, and Alternates

### Adjournment

### Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth into the world as instruments of God's peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

### Postlude

Henry Purcell

*Come Sing Unto the Lord*

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## General Announcements

An updated **Announcement page** is available on line at

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M\\_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg)

and updates of various parish events and activities may also be found on our website at [www.stthomas-svale.org](http://www.stthomas-svale.org)

## **Astronomy event: Reach for the Stars...**

Weather permitting, Keri and Steve Williams and Bert McMahon will be setting up telescopes in the St. Thomas parking lot on Friday February Fourth (or First Friday in February) -- remember the three "F"s.

The weather forecast is for a sunny day, and hopefully a clear night, so we hope to be ready about 6:30pm PST, just after sunset. If the weather holds, we should be able to see Jupiter early in the evening and the moon will be about 3 days old, presenting a nice crescent. And some other treats of the winter sky are the Orion Nebula, the Pleiades, the Hyades, and maybe the Andromeda Galaxy.

Refreshments (hot chocolate and brownies) will be provided in accordance with current COVID guidelines. Masks required -- N95 recommended. And we will have plenty of hand wipes and hand sanitizer available.

We will be bringing one telescope, and Bert McMahon has agreed to bring another. It would be great if there are some more St. Thomas members who would be willing to bring their telescopes to share. If you have a portable telescope and are willing to share it with the rest of the congregation and whoever might pass by in the parking lot of an evening, please send an email to Steve Williams<spwilliams@gmail.com>.

## **Intercessory Prayer group on Zoom**

Intercessory Prayer Vespers continues on **Thursday evenings at 6:00pm** on Zoom. You may send in your prayers in advance to prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us, or join us and share your blessings and prayers in person.

You will find the Zoom link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?  
pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09)

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## Library News

### Book of the Week from January 23, 2022

#### *The Year of the Tiger: tales from the Chinese zodiac*

by Oliver Clyde Chin

The adventures and misadventures of Teddy the tiger cub as he learns that "good manners make good neighbors." Lists the birth years and characteristics of individuals born in the Chinese Year of the Tiger.

## Pledges, Offerings & Donations

Your pledges and other donations may always be mailed to the church office and marked to the attention of the Treasurer.

**Please note:** Your pledges may also be e-mailed to the Treasurer, at [finance@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:finance@stthomas-svale.us)

When donating by check, please make the check payable to "St. Thomas Episcopal Church". Under our current public health restrictions, we encourage you to mail or email in your pledges and offerings to the church or use our online donation option.

## Online Giving

Please look for the "GIVE" option on the main menu bar on the St. Thomas website. (It is located on the upper right side of the home page.) Once you select "GIVE", you will be taken to a new page where you may donate through PayPal, using a debit or credit card. OR, if you prefer, you may go directly to the PayPal site through the following link:

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=9C43D8TLRQCLU&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9C43D8TLRQCLU&source=url)

If you choose to give online, please be aware that St. Thomas does pay a fee for each transaction.

Finally, and very simply, another way to support St. Thomas is through Amazon Smile on our website, where Amazon gives the church a small percentage of your purchases. You just start your Amazon purchases from our website by clicking the Amazon Smile link, which you'll find at the bottom of the "GIVE" page: <https://>

[stthomas-svale.org/give/](http://stthomas-svale.org/give/)

As always, we want to say “Thank You!”

Peace, Jim Cobb

**Stewardship update** We are very grateful for your financial support of St. Thomas and its ministries. As the vestry made its final decisions for the 2022 operating budget we had received 59 pledges for a total of \$332, 115 and an average pledge of \$5629. This is a wonderful response to our 2022 Stewardship campaign, and we are truly blessed by all of your support! If you still wish to make a pledge, they will, of course, be accepted anytime during the year. Pledges may be made by pledge card or emailed to Jim Cobb at [finance@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:finance@stthomas-svale.us)  
Thank you for your generosity.

## **Peace and Justice Committee**

**PACT** (People Acting in Community Together): PACT has asked us to work with their Beloved Community organization on Black Lives Matter work. The first task is a letter writing campaign to the San Jose City Council urging more names of people killed by police be added to a plaque at City Hall. When we have a draft, I will be asking members who agree with the message to be signers of a letter from St. Thomas.

If you are interested in or have questions about this topic please contact Cal Cornwell at 408-529-2066 or [calcornwell@yahoo.com](mailto:calcornwell@yahoo.com).

## **Small Groups and Spiritual Formation Ministries**

**Family Ministry** For information about Family and Children’s Ministry programs please contact Sue Beckham at [family\\_ministry@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:family_ministry@stthomas-svale.us)

**Senior Ministry** If you are a Senior at Saint Thomas and are not yet receiving our twice weekly Senior Activities Sheets please contact Sue Beckham at [Sue\\_beckham@comcast.net](mailto:Sue_beckham@comcast.net)

## **Deacon's Digest**

Deacon Bertram's service in the diocese involves several things. He serves at both St. Andrew's and St. Thomas. At St. Andrew's, Bertram attends the Sunday 8AM Stepping Stones: Jail and Re-entry gathering and will begin visiting inmates at Elmwood Jail. To learn more, go to their [Facebook page](#).

At St. Thomas, Bertram serves at the 10:30am service and leads the newly dubbed Helping Hands and Hearts Committee. This is the former Pastoral Care committee, and it will be going through a reorganization to discern the needs of the parish. Bertram also monitors the Prayer Chain. And he is now part of the new Intercessory Prayer Group, whose details are on page 19-20. Bertram brings to both congregations bible study, preaching and leadership in Morning Prayer. Thanks, Bertram, for your ministry.

**Prayer Chain Team** The Prayer Chain at St. Thomas is a group of people dedicated to lifting up our concerns to God. If you need prayers or would like to join this team, please email [prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us).

## **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.

**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. On **Monday, January 31** using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg, a beautiful and moving novel of compassion in the face of loss, of the small acts that turn friends into family, and of the possibilities to achieve happiness at any age. Widowed Arthur meets teenaged Maddy at the cemetery where he lunches daily at his wife's grave. Joined by Arthur's neighbor Lucille, the unlikely trio bands together and, through heartache and hardships, help one another rediscover their own potential to start anew. Please join us—contact Dorothy Furgerson for the Zoom link: [drdfurg@mac.com](mailto:drdfurg@mac.com)

## **New/Additional Coffee Hour Protocols**

These are updated fellowship protocols. Now that it's getting cold, the diocese is allowing for coffee/food inside. People must re-mask after sipping and taking a bite. All conversations must be masked inside. Also, we will need to have the space ventilated. Earlier protocols will be incorporated:

1. When people are eating their masks are off and they are engaged in conversation. These are the conditions under which the virus is most likely to be transmitted.
2. The sharing of cooked food and common snacks is permitted if properly handled and served by a food handler, with all protocols in place. Pre-packaged and wrapped food is preferred.
3. If coffee or other beverage is offered, a food handler must pour the beverage for each person to avoid contamination.
4. Food handlers must wash their hands, use hand sanitizer, wear masks, wear gloves, and distribute food using tongs or other TOUCH FREE method to avoid passing along the virus.
5. Each person participating in a food sharing event should wash their

hands and use hand sanitizer.

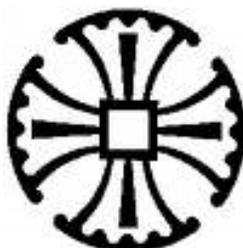
6. Social distancing must be observed when eating and conversing with others during the event.

The CDC offers further information and recommendations for gatherings::

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html#anchor\\_1619540981216](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html#anchor_1619540981216)

The CDC's General Information page on COVID 19 is at this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>



## **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: -

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?  
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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

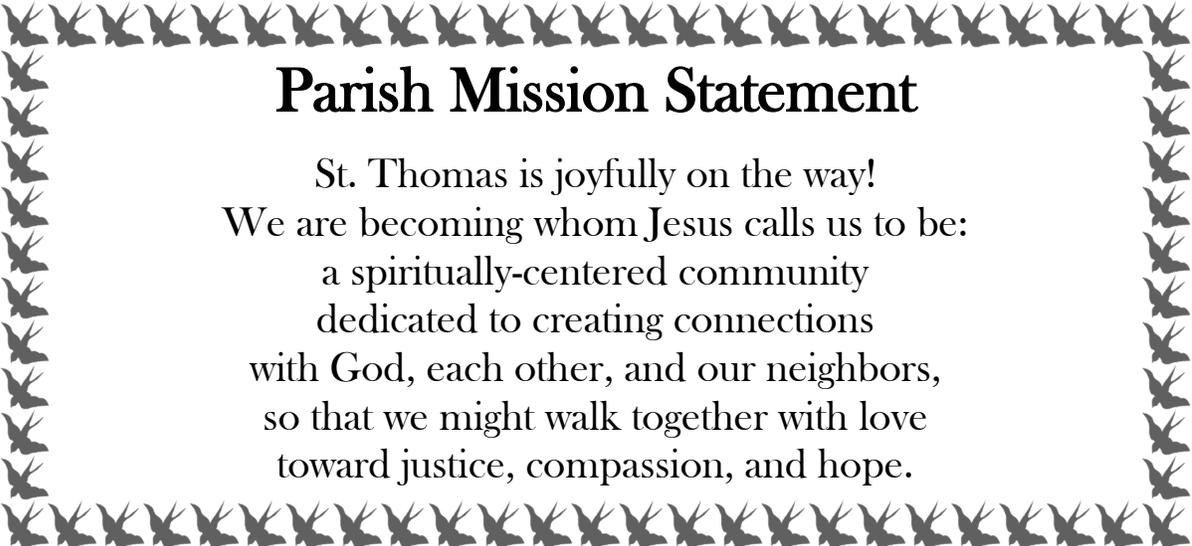
**10:30am** Morning Prayer, led by Pastor Salying on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

**Monthly last Sunday:** In-person Holy Communion Rite II  
service held on in the church with simultaneous Zoom  
(as above)

# All Are 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!*



## 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.

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