

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

Morning Prayer

10:30am



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*Welcome to ZOOM worship at St. Thomas.*

*This Sunday at 10:00am, you are invited to join us  
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.*

*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**

*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,  
including Pastor Salying, who will lead worship this morning.*

*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.*

*After the liturgy, all are invited to stay for a community gathering.*

*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.*

## Announcements

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## The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Opening Hymn

Hymnal #490

### [I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light](#)

Abby O'Connell, alto  
Jeremy Smith, bass  
Myrna Emata Diaz, piano

### The Peace

Officiant: The peace of God 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.*

### Eastertide opening sentence

*Enriching Our Worship 1*

Officiant: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV*

### The Confession

Deacon/Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God.

**All:**  
**God of all mercy,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you,**  
**opposing your will in our lives.**  
**We have denied your goodness in each other,**  
**in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**  
**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**  
**the evil we have done,**

**and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

### **Opening versicle**

Officiant: O Lord let our mouths proclaim your praise

**People: And your glory all the day long.**

### *Doxology*

**All: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Eastertide Antiphon**

V. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**R. O come let us worship. Alleluia.**

### **Invitatory Psalm: Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## The Gloria

Berthier

### Gloria

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

*Zoom participants are welcome to sing along with the recording of Gloria.  
Please stay muted.*

*Music: Jacques Berthier, 1982*

1 Dm Gm C F 2 Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

3 Dm Gm C F 4 Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*This Gloria may be sung as a round*

# Psalm 67

*The cantor will lead the Psalm. The congregation may join in singing the refrain.  
Zoom participants please stay muted.*

*Refrain:*



Let\_ the peo-ples praise\_ you, O God; hal - le - lu - jah:



let\_ all the peo - ples praise\_ you, hal - le - lu - jah.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*



Let\_ the peo-ples praise\_ you, O God; hal - le - lu - jah:



let\_ all the peo - ples praise\_ you, hal - le - lu - jah.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*



Let\_ the peo-ples praise\_ you, O God; hal - le - lu - jah:



let\_ all the peo - ples praise\_ you, hal - le - lu - jah.

The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.     *Refrain*

*Refrain:*



Let\_ the peo-ples praise\_ you, O God; hal - le - lu - jah:  
let\_ all the peo - ples praise\_ you, hal - le - lu - jah.

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson     Acts 16:9-15

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

**The Epistle: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

Lector: A reading from the book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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**Canticle G A Song of Ezekiel** *Ezekiel 36:24-28*

I will take you from among all nations; \*  
**and gather you from all lands to bring you home.**

I will sprinkle clean water upon you; \*  
**and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.**

A new heart I will give you \*  
**and a new spirit put within you.**

I will take the stone heart from your chest \*  
**and give you a heart of flesh.**



## **The Prayers**

**Officiant:** God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 Apostles' Creed**

**Celebrant and People:**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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 Suffrages**

**EOW1**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

## **Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Litany for Peace and Justice

adapted from the *Episcopal Litany for Social Justice*

Officiant: Siblings in Christ: God commands us through Jesus Christ to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves and to strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. Let us now honor those vows and pray for our nation in this season of crisis of pandemic and racial oppression, for wise and just leaders, and for the needs of others throughout our country and the world.

We pray for your guidance on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. We pray for a speedy end to all violence and conflict around the world.

God of peace and gentleness,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our siblings throughout the world; for the rural and urban poor; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

God of generosity and compassion,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; and that all people may know justice and enjoy the perfect freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray that the Holy Spirit may embrace the most vulnerable members of our society; we pray also for an end to the growing disparity between the rich and poor; and for the grace and courage to strive for economic justice.

God of all gifts and blessings,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we will respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will

be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

God of fellowship and equality,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

God of nature and the universe,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

God of outcasts and wanderers,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for the sick, especially in this COVID-19 pandemic, for all you are suffering, the aged and the infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care; and that God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer.

God of comfort and healing,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for all prisoners and captives; that a spirit of forgiveness may replace vengeance and retribution; and that we, with all the destitute, lonely, and oppressed, may be restored to the fullness of God's grace.

God of absolution and mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the Church throughout the world, that it may be an instrument of your healing love.

God of outreach and restoration,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for all who have died as a result of violence, war, disease or famine, especially those who died because of human blindness, neglect, or hardness of heart.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Almighty God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of your Son. Watch over our world now and in the days ahead, guide our leaders and all leaders, guide them in all knowledge and truth and make your ways known among all people. In the passion of protest and reform, give us all open and receptive spirits; in the complexities of the issues we face, give us courageous hearts. Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ.

**AMEN.**

*Officiant adds blessing.*

**Blessing**

***Book of Occasional Services***

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Concluding Sentence**

***EOW1***

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

## The Dismissal

Deacon/Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

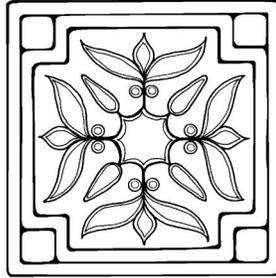
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Postlude

Thomas Tallis

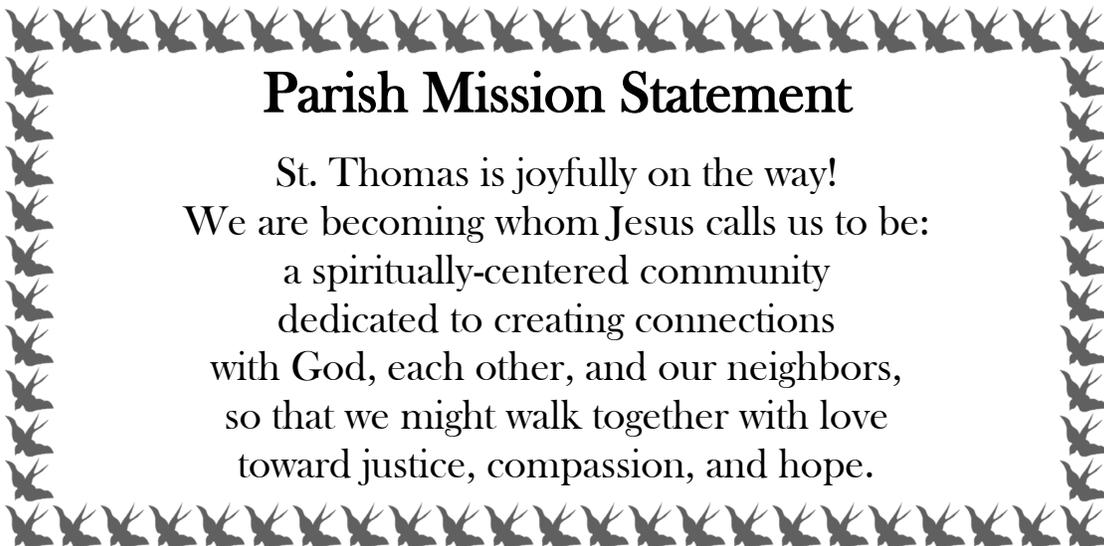
*If Ye Love Me*

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## Serving today

**Officiant:** The Rev. Salying Wong  
**Preacher:** The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah  
**Intercessor/Responder:** Jim Cobb  
**Readers:** Susan McVey, John McVey  
**Cantors:** John McVey, Susan McVey



## 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.

THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

Abby O'Connell, **Senior Warden**  
Chris Schmidt, **Junior Warden**

2022  
Susan McVey  
Chris Schmidt  
Bill Rosgen

2023  
Pat Dare  
Breno DeMedeiros  
Abby O'Connell

2024  
Nancy Allgeier  
Gage McKinney  
Rita Welsh

Gage McKinney, **Clerk**

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty

MaryJane Johnson     Hugo Lopez-Laguna  
(Joe Gutierrez, Marilyn Winans alternates)

Mabel Cheng

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**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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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)

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