

DAY OF PENTECOST

June 5, 2022

Rite II, 10:30am



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Holy Eucharist

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

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

INDOOR

Masking is required for indoor gatherings at St. Thomas. This is out of our desire to care for one another, especially the vulnerable.

- Please sit your pods at least 6 feet apart.*
- Please give a bow to greet one another rather than shaking hands or hugging.*
- If you are sick, please stay home and come online at the 10:30am service .*

At communion services, wine will be distributed in small individual glasses from a common flagon of consecrated wine. The celebrant will thoroughly wash hands before handling communion vessels.

OUTDOOR

*Masking is recommended outdoors when the gathering makes it difficult to keep 6 feet distance. Our coffee hour—**TODAY: PARISH PICNIC**—will be served outdoors on the Alpha-Omega Patio, weather permitting.*

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):*

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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).*

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

Thank you for joining us, and for observing our protocols.

O How A Rose E'er Bloometh
Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, piano

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #225

Hail Thee, Festival Day
(Live)

Zoom participants, please stay muted.

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day that art hal-owed for-



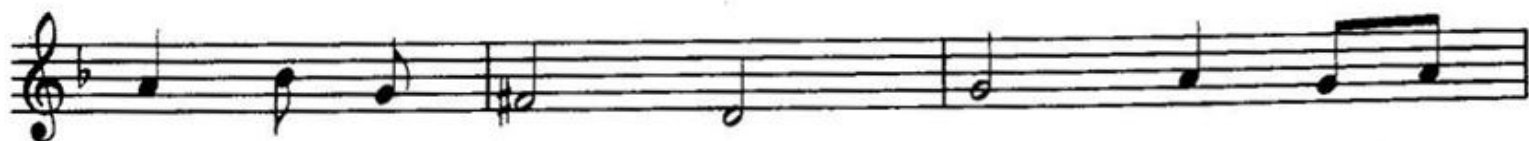
ev - er, day where-on Christ a - rose, break-ing the



king - dom of death. death.



1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the
3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
5 God the Cre - a - tor, the Lord, who_ rul - est the
7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now_ flow in us,



win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good_
glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her_
earth and the hea - vens, guard us from_
fount of our be - ing, light that dost_

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Repeat Refrain



gift of the year___ now with its Mas-ter re - turns:
gates un - bars,___ fling - ing her in - crease of light:
harm with - out,___ cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
light - en___ all,___ life that in all dost a - bide:



2 He who was nailed to the cross is___ Lord and the
4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of
5 Je - sus the health of the world en - light - en our
6 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou___ Love who art



ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre-a-ted on
life and cre - a - tion. Tread-ing the path-way of
minds thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

Repeat Refrain



earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
death, life thou be - stow - ing on all:
preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.
Music: *Salve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

79. 77 with Refrain

Greeting

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

Gloria

Berthier

[Live] Zoom participants, 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

Collect for the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift

of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

The congregation joins the choir in singing the refrain:

(Live)

Zoom participants, please stay muted.



Send forth your Spi-rit, O_ Lord, and re - new_ the face__ of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

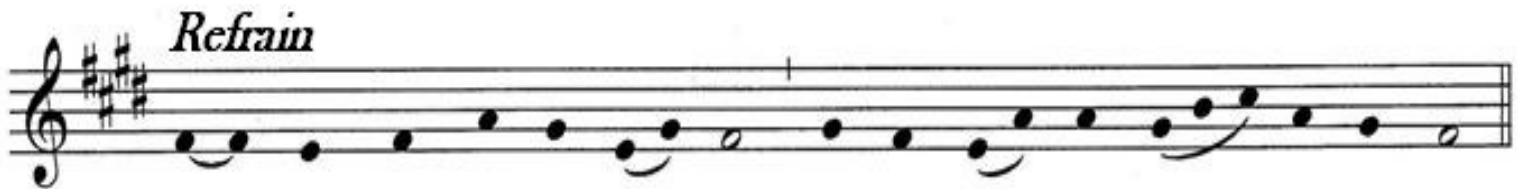
Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great. *Refrain*



Send forth your Spi-rit, O_ Lord, and re - new_ the face__ of the earth.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season. *Refrain*



Send forth your Spi-rit, O_ Lord, and re - new_ the face__ of the earth.

You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth. *Refrain*

Refrain



Send forth your Spi-rit, O _ Lord, and re - new _ the face _ of the earth.

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staff, with underscores indicating the syllable placement under the notes.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke. *Refrain*

Refrain



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I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah! *Refrain (as above)*

The Epistle:

Acts 2:1-24, 32, 36-42

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.' "

“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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

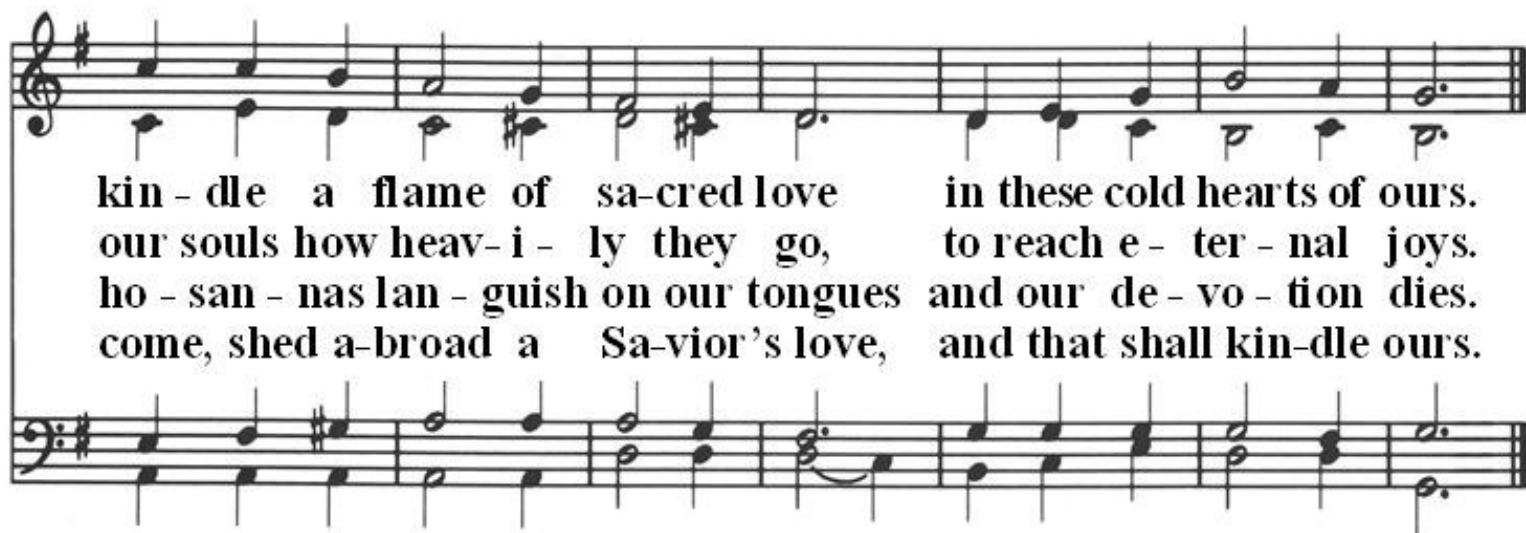
People: Thanks be to God

*Come, Holy Spirit
(verses 1, 2)*

*[Live] Zoom participants are invited to sing along with choir and congregation.
Please remain muted*



1 Come, Ho-ly Spi - rit, heaven-ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;
2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth-ly toys:
3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
4 Come, Ho-ly Spi - rit heaven-ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;



kin - dle a flame of sa-cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
our souls how heav-i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.
ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues and our de - vo - tion dies.
come, shed a-broad a Sa-vior's love, and that shall kin-dle ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Saint Agnes*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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The Gospel:

John 14:8-17, 25-27

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

Come, Holy Spirit
(verses 3, 4)

Zoom participants are invited to sing along. Please stay muted.

The Sermon

After the sermon there will be a time of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

Commissioning of the Altar Guild

The candidates stand facing the celebrant.

Celebrant: Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Representatives of the congregation, Rita, Claribel, Stephanie, Hugo, Robert, Helen, Naveen, Bert, Mo, Sherene, and Dena, have been called to the ministry of altar guild. In addition, Helen has been called to the position of Sacristan, as organizer of the altar guild.

People: Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Celebrant: In the Name of God, we recognize you [N.] as member of the altar guild/sacristan and give you this pin as a token of your ministry.

Prayers of the People for Pentecost Sunday

Leader: Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, counselor, and touch our lips, that we may proclaim your word.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

Leader: Let us pray to God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ

People: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love.

Leader: For our Presiding Bishop Michael, and our own Bishop Lucinda,

People: That they may hunger for truth and may thirst after righteousness.

Leader: Let us pray to God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth.

People: We pray for this community, for our nation, and for the world.

Leader: We remember before you all who are in danger, trouble, or sickness.

People: That may be found by rescuers, comforters, and healers.

Please add your own prayers of petition

Leader: We pray for all who have died in the peace of Christ.

People: May they have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Please add the names of the departed

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

People: We will exalt you, O Lord our King.

Please add your prayers of thanksgiving

Leader: Today, we give thanks especially for the ministry of the altar guild. And, we pray for all members of your church, in their vocation and ministry.

People: That we and they may serve you in a true and godly life.

Leader: We ask these things in the Name of Jesus, and in honor of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you.

The people and the ministers greet one another.

Announcements

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory sentence

The Offertory Anthem

F. Mendelssohn

[See What Love](#)

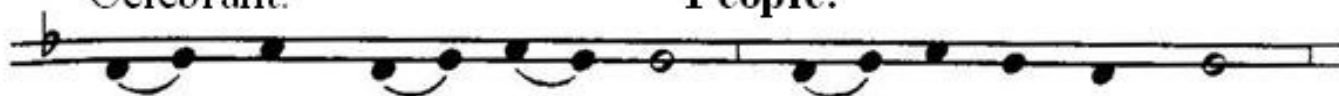
Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, piano

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

People: And of your own have we given you.

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:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

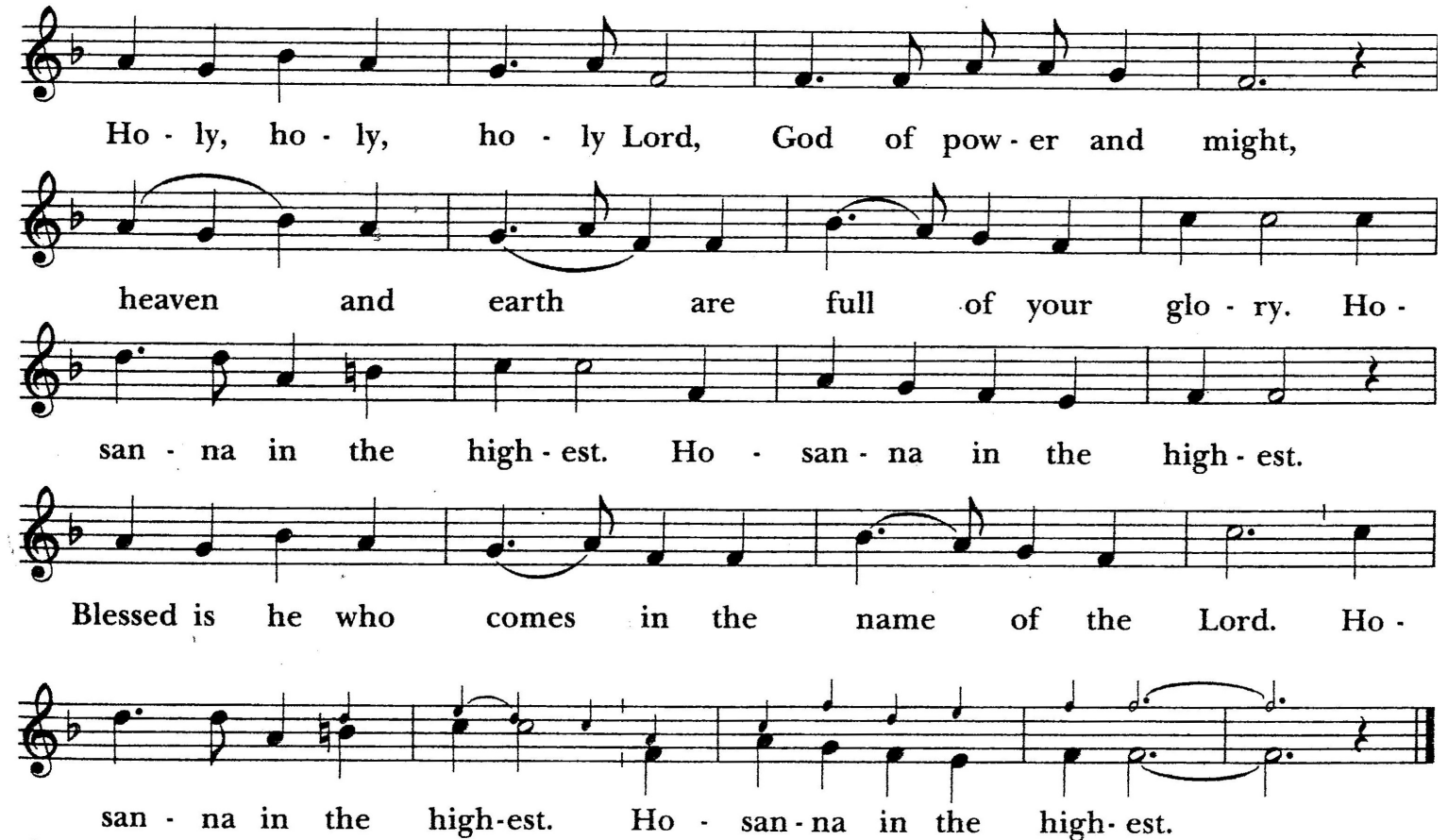
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

[Live] All are invited to sing along - Zoom participants please stay muted.

Celebrant and People:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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.

Celebrant and People:



A - MEN_

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction

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

The Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive Communion.

Everyone is invited to receive Communion.

Please come to the rail.

- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able..*
- *The wine will be served from the flagon into individual cups. Once you have consumed your wine, please place the cup on one of the trays near the aisles.*
- *If you do not wish to receive communion, you may receive a blessing: please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you wish to be blessed.*
- *Gluten free bread is available upon asking.*

Christ Went Up Into the Hills

Jean Platner, soloist

Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, piano

[Live]

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Book of Occasional Services

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

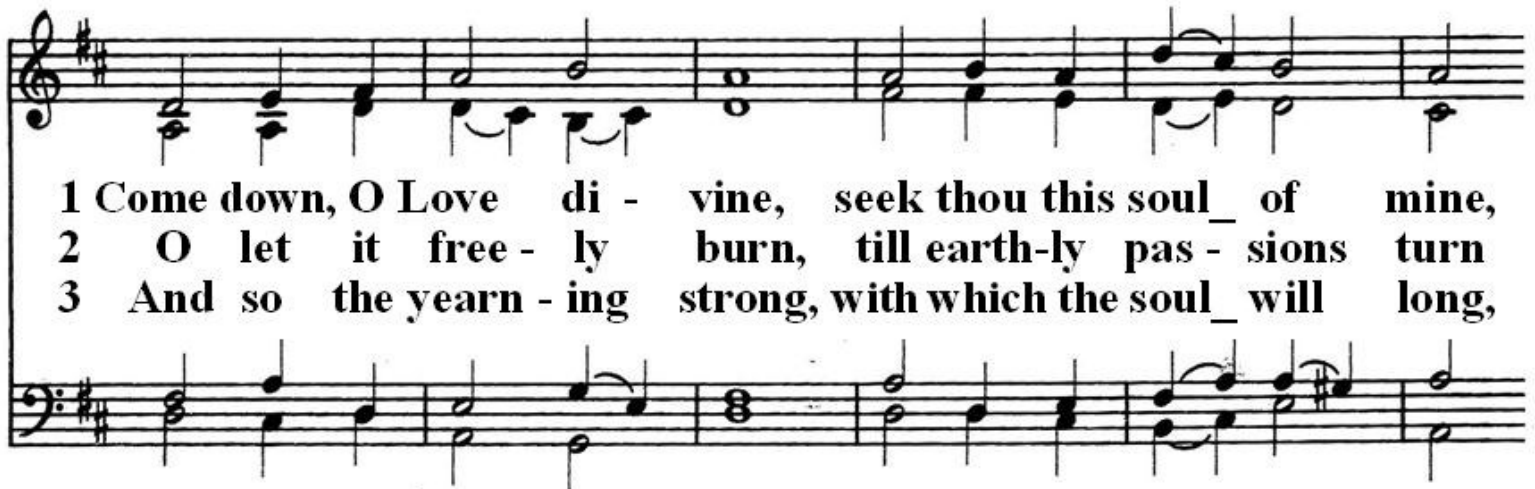
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

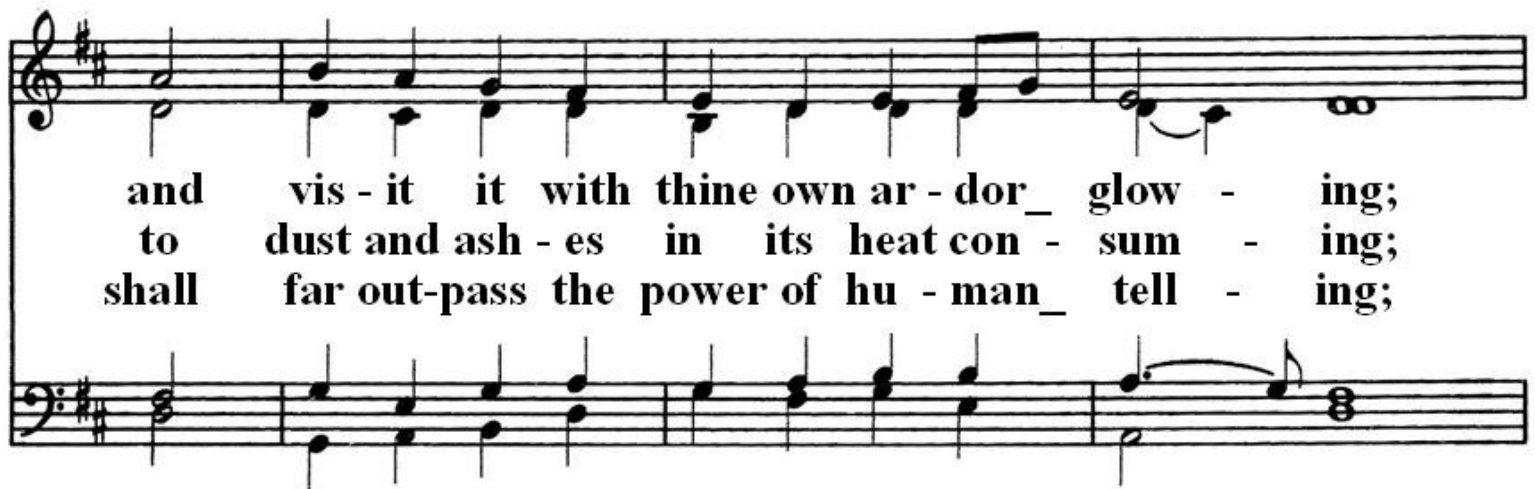
Hymnal #376

Come Down, O Love Divine

[Live] Zoom participants, please stay muted.



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul_ of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul_ will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor_ glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man_ tell - ing;

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 shall far out-pass the power of hu - man_ tell - ing;

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
 Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Francis Linley

Voluntary, Adagio
 Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, organ
[Live]

Serving us at 10:30 am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Cobb

Greeter: Donna Cobb

Intercessor: Jim Cobb

Lectors: Dorothy Furgerson, Sue Beckham

Cantor: Chris Schmidt

Pianist/Organist: Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling

Zoom Host: Co-Host: Aer van de Water, Pam Storrer

Stream/Tech Team: Breno DeMedeiros, Sophia DeMedeiros

Coffee Hour today will be pre-empted by our Parish Picnic—see below!

Upcoming Events

Real (not-virtual) PARISH PICNIC – TODAY June 5

We will be hosting a real-live picnic after the 10:30 am Eucharist service on **June 5**. To be cautious, we will just have simple picnic fare to make it easier for the safe handling of food. So, we will provide all the food, and you will not have to bring any potluck dishes. Just come to eat, chit-chat and relax. Food will be served in the Alpha Omega patio, and there will be limited seating inside for those who truly need to avoid the sun. You may also want to bring your own lounge chairs and have the freedom to find the shady spots.

Parish Administrator vacation The Administrator is out of the office from now through Wednesday June 15, but will handle brief online chores remotely while away. Please hold your emergencies until she returns, if possible!

Gun Violence Prevention Resources

Be a part of reducing gun violence in our nation. Our Episcopal

Church has a department called the Office of Government Relations that urges national reform in addition to the state-level reform we can do as Californians. So, you can call your state representative, but you can also support the Episcopal Public Policy Network through the Office of Government Relations to support broader work.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ogr/resources-to-respond-to-gun-violence/>

Our Episcopal Church also has a group called Episcopal Peace Fellowship that works in various manners against violence.

<https://epfnational.org/action-groups/gun-violence-prevention-action-group/>

This just added: from St. Andrew's

We believe in thoughts and prayers.

And we know that actions and deeds are their fruit.

So...what shall our fruit be in this work against gun violence?

How we can actively respond to the epidemic of gun violence in our country?

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month

Join **Saint Andrew's June 26th at 4pm** for a Zoom conversation with author Rosalind C. Hughes.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83345671108?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83345671108?pwd=aUJ6c29WSHN6dEFWa3VycWNvOSsrQT09)

[pwd=aUJ6c29WSHN6dEFWa3VycWNvOSsrQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83345671108?pwd=aUJ6c29WSHN6dEFWa3VycWNvOSsrQT09)

Meeting ID: 833 4567 1108

Passcode: 549875

Contact: The Rev. Jani Wild, whrab1@gmail.com

More 10:30 In-Person/Online Eucharist Services Coming!

After Easter, we will have two 10:30am hybrid services a month.

Hybrid services are where you can attend online and in-person. This will be on the first and last Sunday of the month.

Why are hybrid services so important?

Why don't we just return completely to in-person services?

Our community broadened in the pandemic! Some join us from afar and see themselves as members of our parish. Some have moved and want to continue to be in community with St. Thomas. Some can only come remotely because of hospitalization and disability. We are a church that makes a way for everyone who wants to join us to join us. That is why we will always have an online component to our 10:30am services. This is the new normal.

Next Hybrid Services

Sundays, June 26, July 3 & 31

Please mark your calendars for these services when you can attend online or in-person. All 8:00am services are in-person only.

Our Next Town Hall Meeting

The vestry invites the parish to a season of dialogue to build financial sustainability for our church. When we first scheduled these town hall meetings, we intended the schedule and topics to be moveable if need

be. In light of the importance and demand of Holy Week and Easter, we are shifting the entire schedule later. As new dates are drafted, we will alert the congregation. (See below!) We thank you for your patience.

Each of the Wednesday evening town hall meetings will be recorded and on Zoom at 7pm. Join on your computer, device or phone:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055858844>

Meeting ID: 850 5585 8844

Phone number: 1-669-900-9128,,85055858844#

- **June 29 (this date is moveable):** Envisioning a new campus and an invitation for parish participation

These topics might change in the course of our conversation. We will update the congregation if and when they do. Those who cannot make it will be given temporary access to the recordings. The parish will give an advisory vote to the vestry. At the regular meeting

following, the vestry will make a decision toward a plan. Please direct questions to our Sr. Warden, Abby O' Connell.

Town Hall FAQ

The Parish Communications Task Force has compiled an FAQ document that tracks the questions from our annual meeting through the town hall meetings. If you would like to read it, please go here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Z3vhgHm2piuRjnaN5jMTuiyUA8LQh17a-E08tm6Ymk/edit?usp=sharing>

Access to the recordings of the town hall meetings is now available upon request.

Midsummer Revue – June 26

This will be a hybrid-zoom revue held in the Sanctuary following the end of the of the 10:30am Eucharist service on **June 26**, and it will use the same technical equipment setup as for the service. The theme will be Pentecost and “midsummer dreams”. We are asking people to share a skit, poem or song following that theme for the purpose of fellowship. Performances can be done in-person or via Zoom. We can also accept hybrid combination performances as we had done on Palm Sunday and during the Great Vigil. Please email me at pdare5@comcast.net if you want to have a spot on the program and let me know what format you will be using.

And in July - SAVE THE DATE: July 3 Book & Bake Sale

The St. Thomas FUNdraising Committee is hoping you've been doing a lot of reading these last few years and may have some books you're willing to donate for a good cause!

We're hosting a Book and Bake Sale Fundraiser on Sunday, July 3, in Cowans Hall in between the morning services and right after the 10:30 service.

We're soliciting donations of books and magazines and hope you'll

help us in that effort. Please reach out to your family, friends and neighbors and let them know we welcome donations of gently used books and magazines of all kinds. You may bring them to the back of the church on any Sunday until then. Please mark your bag or box “For St. Thomas Book Sale”. If you’re not able to make it to church, please contact any member of the Committee and we can arrange to pick them up.

We’re also calling all bakers who like to show off their culinary talents and implore you to make and donate your speciality for the cause. Please plan to bring them the day of or let any of the Committee members know if you’d like to arrange a pick-up.

Finally - please help us spread the word of this fundraising event to your family, friends and neighbors.

SAVE THE DATE:

What: St. Thomas Book and Bake Sale Fundraiser

Date: Sunday, July 3

Time: Between morning services and just following the 10:30 service

Where: Cowans Hall

In gratitude,

Ann Kopischke, Kristen Kaliski, Fran Hostettler and Hugo Lopez-Laguna

St. Thomas Fundraising Committee

Library News

Welcome to the St. Thomas Library QR code (short for “quick response”), which can be scanned using a smartphone that automatically recognizes QR codes or QR scanner app. You will then be led directly to the online catalog.

It is possible to continue to use this link as well:

<https://stec-ind.skathi.opalsinfo.net>

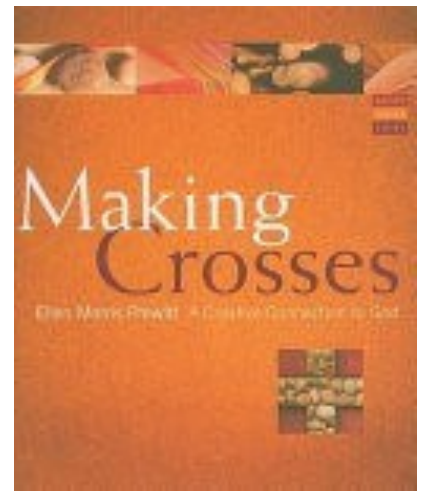


Book of the Week June 5

[Making Crosses: a creative connection to God](#)

by Ellen Morris Prewitt

The author explains: "I've found that anyone can make a cross, and by making crosses we are better able to understand what God needs for us to understand about ourselves, our church, or whatever may be working in our lives. To make a cross is to pray in a new way, but it's not as simple as old-fashioned petitionary prayer; making crosses is a way for God to pray through you."



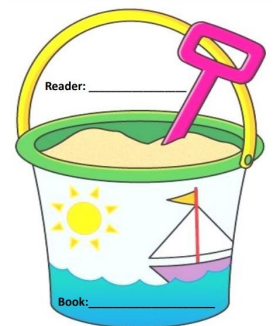
Summer Reading Program

Our theme for 2022 is “*Read Buckets of Books*” and it begins next Sunday!

Everyone is invited to join us for our Summer Reading Program. All you do is read any book you want, either from our church library, borrowed from a friend, or even the public library. How about your own bookshelves? Audiobooks also count.

For every book you read, your name will be entered in a drawing and prizes will be given on **Sunday, August 14**. A \$25.00 gift card from Leigh’s Bookstore in Sunnyvale will be presented to one of the winning kids. An adult will enjoy a \$25.00 gift card “from your favorite bookstore”.

If you are attending in person at a 10:30 service, you will be able to fill out a “bucket” with your name, title, and author of each book you read. The “buckets” will be available at the bulletin board in the back of the church.



If you are a visitor and would like to participate in our program, be sure to put your phone number or email address on the back of the bucket.

If you prefer, you may send your name and book title to:

Kids’ books: send to Pam Storrer pam_storrer@yahoo.com

Adults' books:

If your last name begins with A - L, send to Carol Campbell

library@stthomas-svale.us

If your last name begins with M - Z, send to Ann Stevenson

annstevenson@comcast.net

General Announcements

Ukraine Refugee Relief As we pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, please also pray for Episcopal Relief & Development and other ecumenical agencies working to respond to the current crisis. Specific needs will change as the crisis evolves. As of right now, there is a need for food, water and shelter. Please consider partnering with Episcopal Relief & Development in this response. Visit episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis for more information. Or pick up a flier from the table at the back of the church.

Free Rapid Test Kits for COVID If you would like to have one, please talk with Pastor Salying. All kits must be registered with an app on your smartphone to leave the church and to get your results. We have plenty, so please ask. Kits expire in the latter part of June.

Pledges, Offerings & Donations

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

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

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/>

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

Peace, Jim Cobb

Deacon’s Digest

Deacon Bertram's service in the diocese involves several things. He serves at both St. Andrew's and St. Thomas. Bertram also attends the Sunday 8 am Stepping Stones: Jail and Re-entry gathering at St. Andrew's and visits detainees at San Jose Elmwood Jail. To learn more, go to their [FaceBook page](#).

At St. Thomas, Bertram serves at the 10:30 am service and leads the Helping Hands and Hearts Committee. Bertram also monitors the Prayer Chain. Bertram brings Bible study, preaching, Vesper (Evening) Intercessory Prayer. and leadership to both congregations.

Small Groups and Spiritual Formation Ministries

St Thomas Stepping Stones Jail Ministry

Get proximate to the pain and you will make the deepest

connection. Join the St. Thomas Stepping Stone Jail ministry and get proximate to those who are in need of community and love. There are two informational sessions scheduled for you to learn more about where you can find your place in this ministry, whether it be writing letters or visitations. Please contact Deacon Bertram (bertramemail@gmail.com) if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

The Prayer Chain and Helping Hands and Hearts

Committee. Anyone who needs prayers or needs pastoral care assistance or would like to join in this ministry, please send an email to: prayerchain@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

Children and Family Ministry Family Ministry students now meet **Sunday morning at 9:15 to 9:45** for classes on Zoom before the scheduled Church Service at 10:30. We hope to see you all there. The Zoom address is:

<https://.us02web.zoom.us/j/86433323177>

For information on the schedule of children and family ministry, please contact Sue Beckham at Sue_beckham@comcast.net

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, June 26** using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray. Young Belle is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. The daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality, Belle becomes one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, all while hiding her origins and passing as white. *An extraordinary tale that is both brilliant historical fiction and an important and timely commentary on racism.* – *New York Times*
Please join us—contact Dorothy Furgerson for the Zoom link:
drdfurg@mac.com

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



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.

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, 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group on Zoom
led by Deacon Bertram: - every Thursday

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?
pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGJlJUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGJlJUT09)

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

First & last Sundays if the month:

Hybrid In-person Holy Communion Rite II
service held in the church with simultaneous **Zoom**
(link as above)

Please see website for week-to-week information.



THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

Abby O'Connell, **Senior Warden**

Chris Schmidt, **Junior Warden**

Gage McKinney, **Clerk**

2022

Susan McVey

Chris Schmidt

Bill Rosgen

2023

Pat Dare

Breno DeMedeiros

Abby O'Connell

2024

Nancy Allgeier

Gage McKinney

Rita Welsh

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty

MaryJane Johnson

Hugo Lopez-Laguna

Mabel Cheng

(Joe Gutierrez, Marilyn Winans alternates)

St. Thomas website: www.stthomas-svale.org

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.us
or 510-478-3554

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah.....bertramemail@gmail.com

Treasurer: Jim Cobb.....Finance@stthomas-svale.org

Parish Administrator: Anne Buelteman.....office@stthomas-svale.org

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Music Director: Patricia Pietrzyk,..... patriciapietrzyk@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor: Anne Buelteman..... office@stthomas-svale.org

Accompanist: Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling

Our Daily Bread (ODB) Coordinator: David Barnes.....408-736-4108, odb@stthomas-svale.org

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 Office408-736-4155

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

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