

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2022

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am

Proper 13



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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 will be on the Alpha-Omega patio. Current protocols are found on page 21.

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).*

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

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

Prelude

J. S. Bach

Italian Concerto, 1st movement

Benjamin Belew, piano

[Live]

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

[Live]

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Come al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3. Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum-ble dwell - ing all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion, per - fect -



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faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless-ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound-ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem-bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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Greeting

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

People: And blessed be God's 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.

Gloria

(Live)

Berthier

Please join in singing the Gloria; 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 13

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 49:1-11

[Live on Zoom]

The cantors will lead the psalm.

All may join in singing the refrain. Zoom participants, please stay muted.

Refrain:



We can nev - er ran - som our - selves, or de - liv - er to God_



the price_ of our__ life.

Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding. *Refrain*

Refrain:



We can nev - er ran - som our - selves, or de - liv - er to God _



the price _ of our _ life.

I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp. *Refrain*

Refrain:



We can nev - er ran - som our - selves, or de - liv - er to God _



the price _ of our _ life.

Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches? *Refrain (as above)*

We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;

For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,

In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave. *Refrain*

Refrain:



We can nev - er ran - som our - selves, or de - liv - er to God_



the price_ of our__ life.

For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.

Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish. *Refrain*

Refrain:



We can nev - er ran - som our - selves, or de - liv - er to God_



the price_ of our__ life.

The Epistle:

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #660

See page 10

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
[Live]

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience still with thee, in clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong in trust that triumphs o - ver wrong.
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918)
 Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

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The Gospel:

Luke 12:13-21

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

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.

Prayers of the People

Form I

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Here are added the cycles of prayer for the church

Leader: For our Bishop, Lucinda, our Presiding Bishop, Michael, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our President, Joseph, our Governor, Gavin, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this city of Sunnyvale, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Here are added prayers for Healing, and Strength, and Guidance.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Here are added names of those remembered in death.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the communion of Thomas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,**

by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you
People: **And also with you.**

The people and the ministers greet one another.

Announcements

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Offertory sentence

Offertory music

J. S. Bach

Italian Concerto, 2nd movement

Benjamin Belew, piano



[Live]



Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.


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


Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Here the Celebrant adds a seasonal preface.

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

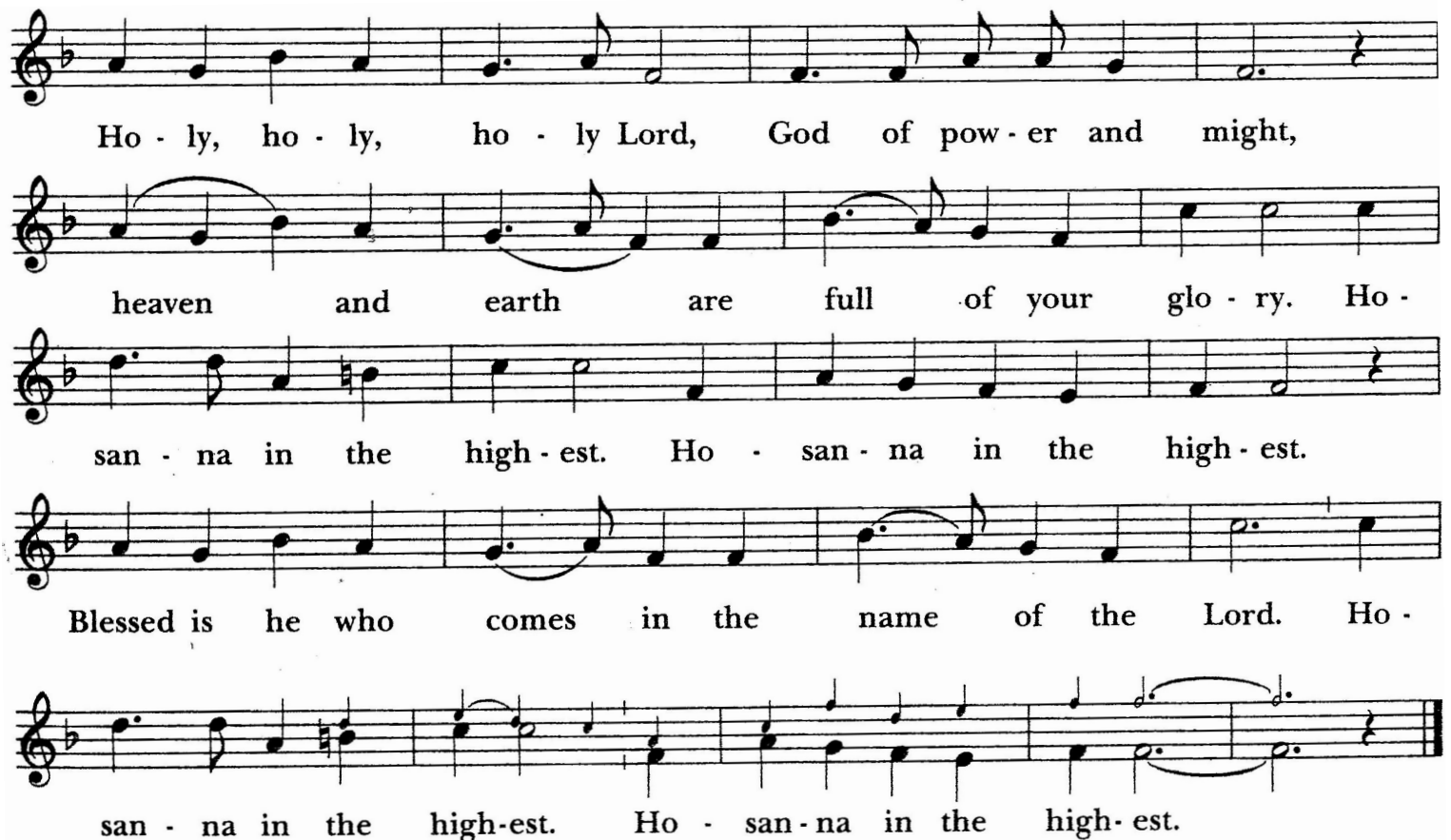
[Live]

Hymnal S-125

All are invited to join in singing the Sanctus.

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.*

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord
[Live]

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy__ to meet my Lord,__ for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near__ to
 3 As Christ breaks bread_ and bids us share,__ each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord,__ His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound,__ we'll

1 giv - en, loved,__ and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all__ are fed, the new com - mun - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made__ us
 4 pres - ence al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

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1 to re - call__ his life laid down_ for me.
 2 ty of love__ in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one,__ and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known_ we see and praise him here.
 5 in the world__ we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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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: The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

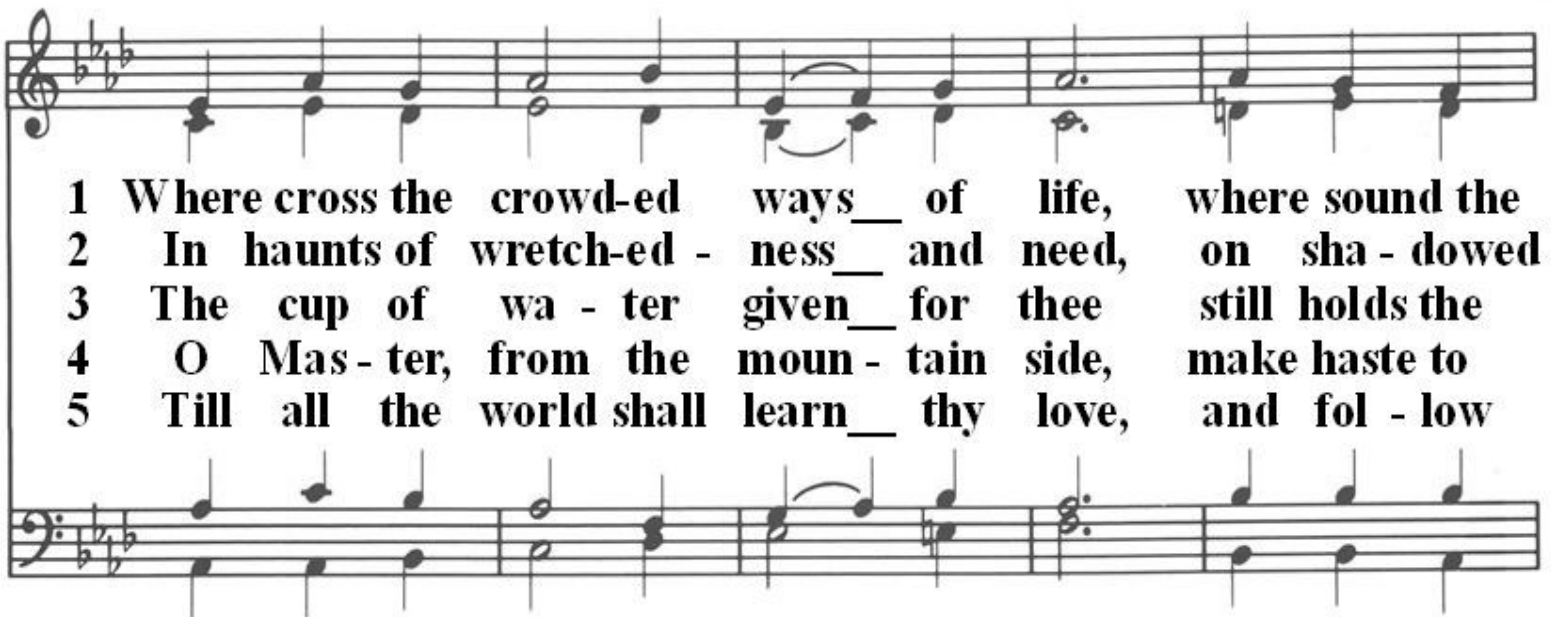
Closing Hymn

Hymnal #609

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

[Live]

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.



1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways_ of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch-ed - ness_ and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given_ for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 Till all the world shall learn_ thy love, and fol - low



1 cries of race__ and clan, a - bove the noise__ of
 2 thresh-olds dark__ with fears, from paths where hide__ the
 3 fresh - ness of__ thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 4 heal these hearts__ of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 5 where thy feet__ have trod; till glo - rious from__ thy



1 self - ish strife,_ we hear thy voice,_ O Son__ of Man.
 2 lures of greed,_ we catch the vi - sion of__ thy tears.
 3 tudes to see__ the true com - pas - sion of__ thy face.
 4 throngs a - bide,_ O tread the ci - ty's streets_ a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove,_ shall come the ci - ty of__ our God.

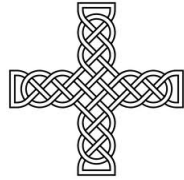
Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Italian Concerto, 3rd movement
Benjamin Belew, piano
[Live]



Serving us at 10:30 am

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Salying Wong

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kopischke

Greeters: Mary Jane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Intercessor: Ann Kopischke

Lectors: Robert Minchin, Fulvia Govetto

Cantors: Susan & John McVey

Pianist: Benjamin Belew

Flautist: Jean Platner

Zoom Host/Co-Host: Aer van de Water, Fulvia Govetto

Stream/Tech Team: Steve Williams, Jim Cobb

Coffee Hour today will be on the Alpha-Omega patio.

A reminder of current protocols may be found on page 28.

Upcoming Events

Our Next Town Hall Meeting is August 3 at 7pm:

Envisioning a new campus and Financial Models for the future

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#

The meeting will be recorded. To view the recording, please contact Pastor Salying.

Next Hybrid Services

Sundays, July 31, August 7 & 28

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

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.

Agape Circle open to all for friendship, fun, and food!

Friday, August 5, at 6:30pm on the Alpha-Omega Patio.

Please join us and bring a pot-luck dish (and any serving utensils) and be ready for a fun-filled evening of friendship, sharing, and **stargazing!**

Plus, Robert Minchin will be giving us a lesson in astronomy! Robert works for NASA on telescopes.

Please email Dena Ware at denaware@gmail.com to RSVP! (RSVPs preferred, but not necessary)

We look forward to seeing you there!

PS – If you prefer to bring your own lawn chair for comfort, please do, however there are chairs from the hall available.

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>

We are Open

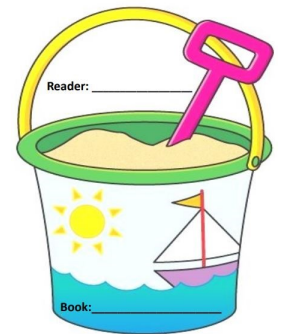
Beginning Friday July 29, the church library will be open on Sundays after the 8 a.m. service and after the 10:30 service during the Sundays when there is the option to meet in person. Carol or a member of the Library Committee will be available to answer questions on Fridays from 10am-12n; after 12:00 our administrator Anne will be available at 408-736-4155 until 4:00pm to open the door for you. We request that you remember to wear your mask.

Summer Reading Program

Our theme is “Read Buckets of Books”, and it continues until August 14. The bulletin board is looking good with all the “buckets”.

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

A New Directory It is our goal to produce a new directory for the parish in the next few weeks. You should receive an email with a PDF of our most recent information for your correction or approval AND if you are attending in person, there will be a printed proof copy on the table in the narthex **today and next Sunday**.

Please correct or approve your information, either by responding to the email or by marking the proof copy.

ALSO, we would like to include photos in this new directory. The collection we currently have on file—warning: some may be outdated—will be indexed at the back of the proof copy. Please take a minute to approve or to request non-inclusion, OR to let us know you will send us a photo of your own that you prefer.

Thanks so much for your help in keeping our community in touch in these challenging times!

SAVE THE DATE: September 25 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, September 25, 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 specialty 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.

What: St. Thomas Book and Bake Sale Fundraiser

Date: Sunday, September 25

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

General Announcements

Thanksgiving and Memorial Donations to Altar Guild Our altar guild appreciates your support in making our space holy and beautiful. You can make a donation for fresh flowers on a designated date or a general donation for supplies, like communion wine and bread and oil for the candles. You can make this donation online or by check, with altar guild on the memo line.

If applicable, please also include: The date for the commemoration
The person or occasion to be commemorated

COVID Protocols update

Masking is required again 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 .

Masking is recommended outdoors when the gathering makes it difficult to keep 6 feet distance. Our coffee hour will be served outdoors in the Alpha-Omega Patio, weather permitting.

Free COVID Test Kits can be ordered at [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). You will get 8 free test kits.

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.

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

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. **Monday, August 8** using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss ***Born a Crime*** by Trevor Noah. This is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a

criminal act: the union of his white father and African mother was punishable by five years in prison. By turns hilarious, dramatic, and deeply affecting, it is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse.

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGJUT09)

[pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGJUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGJUT09)

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