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August 28, 2022

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10:30am

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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, here are our current guidelines:

INDOOR

Masking is now optional at church services.

For those who have vulnerable health issues, our 10:30am services always offer an option to worship from the safety of home. Please stay home if you feel sick.

When the priest celebrates communion, she will always thoroughly wash her hands. She will be unmasked while celebrating communion. The bread and wine will be covered with a linen/pall except during the epiclesis. She will re-mask to distribute communion, since she will come closer than six feet and want to make everyone as comfortable receiving.

Thank you for your continued patience as we try to provide the greatest level of safety for all of us!

OUTDOOR

Please be aware of those around you who may be vulnerable and try to maintain a distance. Our coffee hour will be on the Alpha-Omega patio.

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

Benjamin Belew, piano
[Live]

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #438

Tell Out, My Soul *[Live]*

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



- 1 Tell out, my soul, the great - nes_ of the Lord!
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - nes_ of his Name!
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - nes_ of his might!
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries_ of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

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in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
His ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*

Music: *Woodlands*, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

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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)

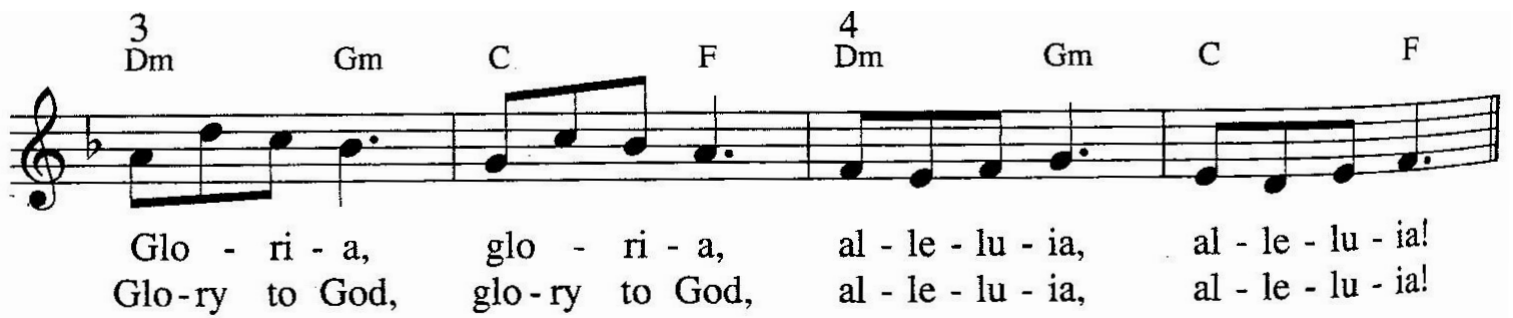
Berthier

Please join in singing the Gloria; Zoom participants, please stay muted.

1 2
Dm Gm C F 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!

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1982



This Gloria may be sung as a round

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.
Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

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

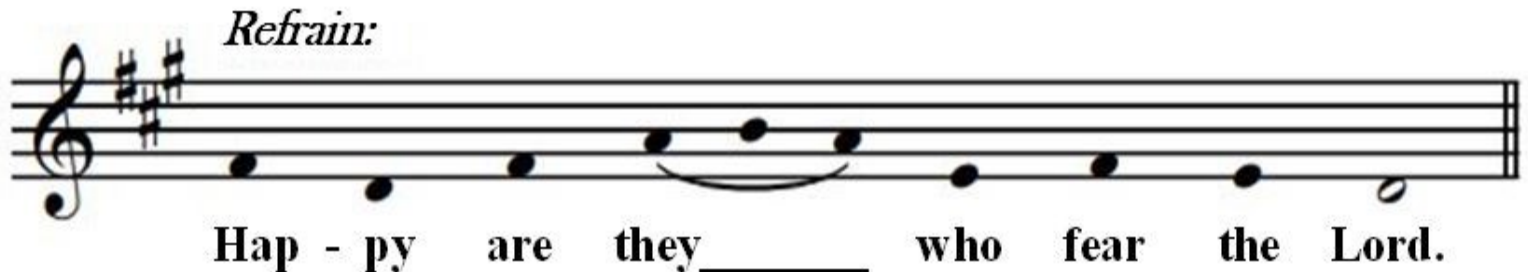
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 112

[Live on Zoom]

The cantor will lead the psalm.

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



Hallelujah!

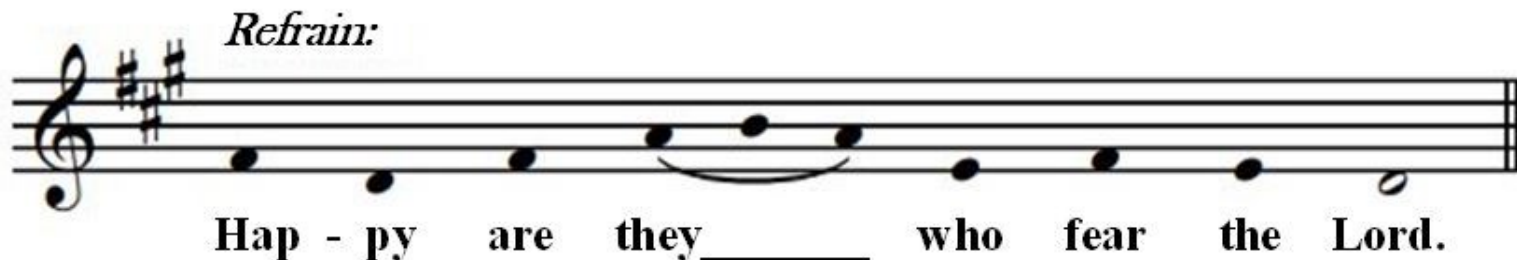
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever. *Refrain (as above)*

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

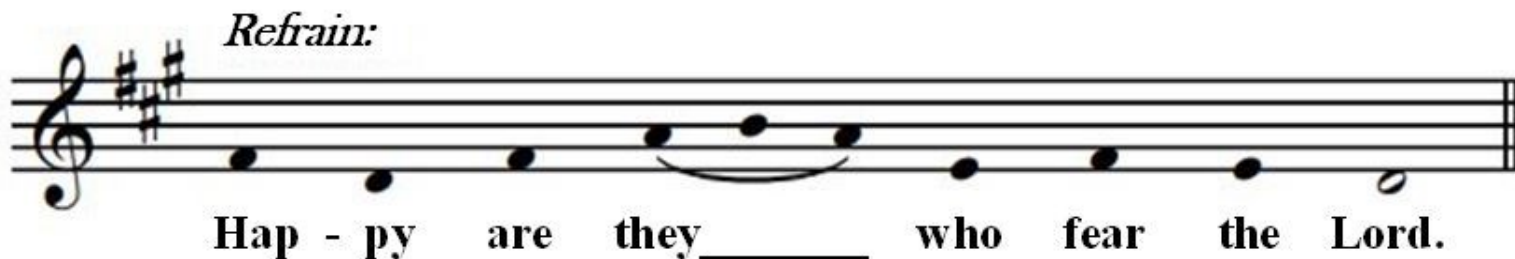
It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice. *Refrain*



For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies. *Refrain*



They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish. *Refrain*



The Epistle:

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #637

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How Firm A Foundation

[Live]

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

Descant

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path-way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

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5 soul _____ to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand.
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou-bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right-eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.

Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); desc. Lois Fyfe (b. 1927)

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The Gospel:

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

The Offertory Anthem

James G. McDermid

Behold, What Manner of Love

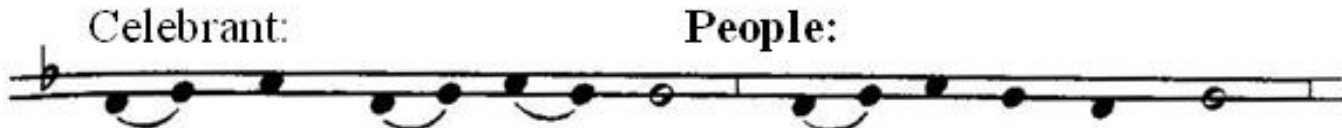
Jean Platner, soloist

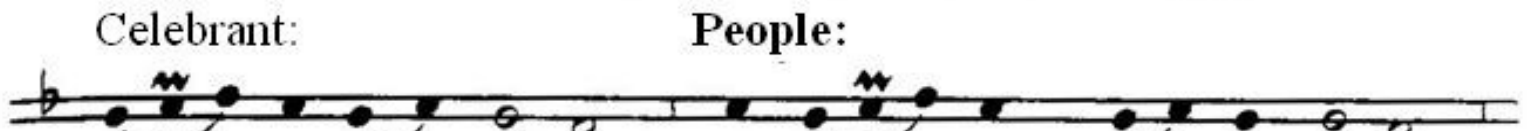
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Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.
People: And of your own have we given you.


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.

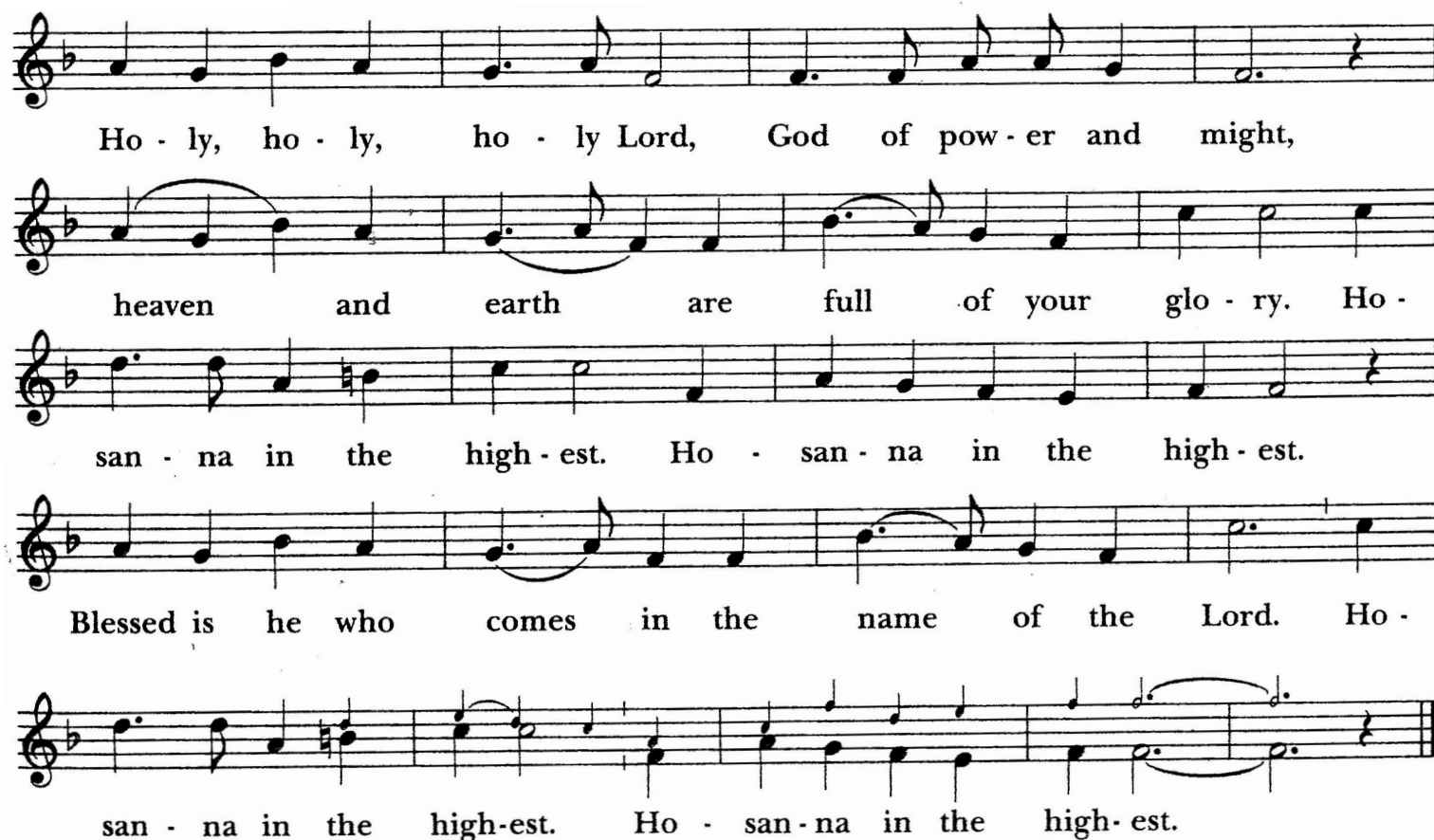
People:

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:

*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:



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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.*

*My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread**[Live]*


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



1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon-ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick-ening grace, O Lord, in count - less
4 Nor let thy spread-ing Gos-pel rest till through the



1 love doth o - ver - flow be all thy chil - dren
2 well with joy - ful guests, and may each soul sal -
3 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
4 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall



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Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780;
adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

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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

Closing Hymn

Wonder, Love, and Praise #787

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

[Live]

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

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -
Mar-cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios. Mar - cha -

march-ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the
hamb' e - ku-kha - nyen' kwen-khos', Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
re - mos en la luz de Dios. Mar-cha - re - mos en la

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mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

light of God,
nyen' kwen-khos',
luz de Dios.

we are march-ing in the light of,
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-, *kha -*
mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de, *la*

we are march-ing in the light of God
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.
mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

We are march-ing
Si - ya - ham - ba
Mar - cha - re - mos

light of God,
nyen' kwen-khos',
luz de Dios.

we are march-ing,
si - ya - ham - ba
mar - cha - re - mos

march-ing, we are
ham - ba, si - ya -
re - mos mar - cha -

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_____ Oo we are march-ing in the light of God_____
 _____ Oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos'._____
 _____ Oo mar-cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios._____



march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of, the
 ham - ba, ham - ba si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen- kha
 re - mos re - mos mar-cha - re - mos en la luz de la



_____ we are march-ing in the light of God_____
 _____ si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos'._____
 _____ mar-cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios._____

_____ We are march-ing_____
 _____ Si - ya - ham-ba_____
 _____ Mar-cha - re - mos_____



light of God, we are march-ing, march-ing, we are
 nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya - ham - ba ham - ba, si - ya -
 luz de Dios. mar - cha - re - mos re - mos mar-cha -



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march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - ham-ba si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.
mar-cha - re-mos mar-cha - re-mos en la luz de Dios.

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Words: South African; Spanish words, Bernardo Murray
 Music: *Siyahamba*, South African © 1984 Utryck, admin.
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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Benjamin Belew, piano
[Live]



Serving us at 10:30 am

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Salying Wong

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Gutierrez

Greeter: Mary Jane Johnson

Intercessor: Joe Gutierrez

Lectors: Abby O'Connell, Dorothy Furgerson

Cantor: Fulvia Govetto

Pianist: Benjamin Belew

Flautist: Jean Platner

Zoom Host/Co-Host: Fulvia Govetto, tba

Stream/Tech Team: Tian Zhu, Andrew Yeh

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

A reminder of current protocols may be found on page 30.

Upcoming Events

Advisory Vote! By now, you should have received a ballot by email or by post. The vestry asks for your advice on its recommendation to lease the campus according to Option 3. The material included with the vote form has a description of Option 3 and the meaning of an advisory vote. Votes are due by August 31, 2022. They may be submitted by email, by post, or brought to church.

Town Hall #4 Recording is ready for your viewing. Please email Pastor Salying if you would like a link. pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us.

Library News:

Needed - someone to care for our **Little Free Library**. The library crew provides the books. The duties would be to make certain there are adequate books, both adult and children on a regular basis. If you think you would like to help, please contact Carol at Library@stthomas-svale.us or 408-859-7488 (leave a message as I won't answer a number I do not know) We look forward to your help.

Book of the Week August 28

On August 27, the Episcopal revised common lectionary honors Thomas Gallaudet, founder of the first American School for the deaf. Margo Poulain gifted this book to our library.

Silent Observer by Christy MacKinnon

Silent Observer is a delightful memoir told as it was seen through the eyes of a lively child. It is also a meaningful record of life for a deaf child and her family in the far reaches of Canada at the end of an era. *Silent Observer* is a beautiful, sensitive story that is sure to be enjoyed by everyone - *from*

Publisher.



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

Our next gathering will be **September 9, at 6:30pm**. Please meet on the Alpha-Omega Patio. Bring a pot-luck dish (and any serving utensils) and be ready for a fun-filled evening of friendship, sharing, and food. Please email Dena Ware at denaware@gmail.com to RSVP! (RSVPs preferred, but not necessary.)

Next 10:30am Hybrid Services

Sundays, September 4 & 25, October 2

Please mark your calendars for these services where you can attend online or in-person at 10:30am. All 8am services are in-person only.

A New Directory is available on the table in the back of the church. Please feel free to take one home.

OR if you would like to receive a PDF version, please let the administrator know, at office@stthomas-svale.us

Sunnyvale City Council Event: Liveable Sunnyvale

Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30pm on Zoom

Topics to include: Housing, Sustainability, and Transportation

Register on line liveablesunnyvale.org



Livable Sunnyvale

Sunnyvale City Council Candidate Forum

Wednesday 9/7 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Featuring:

District 1 Candidate
Linda Sell



District 3 Candidates
Justin Wang and
Murali Srinivasan



District 5 Candidate
Richard Mehlinger



Topics Include: Housing, Sustainability and Transportation

Register at liveablesunnyvale.org

Rector's Vacation Pastor Salying will be on vacation **September 15-30**. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Deacon Bertram. For all other business, contact our parish administration, Anne Buelteman or the Sr. Warden, Abby O'Connell.

SAVE THE DATE 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

Please donate your books and magazines; 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.

Also, please contribute a baked item on the day of or let any of the Committee members know if you'd like to arrange a pick-up.

Goodwill Drive On October 2, the Goodwill truck will be parked on our parking lot to receive all your donations. So, if you're doing summer cleaning, save them for October 2 and have your old treasures benefit the church.

October Save the Dates:

October 2	Animal Blessing; Revue show for Back-to-Parish
October 8	Parish Work Day
October 23	The Bishop Visits

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 (1) the date for the commemoration and (2) the person or occasion to be commemorated.

COVID Protocols update

Masking is now optional at church services.

For those who have vulnerable health issues, our 10:30am services always offer an option to worship from the safety of home. Please stay home if you feel sick.

When the priest celebrates communion, she will always thoroughly wash her hands. She will be unmasked while celebrating communion. The bread and wine will be covered with a linen/pall except during the epiclesis. She will re-mask to distribute communion, since she will come closer than six feet and want to make everyone as comfortable receiving.

Free COVID Test Kits can be ordered at COVIDtests.gov. You will get 8 free test kits.

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

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 10-12; after 12 our administrator Anne will be available at 408-736-4155 until 4:00 to open the door for you. We request that you remember to wear your mask.

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 in your pledges and offerings to the church or use our online donation option (see below).



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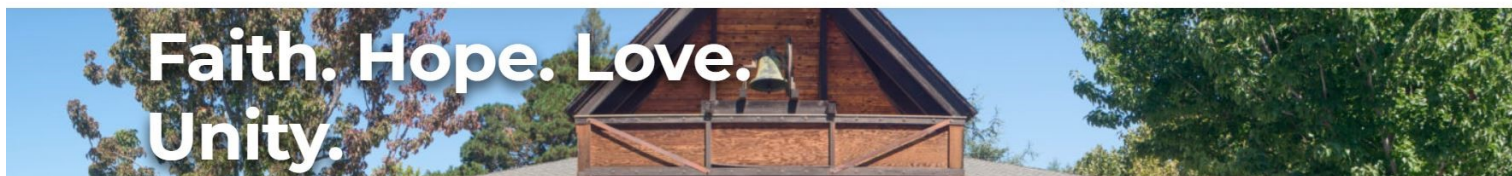
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Online Giving Please look for the “GIVE” option on the main menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located on the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “GIVE” (highlighted in yellow above), you will be taken to a new page where you 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. Our Jail Ministry kickoff date was Monday 30 May 2022 (Memorial Day 2022). We began by sending out pen-pal letters and the coming weeks we will try to organize going in person into the jail (only for persons who want/agreed to do this work). 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

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, August 29** using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss ***The Paper Bracelet*** by Rachael English. Following the death of her husband, Katie Carroll determines to confront her past. She encounters success and failure, heartbreak and joy in her efforts to return the identity bracelets of the babies she cared for along with their unwed mothers in the 1970s. But is she prepared for old secrets to be uncovered in her own life? Please join us—contact Dorothy Furgerson for the Zoom link: drdfurg@mac.com

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

Meeting ID: 896 9918 8717 Passcode: 225424

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Sundays: 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the church
with masks and social distancing protocols
and

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

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

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.

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.

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
(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!

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

Family Ministry Director.: Susan Beckham.....family_ministry@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