

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 2022

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am

Proper 14



**You also must be ready, for
the Son of Man is coming at
an unexpected hour.**

LUKE 12:40



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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.

Fugue 003
Benjamin Belew, piano
[Live]

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #495

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus
[Live]

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



1 Hail, thou_ once de - spis - ed_ Je - sus! Hail, thou__ Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal_ Lamb by God ap - point - ed all our__ sins on__
3 Je - sus,__ hail! en - throned in_ glo - ry there for__ ev - er__
4 Wor - ship__ hon - or, power, and_ bless - ing thou art__ wor - thy__



le - an__ King! Thou didst_ suf - fer to re - lease us,
thee_ were_ laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to__ a - bide; all the_ heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to__ re - ceive; high - est praise - es with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst_ free sal - va - tion_ bring. Hail, thou_ u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast_ full a - tone - ment_ made. All thy__ peo - ple are for -
seat - ed_ at thy_ Fa - ther's_ side. There for__ sin - ners thou art
right it__ is for_ us_ to_ give. Help, ye__ bright an - gel - ic

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Sa - vior, bear - er__ of our sin and_ shame!_ By thy_ mer-it
giv - en through the_ vir-tue of thy_ blood:_ o - pened_ is the
plead-ing there thou_ dost our place pre - pare_, ev - er__ for us
spi - rits, all your_ no-blest an-thems_ raise;_ help to sing our



we find__ fa - vor: life is__ giv - en__ through__ thy__ Name.
gate of__ hea - ven, re - con - ciled are__ we__ with__ God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in__ glo - ry__ we__ ap - pear.
Sa - vior's_ mer - its help to__ chant Em - man - uel's_ praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradanses*, 1710

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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

The musical score is written on two staves in 6/8 time. The first staff contains measures 1 through 4, and the second staff contains measures 5 through 8. Chord markings (Dm, Gm, C, F) are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures.

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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 14

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 33:12-22

[Live on Zoom]

The cantor will lead the psalm.

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

Refrain:



Our__ soul_ waits for the Lord; who_ is our help_ and__ our__ shield.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world. *Refrain*

Refrain:



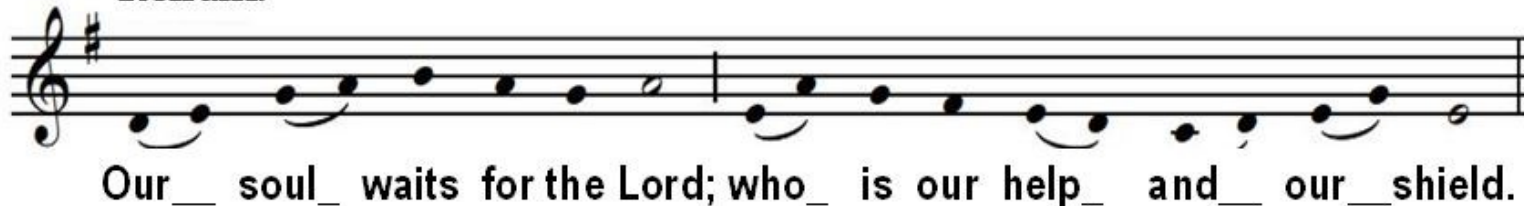
Our__ soul_ waits for the Lord; who_ is our help_ and__ our__ shield.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.

Refrain

Refrain:

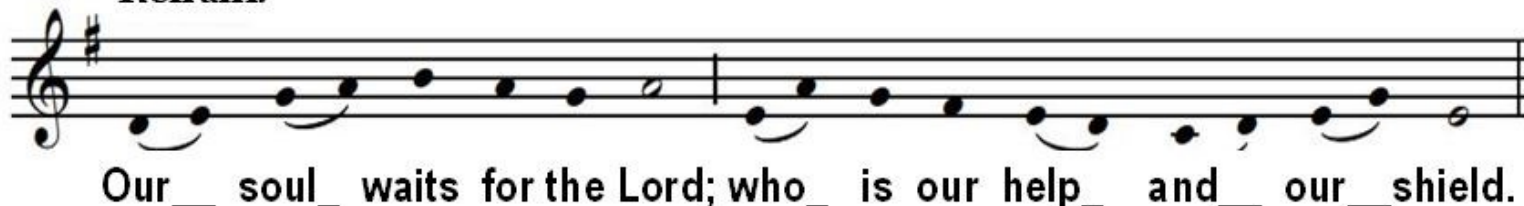


There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.

Refrain

Refrain:

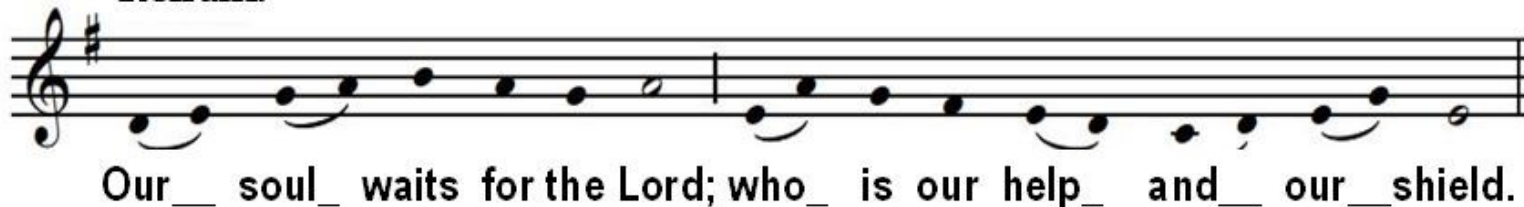


Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

Refrain

Refrain:



Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you. *Refrain*



The Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a

heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #488

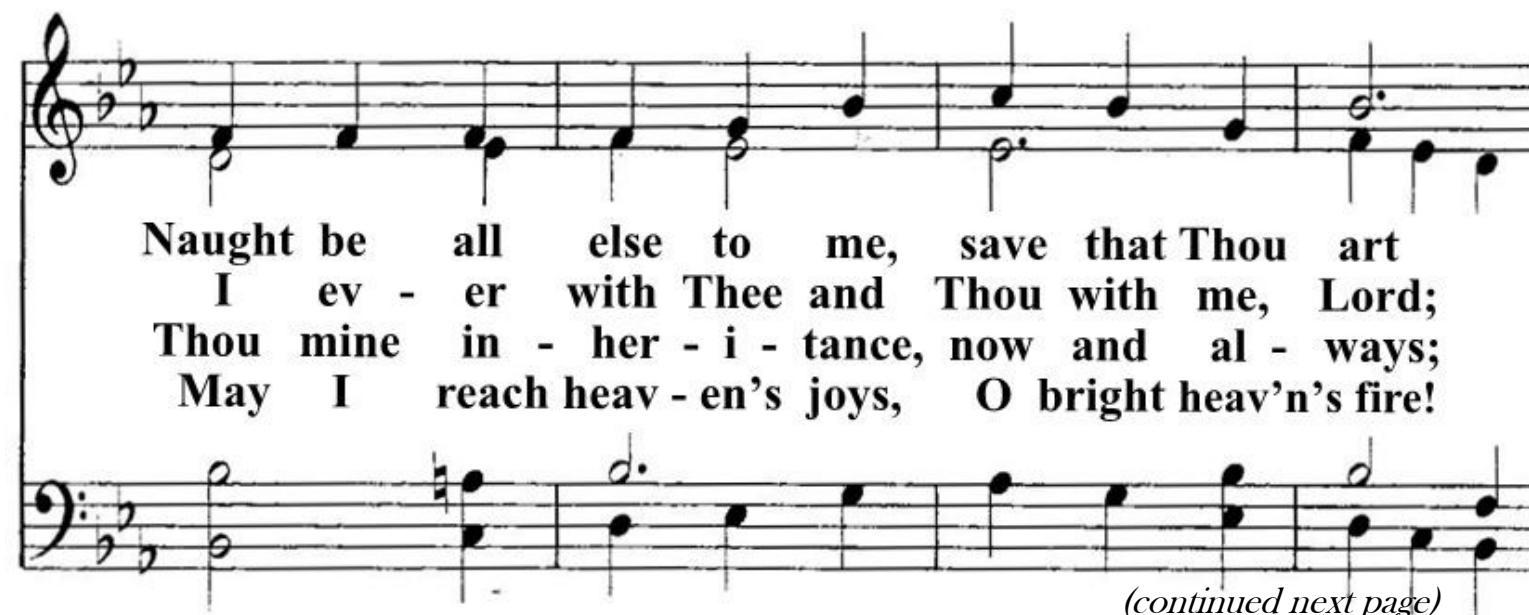
Be Thou My Vision

[Live]

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



1 Be Thou my__ Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be Thou my__ Wis - dom and Thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I__ heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4 High King of__ heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

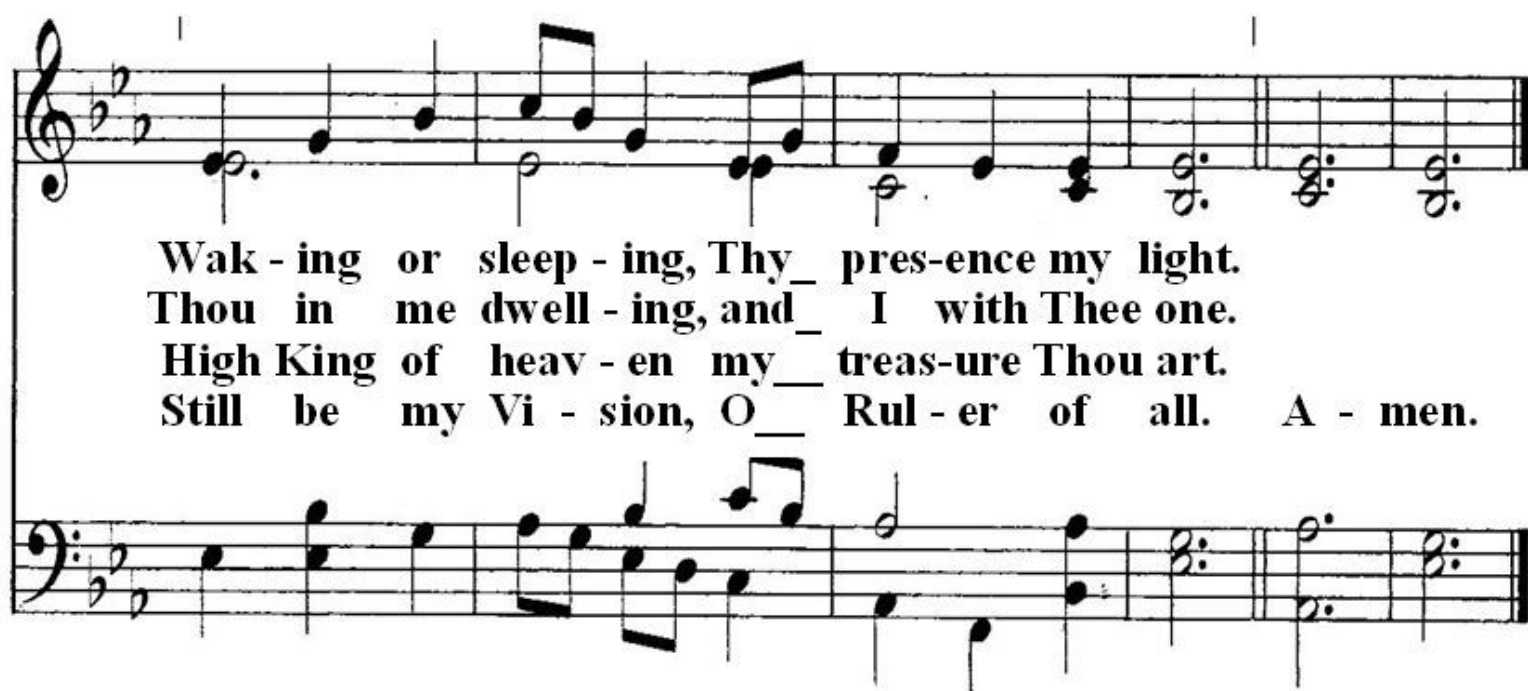


Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's fire!

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Thou my__ best__ thought,__ by day or by night,__
 Thou my__ great__ Fa - ther, I Thy true son,__
 Thou and__ Thou__ on - ly, first in my heart,__
 Heart of__ my__ own heart what - ev - er be - fall,__



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy__ pres-ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and__ I with Thee one.
 High King of heav - en my__ treas-ure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O__ Rul - er of all. A - men.

TEXT: Ancient Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne;
 versified by Eleanor H. Hull

MUSIC: Irish Folk melody; arranged by David Allen

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The Gospel:

Luke 12:32-40

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

G. F. Handel

Comfort Ye from **Messiah**
Chris Schmidt, soloist
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:
Celebrant:	People:
Celebrant:	
People:	

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:



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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.*

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom**[Live]**Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.*

1



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,



and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 seek, and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be



1 add-ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 2 o-pened un-to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.

Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

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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.**

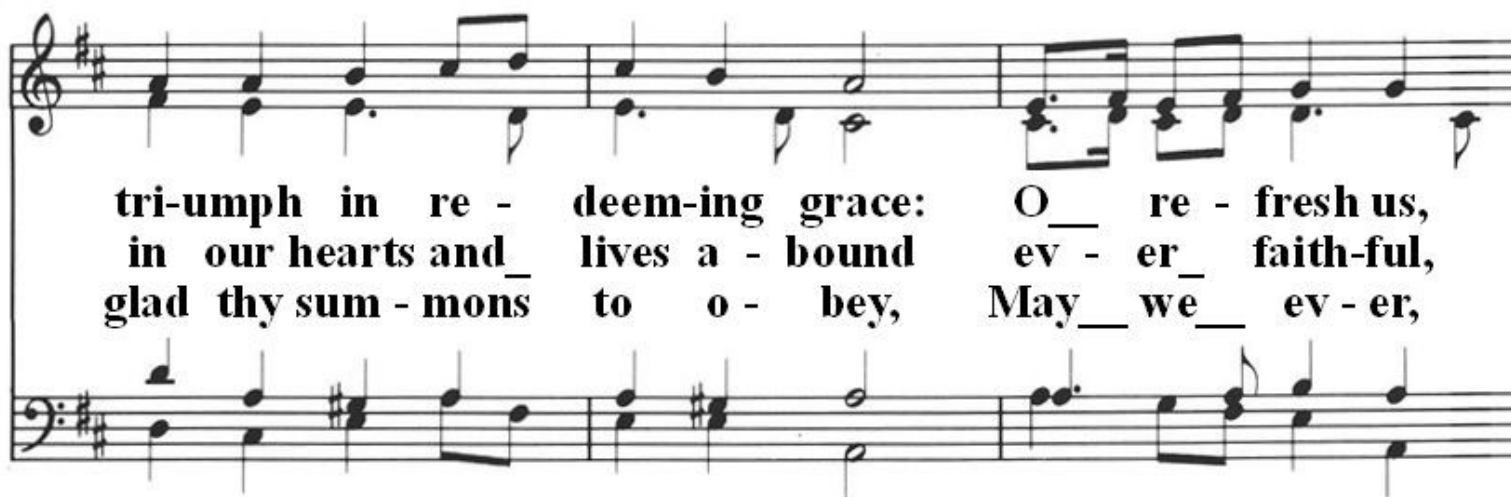
**The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and
bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and
reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing**[Live]**Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.*

1 Lord, dis - miss_ us_ with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with_
2 Thanks we give_ and_ a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's_
3 So that when_ thy_ love shall call_ us, Sa - vior, from the_



joy and peace; let us each, thy_ love pos - ses - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits_ of_ thy sal - va - tion
world a - way fear of death_ shall_ not ap - pall_ us.



tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace: O_ re - fresh us,
in our hearts and_ lives a - bound ev - er_ faith-ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey, May_ we_ ev - er,



Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)

Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published
The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

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The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Grainger

Molly on the Shore
Benjamin Belew, piano
[Live]



Serving us at 10:30 am

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Gutierrez

Greeter: Mary Jane Johnson

Intercessor: Joe Gutierrez

Lectors: Dorothy Furgerson, Patricia Pietrzyk

Cantor: Chris Schmidt

Pianist: Benjamin Belew

Flautist: Jean Platner

Zoom Host/Co-Host: Abby O'Connell, Pam Storrer

Stream/Tech Team: Helen Minchin, Robert Minchin

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

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

Upcoming Events

Today's flowers are given by Jane Doman in memory of Gerry Larson and in honor of Mary Jane Larson.

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

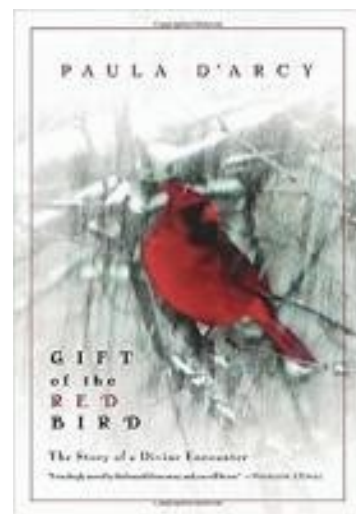
Library News:

Book of the Week August 7

Gift of the red bird: a spiritual encounter

by Paula D'Arcy

When Paula D'Arcy lost her husband and baby in a car crash, she began an inner search for a faith that was stronger than fear. She tells her story of spiritual exhaustion, her journey alone into the wilderness for three days, and the renewal she was blessed to experience. Now with reflection guide for reading groups.



Summer Reading Program

Read Buckets of Books is ending. We will be choosing our winners next Sunday, August 14. Get your “Buckets” on the bulletin board in the back of the church or email your books to one of the names below **by Thursday, August 11**. Good luck to all.

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 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
annlstevenson@comcast.net

Fundraiser at Hobee's - August 13 - RSVP NOW!



Hobee's California Restaurant is donating back to St. Thomas Episcopal Church - you can help by eating!

On Saturday, August 13th Hobee's California Restaurant, 800 Ahwanee Ave, will donate 15% of Dine-In, Takeout & Pick up orders to St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Please help us by RSVPing to save the date and inviting a friend (or 2) to eat with you! RSVP & details here: <https://grouprai.se/s229748>

Plan **now** - we need 20 to **RSVP by August 10!**

Administrator vacation Please note the administrator is off this coming week, only checking emails occasionally.

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, August 28, September 4 & 25

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.

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.

A New Directory It is our goal to produce a new directory for the parish in the next few weeks. You may receive an email with a request for your most recent information, OR if you are attending in person, there is a printed proof copy on the table in the narthex for your edits and approval.

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 that 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 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

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 (*new date:*) 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.

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 (1) the date for the commemoration and (2) 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://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>



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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Unity.

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 An End-of-Summer Sunday School event will be held on **August 28, 2022** at Saint Thomas beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the Plaza. We will enjoy games, art, a project and snacks as we gather to celebrate being together.

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 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

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=dzNuYlVkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJlVGhJUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuYlVkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJlVGhJUT09)

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 of 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.



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

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

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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