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Enriching Our Worship 1

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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 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.

A Prelude, and Fugue 003

Benjamin Belew, piano

[Live]

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #594

God of Grace and God of Glory

[Live]

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



1 God of grace and God_ of_ glo - ry, on thy peo-ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil_ round us scorn thy Christ, as-sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness, bend our pride to thy con-troll;
4 Save us from weak res- ig- na - tion to the e - vils we de-plore;



crown thine an-cient Chur-ch's sto-ry; bring her bud to_ glo-rious flower.
From the fears that long_ have_ bound us free our hearts to_ faith and praise
shame our wan - ton, self - ish_ glad-ness, rich in things and_ poor in soul.
let the gift of thy_ sal- va - tion be our glo - ry_ ev - er - more.



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Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy King - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, **for the fac - ing** **of this hour.**
days, **for the liv - ing** **of these days.**
goal, **lest we miss thy** **king - dom's goal.**
dore, **serv - ing thee whom** **we a - dore.**

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.

Greeting

Celebrant:

Bless - ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

People:

Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

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!

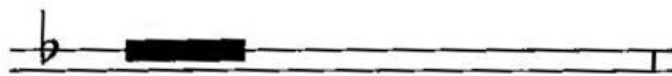
3 Dm Gm C F 4 Dm Gm C F

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!

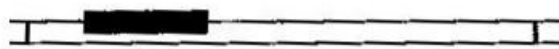
This Gloria may be sung as a round

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

People: **Thanks be to God**


Psalm 1

[Live on Zoom]

The cantor will lead the psalm.

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

Refrain



Hap-py are_ they__ whose_ de-light is in the law_ of the Lord.

The musical notation shows a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens under certain words to indicate syllable placement.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law day and night. *Refrain*

Refrain



Hap-py are_ they__ whose_ de-light is in the law_ of the Lord.

The musical notation is identical to the first refrain, showing a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps. The melody and lyrics are the same.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. *Refrain*

Refrain



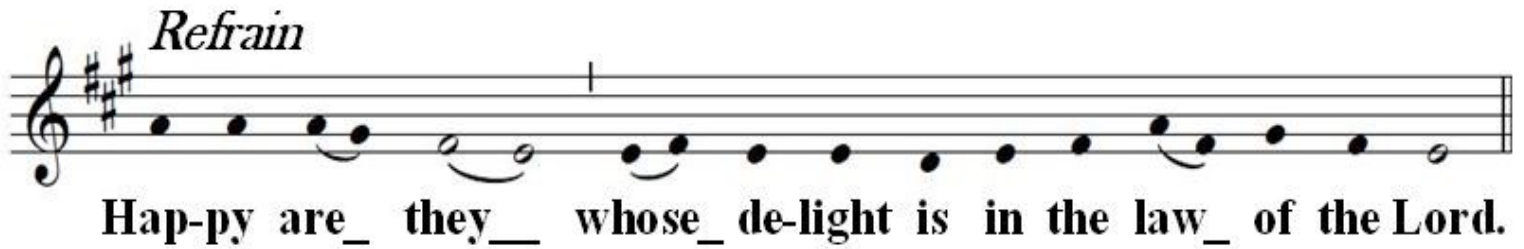
Hap-py are_ they__ whose_ de-light is in the law_ of the Lord.

The musical notation is identical to the previous refrains, showing a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps. The melody and lyrics are the same.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Refrain



The Epistle: Philemon 1-25

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister,
to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God
because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the
Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective
when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have
indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because
the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command
you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of
love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of
Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose
father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was
useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am
sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him
with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my

imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

One thing more: prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my coworkers.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #577

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God Is Love

[Live]

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

Refrain:



God is love, and where true love__ is, God him-self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Christ-ians gath - er, mem-bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us Love's ful-fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad-ness be his greet - ing,
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spir - it.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban-ished now be an - ger, strife and ev-ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad-ness be his greet - ing,
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spir - it.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who 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 II

*In the course of the silence after each bidding,
the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Leader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop Lucinda and our presiding Bishop
Michael Curry, for this gathering; and for all ministers
and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper
knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. [especially_____].
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may add prayers of petition and thanksgivings.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially_____].
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

Benjamin Belew

White and Dark Green

Maretha Davel, flute

Benjamin Belew, piano

[Live]

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

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

Sursum Corda

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Celebrant: People:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant: People:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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Celebrant:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

[Live]

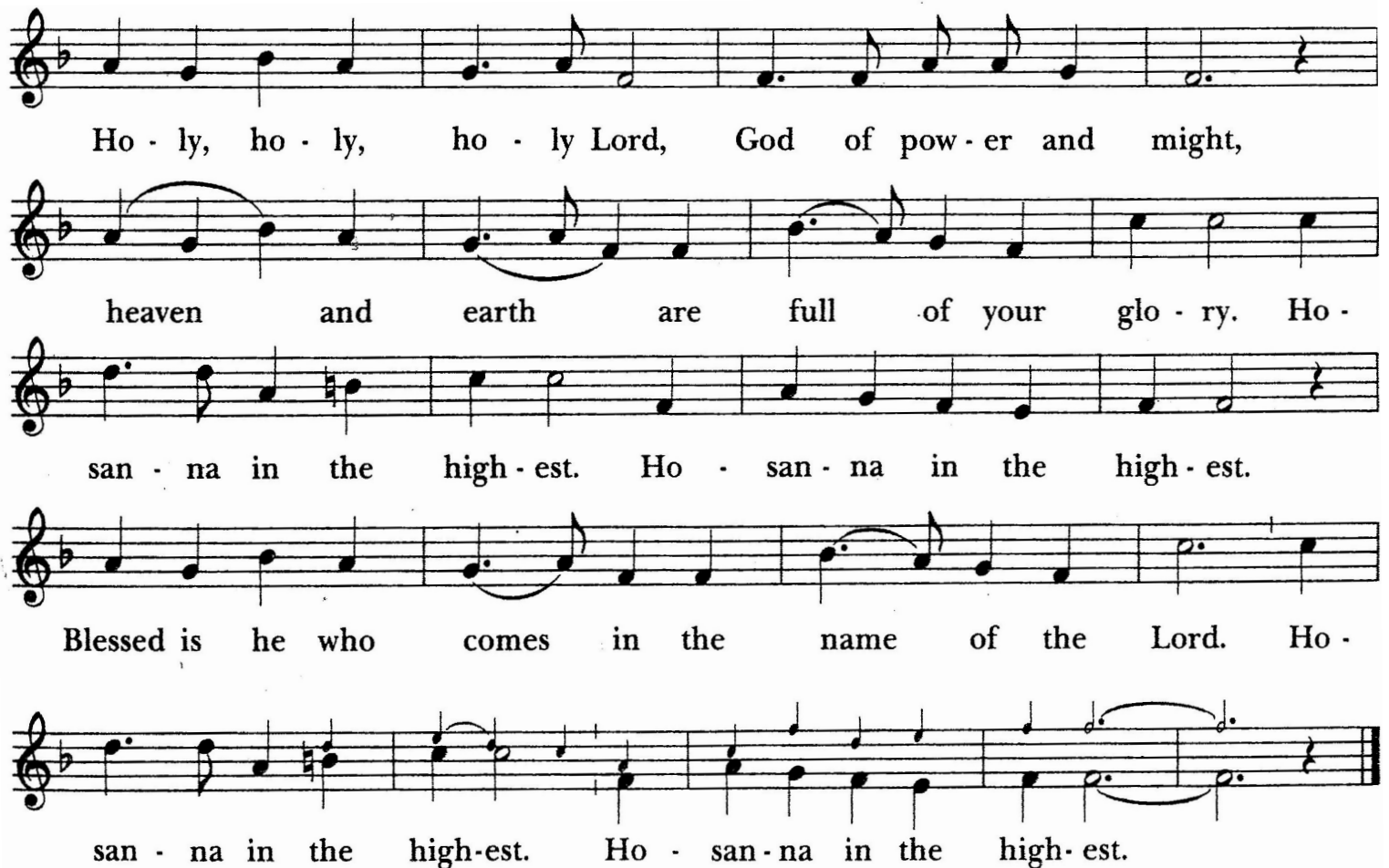
Hymnal S-125

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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: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with Thomas and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and 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 Anthem


Zoom participants please stay muted.

Cantor:




We break this bread to share in the Bod - y of Christ.

All:



We__ who are ma - ny are one__ bo - dy,



for we all__ share in the one__ bread.

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.*

Ubi Caritas

[Live]

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

Descant

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor
 Ai - a no e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

[A]

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor
 Ai - a no e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

Detailed description: This system contains two systems of music. The first system is a descant, indicated by the word 'Descant' above it. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The second system is marked with a box containing the letter 'A'. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Below the second system, there is a bass clef staff with a 2/4 time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment for the second system.

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
 Ai - a no e loa'a ke A - kua no.

[B]

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
 Ai - a no e loa'a ke A - kua no.

Detailed description: This system contains two systems of music. The first system features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The second system is marked with a box containing the letter 'B'. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Below the second system, there is a bass clef staff with a 2/4 time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment for the second system.

Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Words: Latin, 8th c., tr. Malcolm Naea Chun (b. 1954) © Malcolm Naea Chun

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) © 1984 Taizé, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant and People:

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah,
and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary,
and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a
mother over her children,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

LEVAS #136

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I Have decided to Follow Jesus

[Live]

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

1 I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2 Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3 The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1 _____ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2 _____ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3 _____ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1 _____ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2 _____ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3 _____ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

Musical score for the hymn "No turning back". The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "No turn-ing back, no turn - ing back!" with a sub-lyric "(no turn-ing back.)" centered under the first phrase. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some longer notes held over.

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 Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson
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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

J. S. Bach

Gigue from The French Suite No. 5
 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: Ann Kopischke

Greeters: Mary Jane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Intercessor: Ann Kopischke

Lectors: Fulvia Govetto, Lou Poulain

Cantor: Chris Schmidt

Pianist: Benjamin Belew

Flautist: Maretha Davel

Zoom Host/Co-Host: Aer van de Water, tba

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 31.

Upcoming Events

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 September 4

This is the start of the **Season of Creation**

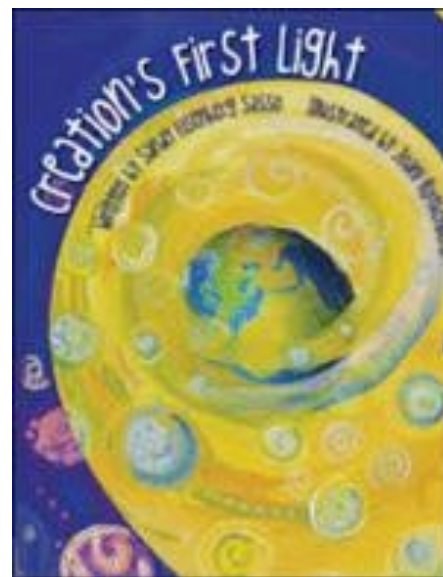
Sept. 1 - Oct. 4

The theme of this year's celebration is "Listen to the Voice of Creation". a 2-day festival celebrating the Earth and all that is within it.

Creation's first light by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. A book for all ages.

On the first day of creation, God said, let there be light, and there was light. But it was not until the fourth day that God created the light of the sun and the moon. What is the light of the first day and how does it differ from the lights of the day and the night? Legend and imagination combine to tell the story of creation's first light, what happened to it and the surprising places where we can still find it.

FYI - Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, a parent, spiritual leader and storyteller. The second woman to be ordained as a rabbi (1974) and the first rabbi to become a mother, she and her husband, Dennis, were the first rabbinical couple to jointly lead a congregation—Beth-El Zedek in Indianapolis. They have two children, David and Debora, and three grandchildren. Sasso, who holds a doctorate in ministry, is active in the interfaith community, and has written and lectured on the renewal of spirituality and the discovery of the religious imagination in children of all faiths.



**Season of Creation: 3-Part Climate Series
beginning September 7 on Zoom at 7:00pm
with speaker J. Campbell Scott**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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September 7th

Climate change: why we are sure that it is us and how to counter

denial

Overview of the evidence showing that human emissions of greenhouse gases are the primary cause of global warming and climate change. The origins of denial, and the campaign of misinformation and lies. Other proposed causes of climate change and how they fail to explain the observations and data.

September 14th

The financial folly of fossil fuels

The costs of damage due to severe weather events; the relative costs of renewable energy and fossil fuels. What we can do to benefit from the coming transition to clean energy – financially, health-wise and more.

September 21st

Solutions for a sustainable economy

Survey of the technologies that are emerging to aid and accelerate the replacement of fossil fuels. Policies to ensure that the under-privileged do not continue to suffer social inequity.

J. Campbell Scott, PhD. was born in Edinburgh and grew up in Scotland. He was educated at Knox Academy in Haddington, St. Andrews University and the University of Pennsylvania. He retired after 5 years teaching physics at Cornell University and nearly 40 years with IBM Research. He then joined the Climate Reality Project and received their training in July, 2020. During his scientific career Campbell researched materials for use in various information and energy technologies, including solar cells and batteries. His career involved lecturing to students, from introductory level to graduate, and presentations to professional audiences at scientific conferences. In his current role as co-chair of the speakers' bureau in the Silicon Valley Chapter of CRP, he applies his experience in scientific research to inform the public about the science, impacts and solutions of climate change

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 (flier below)






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

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

Our next gathering will be this **Friday 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.)

More In-person/Online Hybrid Services Are Here!

We will now have three hybrid services a month starting in October! Thank you to all our volunteers.

Because of special days in the calendar, all the hybrid services will be scheduled rather than follow a set formula. So, it is especially important that everyone pay attention to our calendar.

Here are the services from October to November 2, from St. Francis Sunday to All Saints Sunday.

October 2	Hybrid	St. Francis, Back to Parish Goodwill Donation drive
October 9	Morning Prayer Zoom only	
October 16	Morning Prayer Zoom only	
October 23	Hybrid	Bishop's Visit
October 30	Hybrid	Stewardship "Brunch"; one service
November 6	Hybrid	All Saints, Chili Feed

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.

Back to Parish and Fall Follies – Sunday, October 2

Our Back to Parish event will be the Fall Follies revue that is scheduled for Sunday, October 2. It will be a hybrid event (Zoom and Live) to be held at the end of the 10:30 am service that day.

The theme for the revue show will include back to parish activities (i.e., Sunday School, fundraisers, stewardship, etc.) and other focuses of the Fall season. Since it is follies show, almost “anything goes”.

The aim is to provide some form of entertainment to share for the purpose of fellowship. We will be looking for volunteers to participate by providing songs, poems, or readings for the revue program. Please contact Pat Dare at pdare5@comcast.net if you want to participate.

We will also have another rendition of Improv Theater as part of the Fall Follies revue. Improv Theater is a lot of fun, and you do not need any previous experience. If you are interested, please contact Dena at denaware@gmail.com before September 15. She will contact you to join the group in learning the process, picking the sketches, and doing some practice sessions.

Sunday, October 2 will be a very busy day with many other activities happening that day. We will be providing snacks and other refreshments!

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 recommended but not 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 .

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. 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

At the August Vestry meeting, we reported that our 2022 pledge donations received dropped again in June but rebounded nicely in July. Through month-end July we are at 99% of budget, which is an excellent position to be at 7 months into the year! Thank you for keeping your pledge donations up to date, especially during these summer months. We have also started to receive the additional facility use reimbursement from Our Daily Bread, which was retroactive to the beginning of this year. Lastly, in late June we were notified that a parishioner’s family had initiated our second car donation! Based on our experience from last fall, we expect to receive the proceeds from the donation in August or September.

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 (below).



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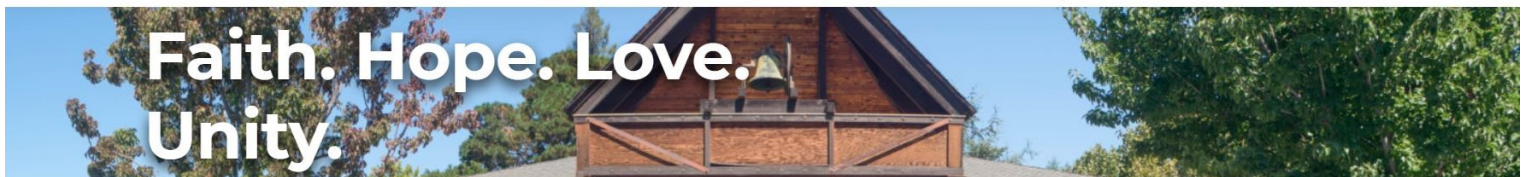
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Online Giving Please look for the “GIVE” option on the main menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located on the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “GIVE” (highlighted in yellow above), you will be taken to a new page where you 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

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. Our "September" meeting will take place on **Monday October 3**: using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss *The Bastard of Istanbul* by Elif Shafak. The novel tells the story of two women and their families, and a secret connection linking them to a violent event in the history of their homeland. Armanoush is an Armenian-American living in San Francisco who feels like part of her identity is missing and that she must make a journey back to the past, to Turkey, to start living her life. And Asya is a 19-year-old woman living in an extended all-female household in Istanbul who loves Johnny Cash and the French existentialists. Filled with humor and understanding, this exuberant, dramatic novel is about memory and forgetting, about the need to examine the past and the desire to erase it, and about Turkey itself. 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=dzNuYlVkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGJlUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuYlVkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGJlUT09)

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.



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

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Pat Dare

Breno DeMedeiros

Abby O’Connell

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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

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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 Office.....408-736-4155

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

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