

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022

Holy Eucharist, 10:30am
Enriching Our Worship 1

Proper 21



Lazarus and the Rich Man ~ Nigel Lawrence

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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.

Prelude

J. S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue No. 1 (WTC -I)

Benjamin Belew, organ

[Live]

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #552

Fight the Good Fight

[Live]

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

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
 *3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his boundless
 *4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan-geth

6 strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and it shall
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be - fore us
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt

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be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Hymnal 1982 552

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875), alt
 Music (PENTECOST, LM): William Boyd (1847-1928)

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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 se - crets 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 ho - ly Name,
 Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

Gloria

(Live)

Berthier

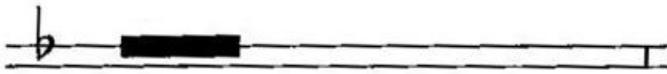
Please join in singing the Gloria; Zoom participants, please stay muted.

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



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: **And also with you**



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

People: Thanks be to God

The cantor will lead the psalm.

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

Refrain:



Praise the Lord, __ O my soul!

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Praise the Lord, __ O my soul!

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Praise the Lord, __ O my soul!

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger. *Refrain*



Praise the Lord, O my soul!

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah! *Refrain*



Praise the Lord, O my soul!

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But

those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

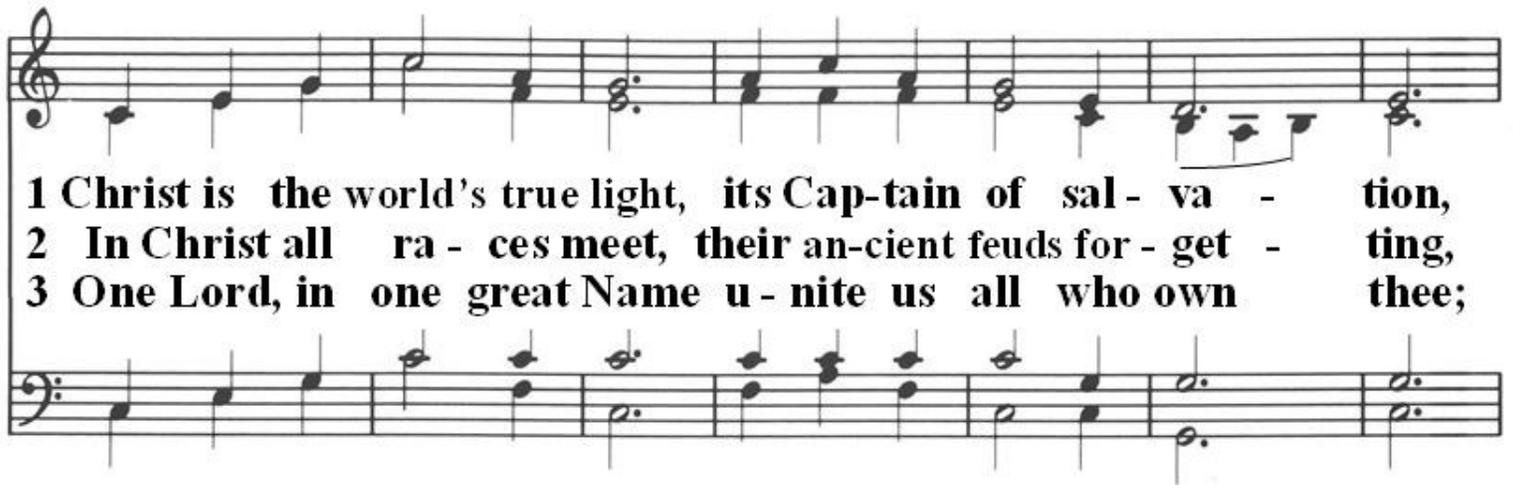
Hymnal #542

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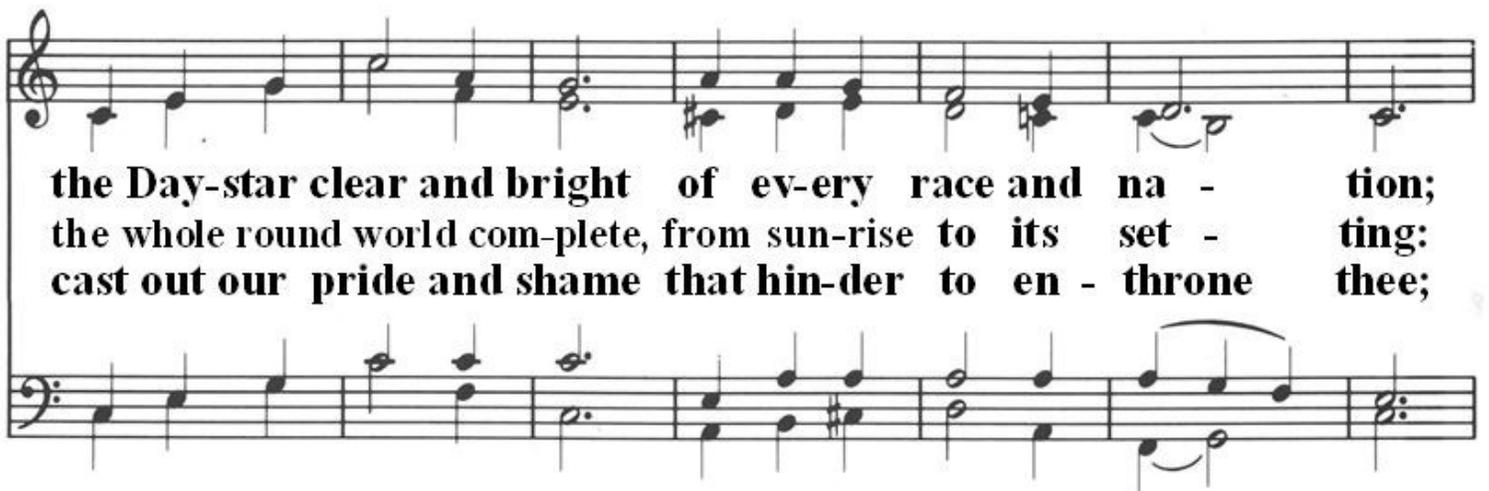
Christ Is the World's True Light

[Live]

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



1 Christ is the world's true light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all ra - ces meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;



the Day-star clear and bright of ev-ery race and na - tion;
 the whole round world com-plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
 cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;



new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra-vailed long in pain;

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free-dom her bond-age breaks, and night is turned__ to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun- ing hook__ the spear.
to heal its an-cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, __ and reign.

Words George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.
Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Collier (b. 1895)

67. 67. 66. 66

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and

no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

John Rutter

Gaelic Blessing

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

[recorded]

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

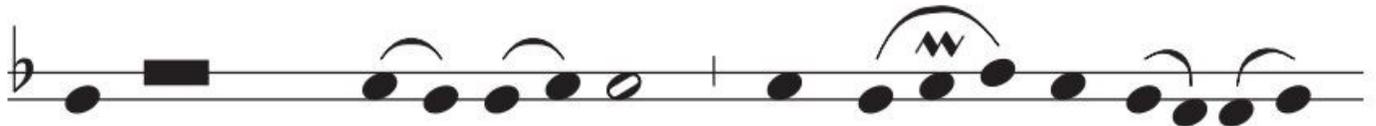
People: **And of your own have we given you.**



and brought all things in - to be - ing: sun, moon, and stars;



earth, winds, and wa - ters; and ev - 'ry liv - ing thing.



You made us in your im - age, and taught us to walk



in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and



wan-dered far a - way; and yet, as a mother cares for her



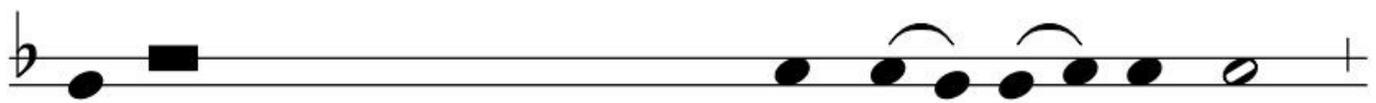
children, you would not for - get us. Time and a - gain



you called us to live in the full - ness of your love.



And so this day we join with Saints and An - gels



in the chorus of praise that rings through e - ter - ni - ty,



lift - ing our voi - ces to mag - ni - fy you as we sing:

Sanctus

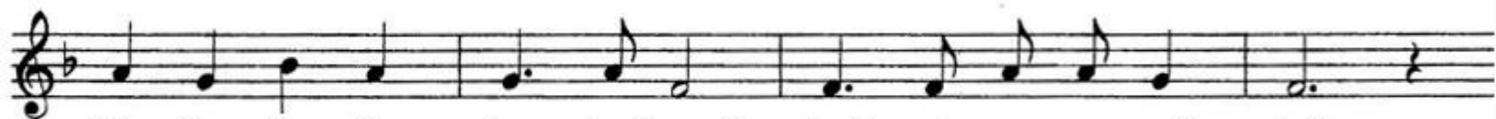
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Hymnal S-125

All are invited to join in singing the Sanctus.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

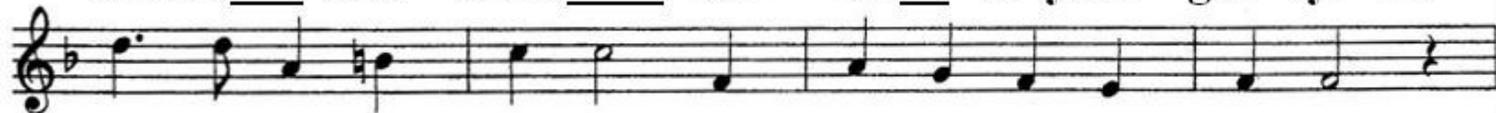
Celebrant and People:



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.

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.

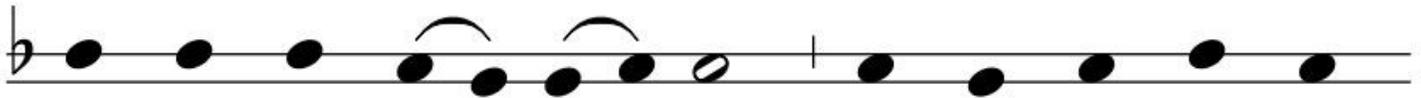
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

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 u - ni - ty



of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or,



glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er.

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

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.*

Communion Hymn

Wonder, Love, and Praise #764

[Taste and See](#)

Jean Platner, soprano Dorothy Furgerson, alto

Chris Schmidt, tenor John Pietrzyk, bass

[recorded]

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

Hymnal #494

Crown Him With Many Crowns

[Live]

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

Descant

5. Crown him the Lord_ of heaven, en-throned a-bove;__

1 Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven. En-throned in worlds a-bove; crown

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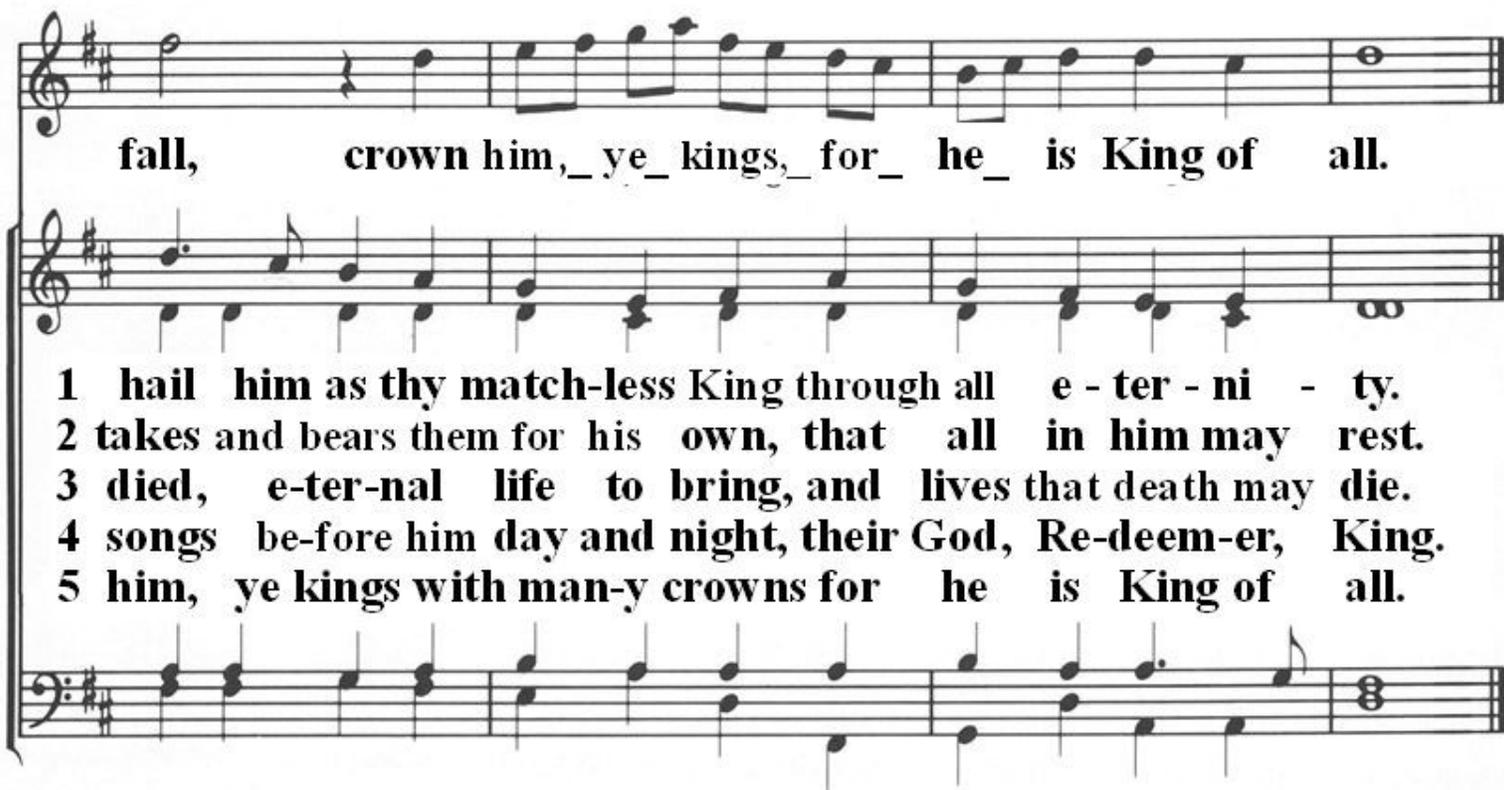
Crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love

1 how the heaven-ly an-them_ drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath_ trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 2 rose vic - to - rious in the_ strife for those he came to save, his
 3 once on earth, the_ in-car-nate_ Word, for ran-somed sin-ners slain, now
 4 him the King, to whom is_ given, the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an-gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

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fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e-ter-ni-ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be-fore him day and night, their God, Re-deem-er, King.
 5 him, ye kings with man-y crowns for he is King of all.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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The Dismissal

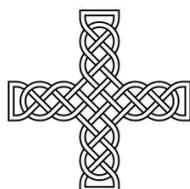
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Benjamin Belew

Landscape
 Benjamin Belew, organ
[Live]



Serving us at 10:30 am

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Bruce Bramlett

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kopischke

Greeters: Mary Jane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Intercessor: Ann Kopischke

Lectors: Lou Poulain, Abby O'Connell

Cantor: Chris Schmidt

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host/Co-Host: Fulvia Govetto

Stream/Tech Team: Breno & Sophia Medeiros

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

A reminder of current protocols may be found on page 34

Upcoming Events

Rector's Vacation Pastor Salying continues on vacation through **September 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.

TODAY St. Thomas Book & Bake Sale Fundraiser, TODAY Sunday, September 25

In Cowans Hall between morning services and again directly following the 10:30 service.

Thank you to those of you who've donated books, magazines and CDs! We have a fun collection to check out, and some delicious baked goods as well!

Library News:

Book of the Week September 25

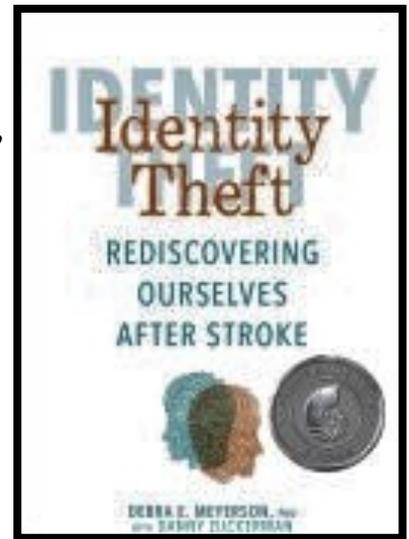
Identity Theft: rediscovering ourselves after stroke

by Debra Meyerson

This is an award-winning book that follows Stanford professor Debra Meyerson's journey to recover from a severe stroke that initially left her physically incapacitated and unable to speak.

This is a book full of hope for survivors - from stroke or other injuries - as well as their families and support networks.

This was suggested for our library by Ruth Rowe.



Season of Creation: 3-Part Climate Series concluded on September 21 on Zoom at 7:00pm with speaker J. Campbell Scott of The Climate Reality Project

September 7th:

To view the recording of the first lecture in this series, on how we know it is human impact that is causing climate change, click here:

<https://vimeo.com/747797990>

September 14: To view the recording of this lecture on the costs of damage due to severe weather events, and what we can do to benefit from the coming transition to clean energy, click here:

<https://vimeo.com/750042774>

September 21st

To view the recording of the third lecture in this series, on technologies that are emerging to aid and accelerate the replacement of fossil fuels, and policies to ensure that the under-privileged do not continue to suffer social inequity, click here:

<https://vimeo.com/752399365>

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

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

Season of Stewardship

This year's theme is
"More Than Enough",
taken from Luke 9:16-17:



MORE THAN ENOUGH

And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Recognizing that our gifts are miracles that enable our ministry, serve our neighbors, and strengthen our community, we will be communicating with you in coming weeks more about this theme remembering there is always More Than Enough when our faith is firmly rooted in Christ.

With humble thanks,
Nancy Allgeier, Stewardship Chair

Lazarus and the Rich Man

a reflection by Catherine Gero

Luke 16:19-31, Jesus' parable is about two completely different people; a rich person whose delight is in self-indulgence and Lazarus, a poor beggar with nothing but faith. The rich man is clothed in both "purple" and "fine linen" which indicates wealth, but also extravagant, conspicuous consumption. He doesn't have a name, it's unknown who he is. Lazarus has nothing but sores and his name. In having a name, we understand he has an important role in the parable, his name gives him a human identity.

Since Lazarus was carried by angels to be with Abraham in heaven after death, we are assured that his was a godly life. The rich man goes to Hades, Hell, alone and tormented.

Have you ever been on the outside looking in; maybe looking for shelter, a tank of gas or simply a warm word?

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In life, the rich man doesn't help, torment or even acknowledge Lazarus. The culture of the time would not allow Lazarus to speak with, or touch the rich man, he could only hope the rich man would acknowledge him. The rich man does nothing.

Our gifts of time, talent and treasure we receive gratefully from God who expects us to cherish and tend them in a responsible manner. We are called to give back in gratitude to God, with acts of charity and love, a portion of what he has given us.

The rich man didn't descend to Hell because he wore a purple robe or fine linen or because he lived in abundance and was well fed. He used his wealth only for himself. For Lazarus, who was in need, he did nothing and that was his sin.

Lazarus was right there, at his gate but he felt no compassion, took no action.

Catherine Gero: My faith, my family, my friends and my photography complete my life in retirement.



October Save the Dates:

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

Animal Blessings next Sunday at both the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services. Water in bowls will be provided for the animals outside the church building. Bring all your pets! They can be fuzzy, furry, feathered, slimy or scaly. They can be real, stuffed, in

photographs or a drawing. I will provide cut-outs of animal shapes for you to write the names of any pets who cannot join us in person. There will also be a Memorial Poster for you to enter names of those very special pets who are no longer with us except in our hearts and memories. Be sure to bring your pet on a leash, in a cage or a fishbowl so they will be comfortable as they sit in the pew with you or go up for communion.

Always, Sue Beckham, Family Ministry

PS At 10:30, pets may also be presented for a blessing on Zoom.

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. (See flier with details below)



 **St. Thomas**
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Donation Drive

231 Sunset Ave. Sunnyvale, CA
Sunday, October 2, 2022
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



 **GOODWILL**
of Silicon Valley

GOODWILL LOVES TO RECEIVE the following:

- Clothes, shoes, and accessories
- Small household items
- Books, toys, and decorative items
- Electronics in working condition
- E-Waste (computer monitors, hard drives, printers, DVD players, video cameras, telephones, stereos, cables, etc.--they don't have to work)

GOODWILL WILL NOT ACCEPT the following:

- Furniture, mattresses, exercise equipment, large appliances
- Automobile parts, weapons, trash, food, carpeting
- Construction debris, lumber, concrete blocks
- Hazardous chemicals or liquids
- Pet related items
- Items weighing over 50 lbs.

BRING YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR DONATION AND RECEIVE A TAX RECEIPT ON THE DAY OF THE GOODWILL DRIVE

If you have questions, please contact
Ann K. (206) 779-9089 or
St. Thomas Episcopal Church (408) 736-4155

Parish Work Day We have scheduled the fall all-parish work day for **Saturday October 8**. We officially start work at **9 AM** and break for lunch around noon, but workdays are a chance to do what you want, when you want, at your church so schedules are really suggestions.

Please talk to Chris if there is a project you have noticed on campus that needs attention so that he can make sure you have the support you need. Some things that are already planned are a continuation of the parking lot striping and tending to our garden areas.

CONFIRMATION and RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH - Bishop's visit October 23, 2022

Bishop Lucinda will visit St. Thomas on October 23. At the 10:30 service, she will administer the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive new members who come from other Christian traditions.

The candidates for Confirmation and Reception have resumed preparation classes via ZOOM. Next session is **October 6**.

If you are interested in Confirmation, or if you are at a point in your life that you would like to make a formal reaffirmation of your faith, or if you have not been formally admitted into membership in the Episcopal Church, please contact Pastor Salying for further information.

Louis H Poulain

lpoulain@icloud.com

408-685-6270

Agape Circle Friday October 7 More food, fun, and fellowship! Watch for upcoming details of our next Agape Circle pot-luck which is scheduled for Friday October 7 at 6:30pm.

Adult Education: Join religious studies scholar and interfaith facilitator, The Rev. Bruce Bramlett*, in a fascinating six-session exploration:

Uncovering and Challenging a History We Thought We Knew:

The Sources and Emergence of the Jesus Movement , 586 B.C.E. to 325 C.E.

The course will be offered as a hybrid class (In-person participation is strongly preferred) six Sunday afternoons from **October 9th to November 20th** (A week's gap that excludes October 16th due to prior commitment) **between 3:30 and 5:30p.m.** We will meet at St. Francis Church, 1205 Pine Ave., Willow Glen, San Jose in the Wickham Room. An online Zoom Link will be provided when you register. We will try to record the sessions should you be absent. A modest \$30.00 tuition will be charged and payable on or before the first session if in person or by zoom. (Please contact Bruce if tuition is difficult and arrangements will be made). Please register before although walk-ins on the first day will not be turned away. There is no assigned reading but a select bibliography will be available. Please email to brucebramlett@sbcglobal.net for further information, on questions to register. Please invite friends of whatever religious background to join.

*The Rev. Bruce Bramlett celebrates and preaches TODAY Sunday September 25 at St. Thomas.

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 .

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



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Faith. Hope. Love.
Unity.

A banner image showing the top of a brick church steeple with a bell, set against a blue sky and green trees. The text "Faith. Hope. Love. Unity." is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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.

ESL is back St. Thomas is once again offering English as a Second Language classes. The Chinese-language group meets most **Fridays** with Mabel Cheng at **10:00am** in the Disciples room.

A new series of Japanese ESL classes is starting up with Linda Sutton, meeting **Wednesdays at 1:00pm** in the Disciples room.

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

Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

Tuesdays, 6pm Centering Prayer, led by Pastor Salying:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/724376004>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 meeting ID# 724376004

Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer with Commemoration of a Saint,

led by Pastor Salying: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313271549>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 meeting ID# 86313271549

Thursdays, 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group on Zoom

led by Deacon Bertram: - every Thursday

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

Meeting ID: 896 9918 8717 Passcode: 225424

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Sundays: 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the church

with masks and social distancing protocols
and

10:30am Morning Prayer, led by Pastor Salying on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

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

First & last Sundays if the month:

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

Please see website for week-to-week information.

THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

Abby O’Connell, **Senior Warden**

Chris Schmidt, **Junior Warden**

Gage McKinney, **Clerk**

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Susan McVey

Chris Schmidt

Bill Rosgen

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Pat Dare

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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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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