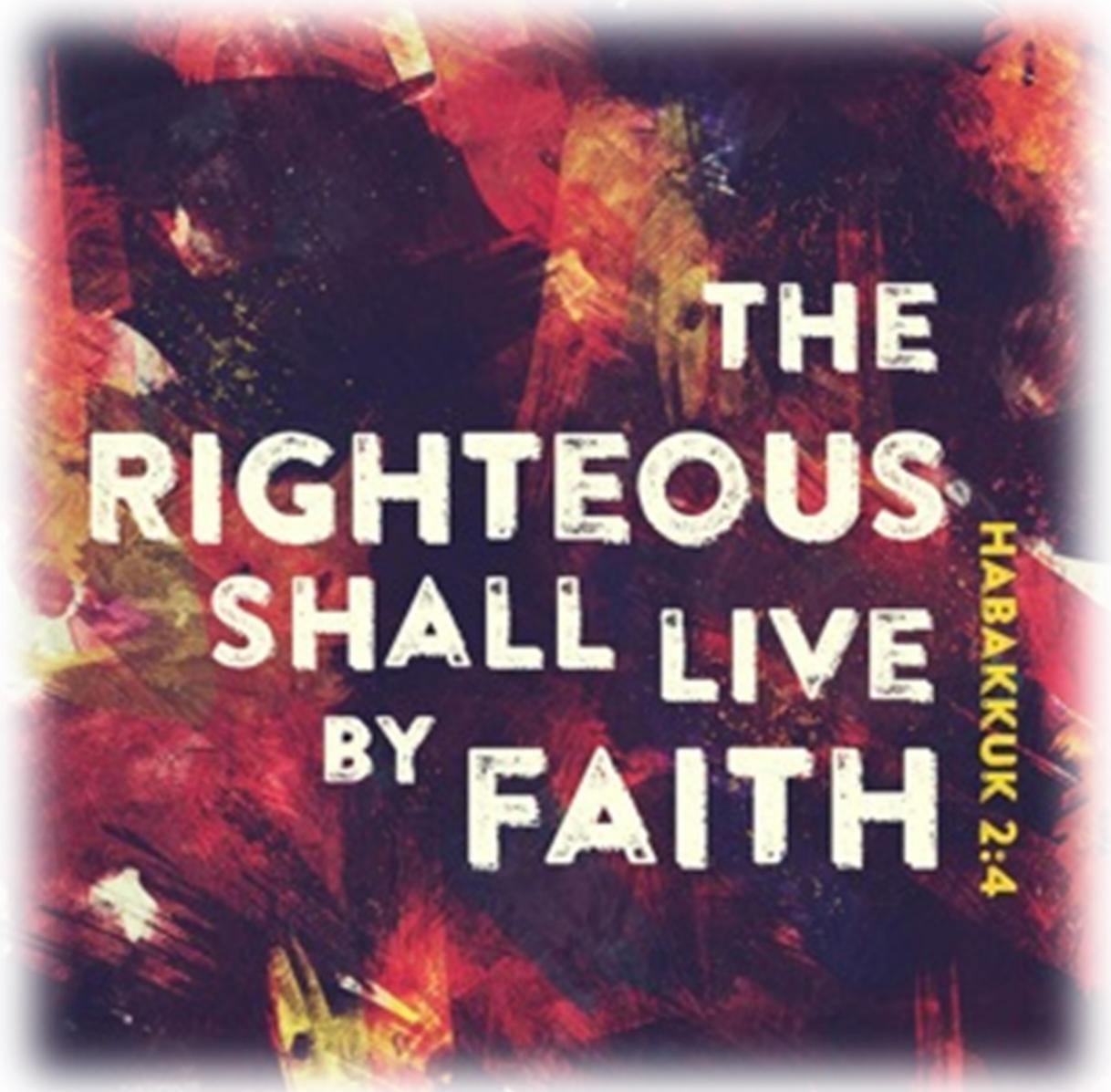


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We are so happy you are here today, in-person and online.

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

Benjamin Belew, keyboard
[Live]

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #8

Morning Has Broken *[Live]*

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

Unison or harmony

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Morning Has Broken'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The first system includes three lines of lyrics: '1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,', '2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from hea - ven,', and '3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing'. The second system includes three lines of lyrics: 'black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.', 'like the first dew - fall on the first grass', and 'born of the one light E - den saw play!'. The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the staves. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line.

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass
born of the one light E - den saw play!

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Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! ___
 Sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. ___
 God's re - cre - a - tion, of the new day! ___

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt.
 Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

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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

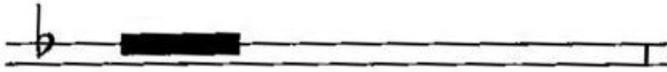
1 Dm Gm C F 2 Dm Gm C F
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

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!

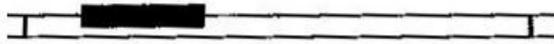
This Gloria may be sung as a round

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Celebrant: God be with you.



People: **And also with you**



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 37:1-10

[Live]

The cantor will lead the psalm.

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

Refrain:



Put your trust_ in the Lord_ and do___ good.

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Put your trust_ in the Lord_ and do___ good.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Put your trust_ in the Lord_ and do___ good.

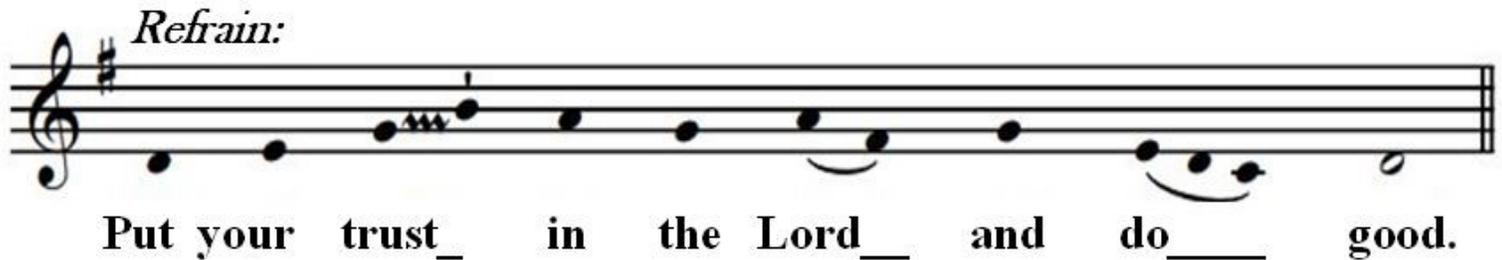
Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. *Refrain (as above)*

For evildoers shall be cut off, *

but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. *Refrain*



The Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was

appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #541

Come Labor On

[Live]

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

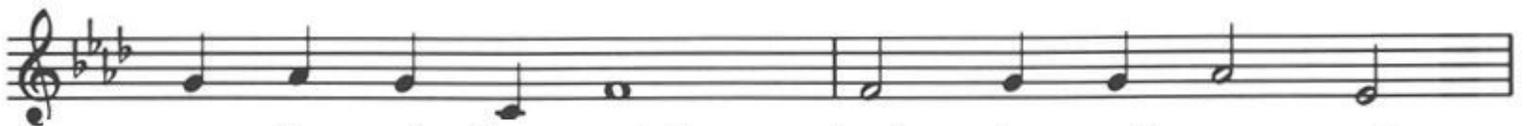


1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A - way	with	gloom - y	
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



on	the	har-vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
watch-ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
doubts	and	faith-less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
glows	the	west-ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows

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waves the gol - den grain?
 snatch the seed a - way;
 may do ser - vice here:
 Gos - pel glad - ness bear:
 o'er our path - way lie,

And to each ser - vant
 while we in sleep our
 by feeb - lest a - gents
 re - deem the time; its
 and a glad sound comes



does the Mas - ter say, "Go
 du - ty have for - got, he
 - may our God ful - fill his
 hours too swift - ly fly. The
 with the set - ting sun, ___

work to - day."
 slum - bered ___ not.
 right - eous ___ will.
 night draws ___ nigh.
 "Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.
 Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

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The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all

that you were ordered to do, say, `We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship

Celebrant: Recognizing that our gifts are miracles that enable our ministry, serve our neighbors, and strengthen our community, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the Church, the inspiration and inheritance of our gifts of wealth, works, and wisdom. Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda, our Bishop, and all other ministers in the Church.

silence

People: When we give out of our abundance,
There is always more than enough.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the world, your greatest miracle. May we who inherit this earth be wise stewards of Creation and kind caretakers of all your creatures. I ask your prayers for those who lead our nations. For António, Secretary-General of the United Nations; for Joseph, our President; for our legislative and judicial institutions, and for the representatives of our local government. May they use the plentiful resources they steward to care for

the people of the world.

silence

People: When we give out of our abundance,
There is always more than enough.

Leader: I ask your prayers for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. For those who are marginalized and oppressed; those who are sick and those who are dying; for the lonely and isolated; for those who are suffering; and for those who sleep on our streets. I pray for all on our prayer list, and family and friends we name now.

Names may be spoken aloud or added in silence

People: When we give out of our abundance,
There is always more than enough.

Leader: I ask your prayers for those who have died. May they forever gather at your table of plenty, sharing their gifts with love and joy.

silence

We remember the many past members of St. Thomas, whose gifts, bequests and intentions provide inspiration and abundance beyond their lifetimes.

People: When we give out of our abundance,
There is always more than enough.

Leader: As the crowd gathered to hear Jesus preach shared two fish and five loaves, they discovered that when their gifts were blessed, they increased and became a blessing to others. We give you thanks for the uncountable miracles and blessings in our lives.

silence

People: When we give out of our abundance,
There is always more than enough.

Celebrant: May we, too, reach within ourselves to share our gifts with the world so that our love overflows in a need-filled world. These and all things we ask in the name of Your Son.

People: Amen.

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

Collect for St. Francis and St. Clare

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that, following the way of blessed Francis, and inspired by the devotion of your servant Clare, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the Animals

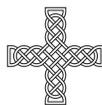
Readers: Clare Au, Brigid Beckham, Donna Cobb
and Stephanie Daugherty

The Blessing of the Animals

- 1. If you are present in the church, please form a line down the center aisle.*
- 2. If you are attending on Zoom, please raise your hand,
or leave a comment in the Zoom chat,
if you have an animal to receive a blessing.*
- 1. If you are present in the church, please tell the member of the clergy the
name of your animal. The priest will bless the animal:*

We ask you to bless *N*. We give thanks for *N*'s offering of friendship to his people. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! **Amen.**

- 4. Please exit to right or left.*
- 5. If you are on zoom, once you are unmuted by the Zoom host, please say the
animal's name. The priest will bless the animal.*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Offertory sentence

The Offertory Anthem

Scottish trad. arr. Karen E. Black

Shine Like the Sun

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Benjamin Belew, accompanist

[live]

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

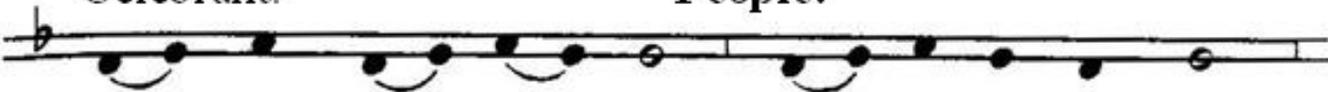
People: And of your own have we given you.

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.

Celebrant:



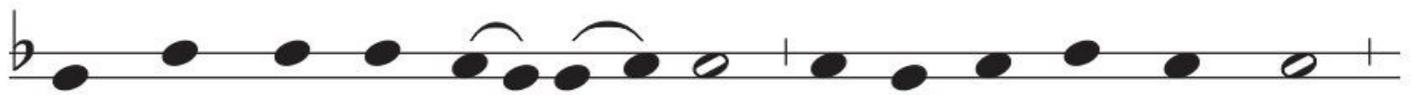
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant:



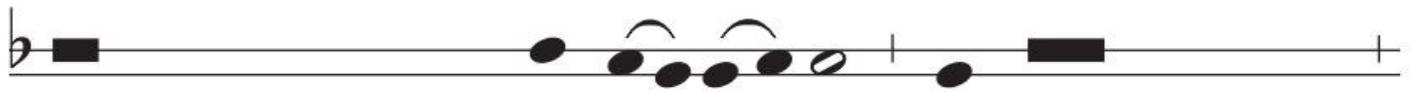
We praise you and we bless you, ho - ly and gra - cious God,



source of life a - bun - dant. From be - fore time you made



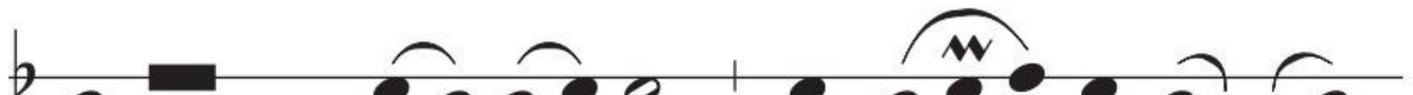
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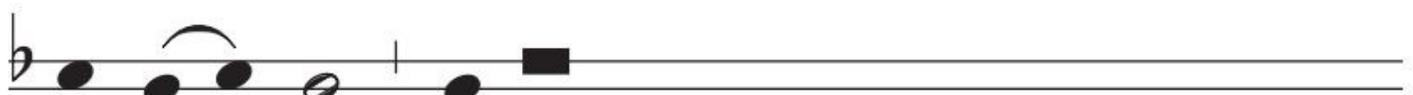
and brought all things in - to be - ing: sun, moon, and stars;



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

[Live]

Hymnal S-125

All are invited to join in singing the Sanctus.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

Celebrant and People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven ___ and earth ___ are full ___ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

The image shows a three-line musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the lyrics 'san - na in the high-est Ho - san - na in the high-est.' The second line contains 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-' and the third line contains 'san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.' The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

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.

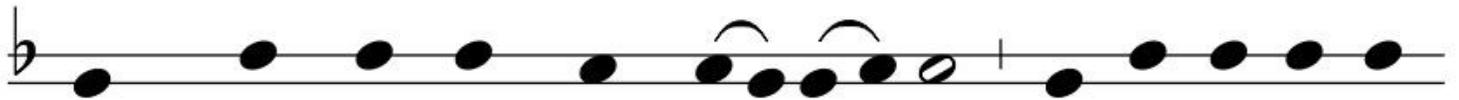
On the night before he died for us,
 Jesus was at table with his friends.
 He took bread, gave thanks to you,
 broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
 "Take, eat:
 This is my Body, which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

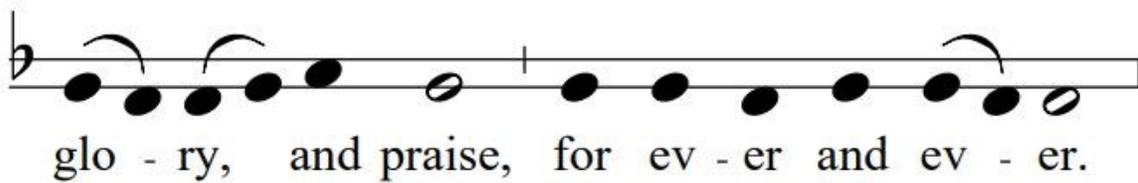
In the fullness of time bring us,
with Thomas and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the u - ni - ty



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



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



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



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.

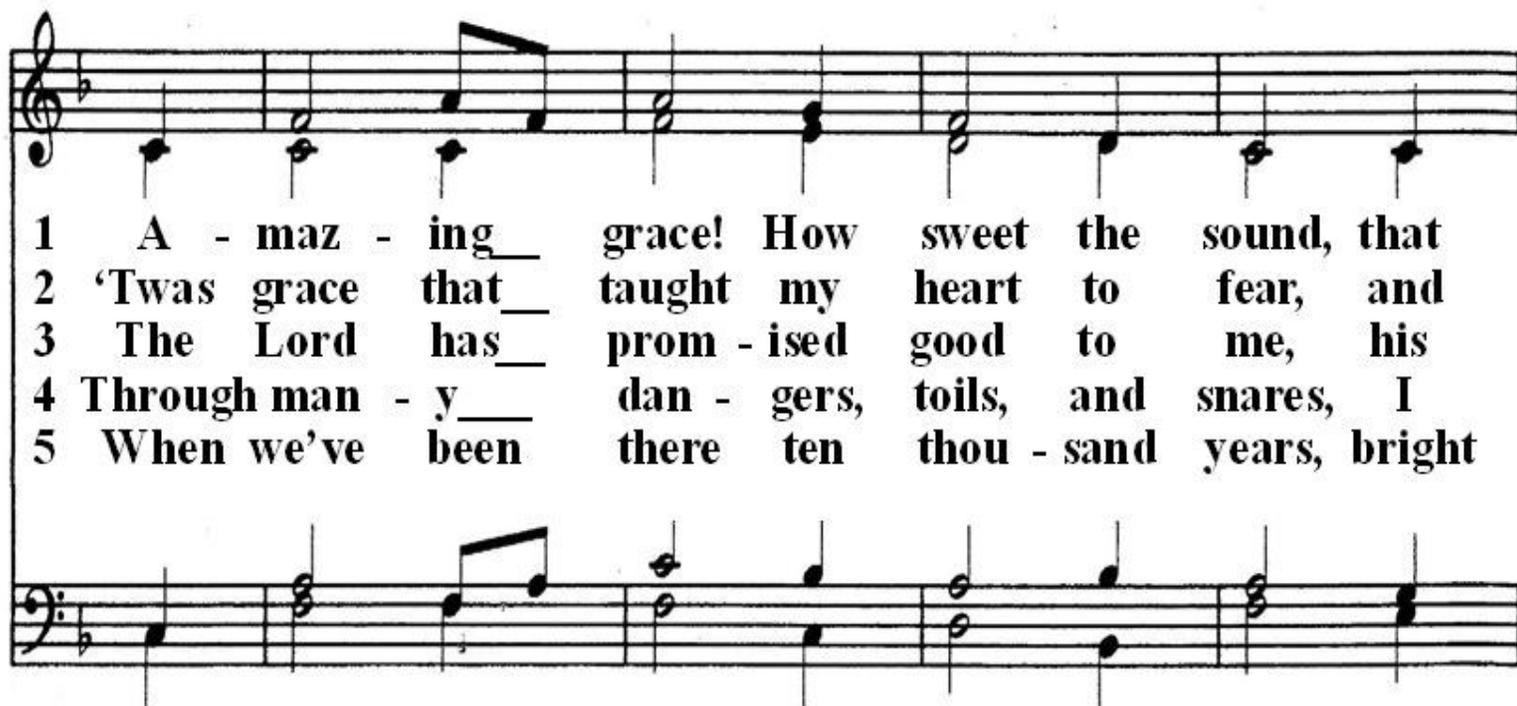
The Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive Communion.

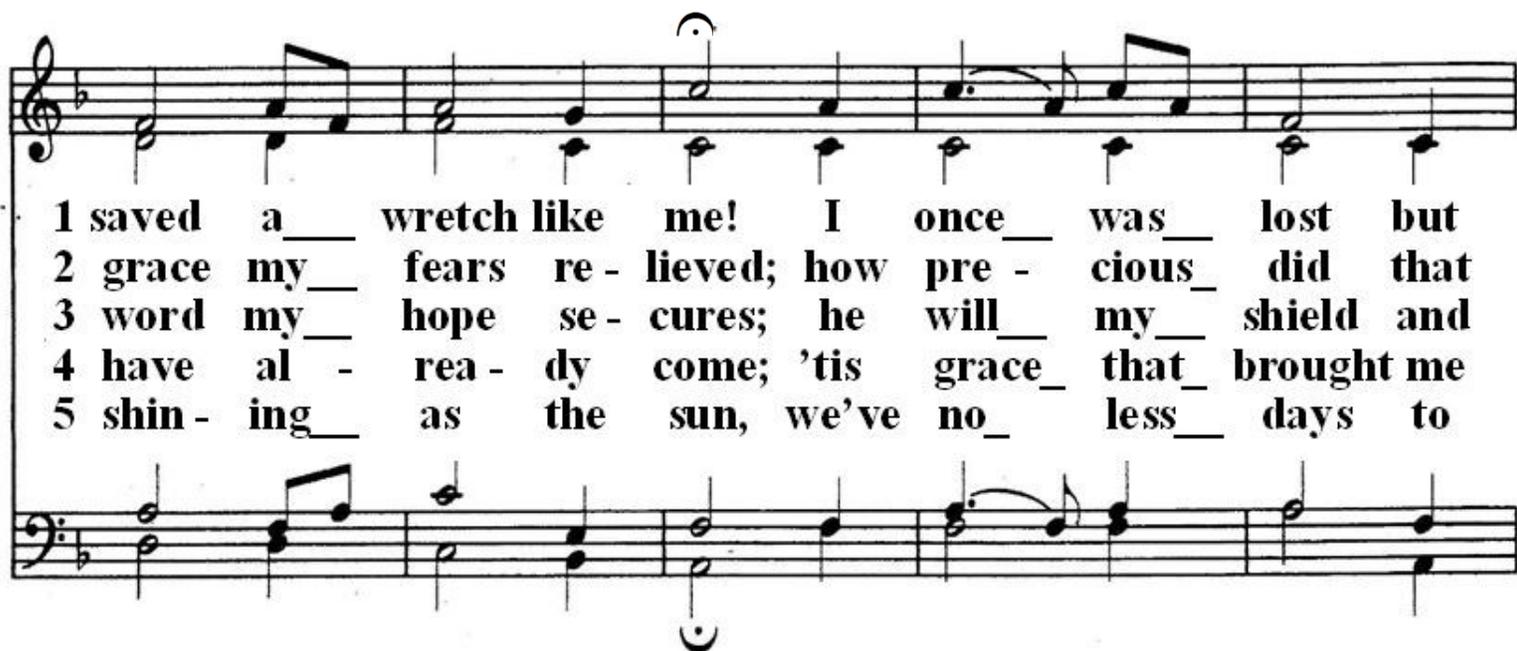
Everyone is invited to receive Communion.

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.*

*Amazing Grace**[Live]**Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.*


1 A - maz - ing__ grace! How sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that__ taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has__ prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y__ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a__ wretch like me! I once__ was__ lost but
 2 grace my__ fears re - lieved; how pre - cious__ did that
 3 word my__ hope se - cures; he will__ my__ shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace__ that__ brought me
 5 shin - ing__ as the sun, we've no__ less__ days to

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1 now__ am__ found, was blind but__ now I see.
 2 grace__ ap - pear the hour I__ first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion__ be as long as__ life en - dures.
 4 safe__ this__ far, and grace will__ lead me home.
 5 sing__ God's__ praise than when we'd__ first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.)

Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921);
 harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

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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

Lift Every Voice and Sing #189

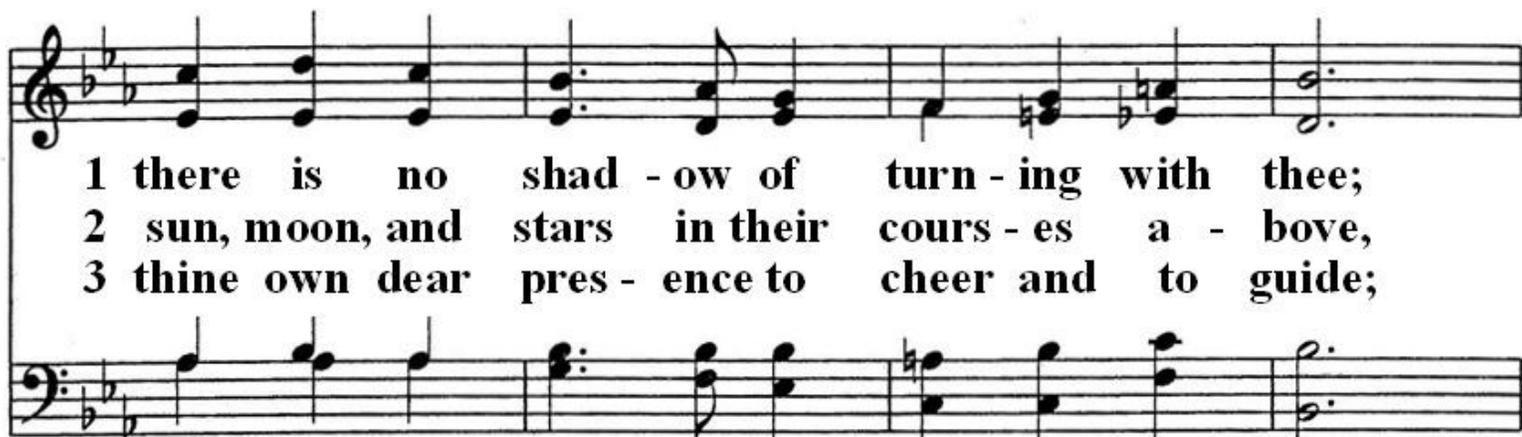
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

[Live]

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



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2 Sum-mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har-vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



1 there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
2 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
3 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

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1 Thou chang-est not, thy com - pas - sions they fail not,
 2 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1 As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2 To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3 Bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

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All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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 Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)
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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Benjamin Belew, keyboard
[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: Jim Cobb

Greeters: Mary Jane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Intercessor: Jim Cobb

Lectors: John Pietrzyk, Fulvia Govetto

Cantor: Fulvia Govetto

Pianist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host: Abby O'Connell

Stream/Tech Team: Tian Zhu, Andrew Yeh



TODAY

The Altar Flowers today are given by Mabel Cheng, in loving memory of Leung Lai, and Yun-Kwai.

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

TODAY is our Annual Saint Thomas Animal Blessing.

Water in bowls is provided for the Animals outside the Church Building. Family Ministry is providing cut-outs of animal shapes for you to write the names of your pets who cannot join us in person. There is also 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.

TODAY: Goodwill Donation Drive The Goodwill truck is parked on our parking lot to receive all your donations until 2:00pm.

Upcoming Events

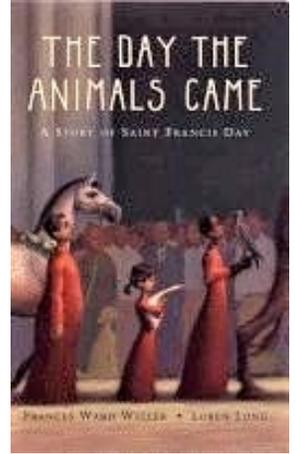
Library News:

Book of the Week October 2

The Day the Animals came:

a story of Saint Francis Day by Frances Ward Weller

A young girl misses her former home and her animal friends left behind in the West Indies. She makes new friends at the blessing of the animals at St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York City on the Feast of St. Francis.



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 through November 2, All Saints Sunday.

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

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.

Season of Stewardship

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.



On Enough and Abundance

a reflection by the Rev. Lance Ousley

A little faith can go a long way when it is stewarded with disciplined practice. The disciples ask Jesus, "Increase our faith!" Jesus responds with two analogies that let them know they have more than enough

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faith if they will only put it into consistent practice. The problem seems to be that the disciples, like many of us in the 21st Century, have enough and abundance confused.

First, Jesus speaks of the ability of faith “the size of a mustard seed” to uproot trees and toss them into the sea, indicating that enough is enough. The disciples would know a tiny mustard seed germinates quickly and spreads aggressively, and left to mature the mustard plant will grow into a bush-like plant producing more seed, and so on. It doesn’t take an abundance; it just takes enough. This also is true of stewardship, whether it is of one’s time, abilities, financial resources, or the blessings in the world around us.

When we practice faithful stewardship of what we have and who we are, it germinates, grows, and multiplies within us, blessing others with the abundance of our lives in Christ. Continued cultivation of faithful stewardship in our lives, bit by bit grows into stewardship of all that we have and all that we are because we more deeply are able to realize the abundance in our lives is more than enough, generating joyful generosity and gratitude.

Jesus’ story about the dutiful servant reminds his disciples, both of the 1st and 21st Centuries, that humility is at the root of faith and stewardship as a grateful response to blessings in one’s life. My wife and I found this to be true in our journey to tithing.



Questions For Reflection:

Reflection on what keeps us from persevering in faith and stewardship like the mustard seed I wonder, is it a lack of our disciplined practice? Is it a lack of humility (thinking grace has been earned)? Or confusion about what is enough and what is abundant?

The dutiful servant has merely done what was expected of him, shouldn't that be true at least for disciples of Jesus Christ, practicing disciplined and faithful stewardship?

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Humility, coupled with disciplined faith that “All things come of thee, O Lord,” as we slowly made our way to giving 10% year by year, we began to understand that God has blessed us with abundance, even when we do what is expected of us (tithing) we found we have more than enough to live even more generously. It just took a little faith and humility to get us started.

The Rev. Lance Ousley is rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Houston, TX and is a former board member of TENS and believes faithful stewardship leads to a joyous life. While Lance was Canon for Stewardship and Development in the Diocese of Olympia (Seattle, WA), he authored Stewards Stirrings, a 3-year commentary on the lectionary texts focused on preaching and teaching stewardship.

October Save the Dates:

October 8 Parish Work Day

October 23 The Bishop Visits

October 30 Stewardship Sunday—1 service only at 10:30am
with 2023 presentation

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.

Agape Circle, Friday, October 7, 6:30pm

Please bring a pot-luck dish to share (along with serving utensils) and be ready for a fun-filled evening of friendship and sharing!

Please email Dena Ware at denaware@gmail.com to RSVP (not required but helps us get an idea of how many will attend). We look forward to seeing you there!

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. 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

A luncheon reception with Bishop Lucinda is being planned for her visit on October 23. It will be after the 10:30 service, a great chance to meet our new bishop face-to-face. More details TBA.

Hurricane Relief Episcopal Relief & Development is mobilizing with partners to provide assistance to those affected by hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Your donation to the Hurricane Relief Fund will support affected communities in the Caribbean and southern United States. Visit episcopalrelief.org for more information, or see the table in the back of the church for a flier with details.

General Announcements

St. Thomas Book & Bake Sale Fundraiser

Happy to report the proceeds of the St. Thomas Book & Bake Sale

Fundraiser held on September 25 were \$919! All of this will go towards the ministries of St. Thomas. A tremendous effort went into this event. On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who donated, baked, helped with promotion, set-up, and tear-down! A special shout out to Donna & Jim Cobb, Chris Schmidt, Abby O'Connell, Peg Prior, Carrie Hawley, Pat Dare, Anne Buelteman and Daniel Ng.
Ann Kopischke, Fundraising Committee Member

Thanksgiving and Memorial Donations to Altar Guild

Our altar guild appreciates your support in making our space holy and beautiful. You can make a donation for fresh flowers on a designated date or a general donation for supplies, like communion wine and bread and oil for the candles. You can make this donation online or by check, with "altar guild" on the memo line. If applicable, please also include (1) the date for the commemoration and (2) the person or occasion to be commemorated.

COVID Protocols update

Masking is now optional at church services.

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

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

Free COVID Test Kits can be ordered at [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.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 below),



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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. 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.

Children and Family Ministry For information on the schedule of children and family ministry, please contact Sue Beckham at Sue_beckham@comcast.net

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

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.

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 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGJIJUT09)

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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

2023

Pat Dare

Breno DeMedeiros

Abby O'Connell

2024

Nancy Allgeier

Gage McKinney

Rita Welsh

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty

MaryJane Johnson

Hugo Lopez-Laguna

Mabel Cheng

(Joe Gutierrez, Marilyn Winans alternates)

St. Thomas website: www.stthomas-svale.org

Welcome

St. Thomas' Parish is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love, and service to welcome all people just as God created them. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity and gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical, or mental ability. God delights in the diversity of creation, and so do we!

Rector: The Rev. Salying Wong.....pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us
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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