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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 recommended 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.

Ave Maria
Sophia DeMedeiros, cello
[Live]

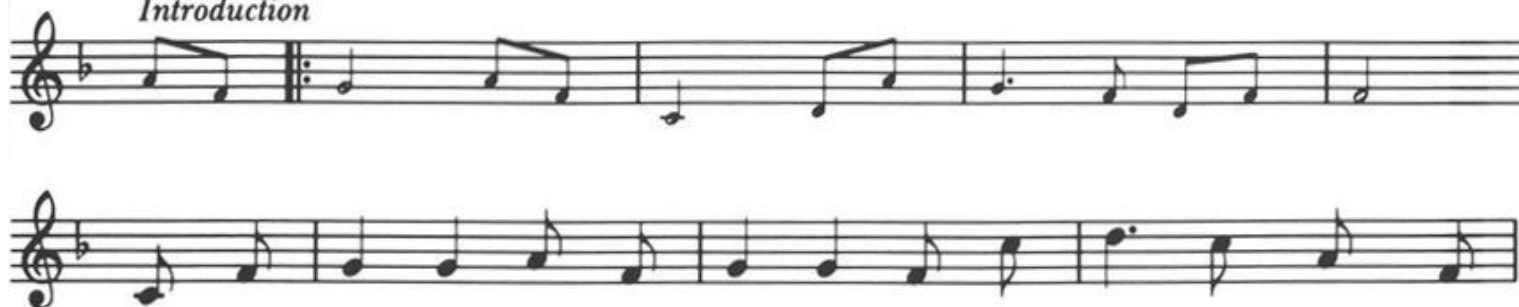
Opening Hymn

Hymnal #507

Praise the Spirit in Creation
[Live]

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

Introduction



1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i -
2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com-pan-ion of our in - most thoughts and
3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en-light-ened priests and pro-phets with the



1 gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters, quick-ening
2 ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders, is him -
3 word: his the truth be - hind the wis - doms which as



1 worlds to life with - in, source of breath to all things
2 self the power to gaze; and God's will, to those who
3 yet know not our Lord; by whose love and power, in

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1 breath-ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.
 2 lis - ten, by a still small voice con - veys.
 3 Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.



Words: Michael Hewlett (b. 1916), alt.
 Music: *Julion*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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Opening Acclamation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit.

People: There is one hope in God's call to us.

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

People: One God and Father of all

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

People: Thanks be to God


Psalm 84:1-6

[Live]

The cantor will lead the psalm.

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

Refrain



O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God. *Refrain*



O ___ Lord_ of hosts, hap-py are they_ who put their trust in_ you.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. *Refrain*



O ___ Lord_ of hosts, hap-py are they_ who put their trust in_ you.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of
springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. *Refrain*



O ___ Lord_ of hosts, hap-py are they_ who put their trust in_ you.

The Epistle:

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #541

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

[Live]

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

1 Come, Thou fount of ev-ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2 Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer, Hith-er by thy help I'm
3 O, to grace how great a debt-or, Dai-ly I'm con-strained to

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1 grace; Streams of mer-cy nev-er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est
 2 come; And I hope, by thy good plea-sure, Sure-ly to ar - rive at
 3 be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet-ter, Bind my won-d'ring heart to

1 praise, Teach me_ some me-lo-dious son - net, Sung by_ flam-ing tongues a
 2 home. Je-sus_ sought me when a stran-ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of
 3 Thee. Prone to_ wan-der, Lord, I feel_ it, Prone to_ leave the God I

1 bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 2 God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In-ter-posed His pre-cious blood.
 3 love. Here's my heart Lord take and seal it. Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Songs of Praise*, Copyright © 1992.

The Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Deacon: 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.



BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, & RECEPTION

The Presentation of the Candidate for Baptism

Bishop: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presenter: I present Dena to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Bishop: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidates: I do.

The Presentation of Candidates for Confirmation & Reception

Bishop: The other candidates will now be presented.

Presenter: I present Tian and Susan for confirmation; and I present MaryJane, Aer, Angela, and Kris to be received into this Communion.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your

power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to you grace and truth.

People: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving spirit.

People: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit

People: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord hear our prayer.

Bishop: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death

of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

The bishop, baptismal candidate and members of the altar party go to the font.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Bishop blesses the water, first saying:

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Bishop touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Bishop: **Dena**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*When this action has been completed,
the Bishop, in full sight of the congregation, prays over the baptized:*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*The Bishop places a hand on the person's head,
marking the forehead with the sign of the cross and saying:*

Dena, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Bishop and **People**:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

*The newly baptized is seated
and members of the altar party return to the chancel.*

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Silence

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A period of silence follows.

The Bishop lays hands upon the candidate for Confirmation.

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Tian [your servant Susan] with your Holy Spirit; empower him [her] for your service; and sustain him [her] all the days of his [her] life. **Amen.**

The Bishop shakes hands with each candidate for Reception.

[MaryJane, Aer, Angela, Kris], we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Bishop: Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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.**

Blessing of the Children

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Offertory sentence

The Offertory Anthem

Heinrich Schutz

The Pharisee and the Publican

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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: 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, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

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

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

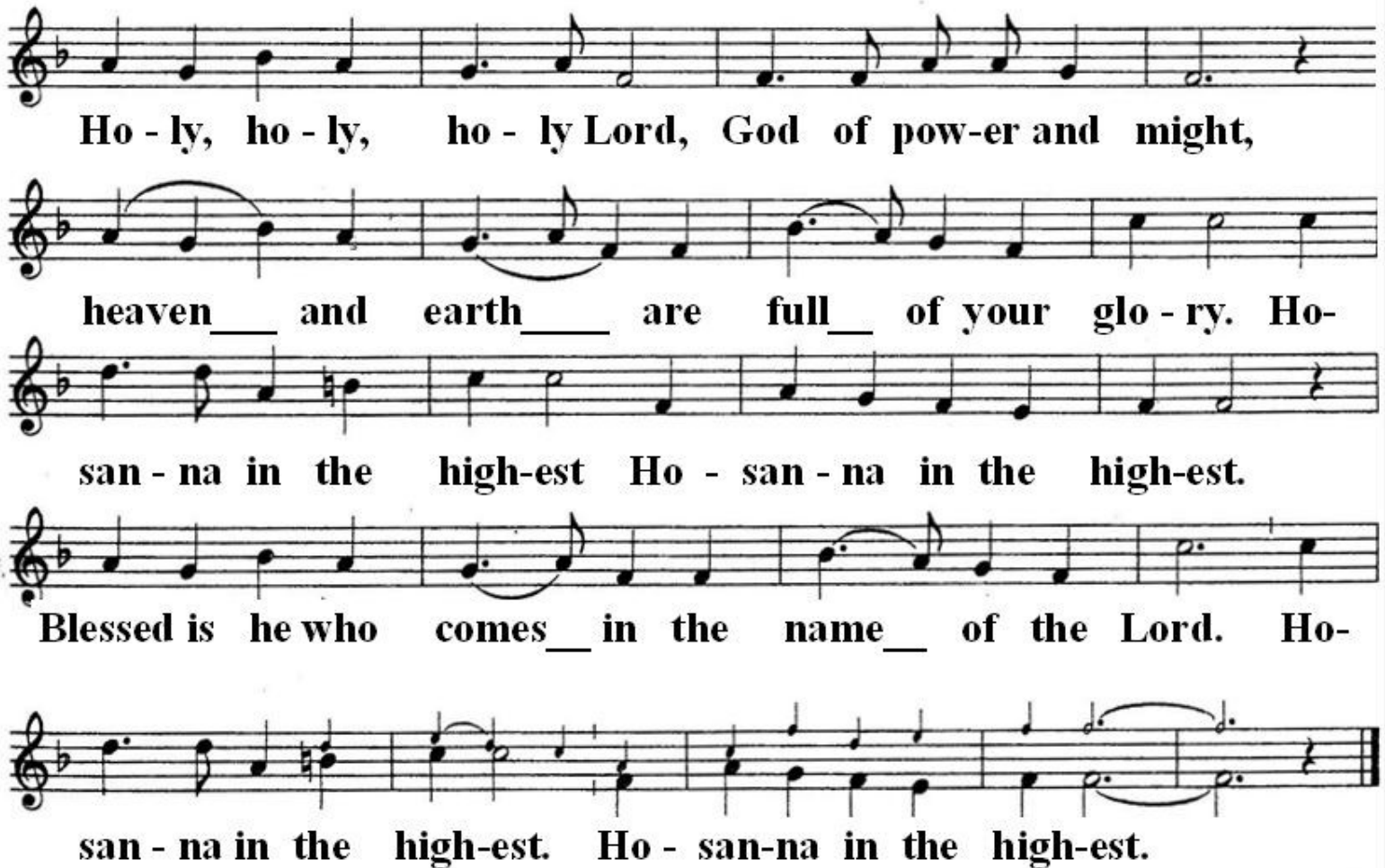
[Live]

Hymnal S-125

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 unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

Celebrant and People:

AMEN.

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.

Please come to the rail.

- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able.*
- *As a symbol of our unity as the body of Christ, the wine will be served from the flagon into individual cups after the consecration. 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.*

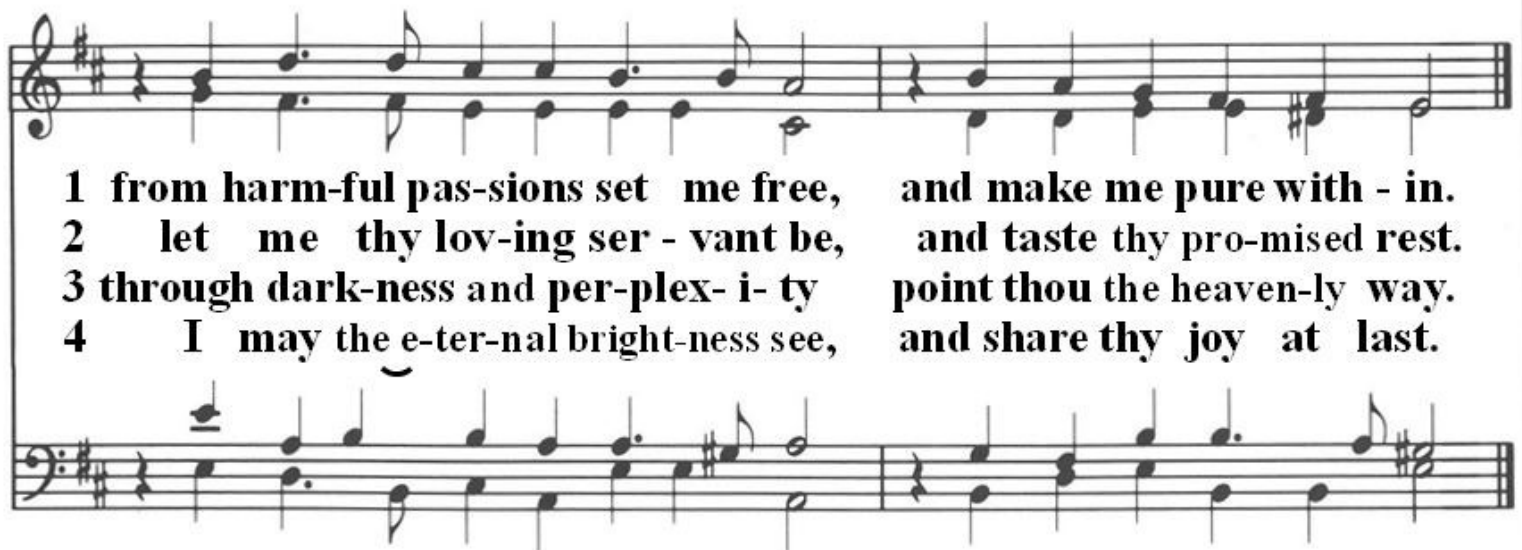
*Lord Jesus, Think on Me**[Live]*

Communion Hymn

Taize'

*Ubi Caritas**[Live]**Please join in singing the hymns. Zoom attendees please stay muted.*


1 Lord Je-sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je-sus, think on me, with care and woe op-pressed;
 3 Lord Je-sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
 4 Lord Je-sus, think on me, that when the flood is passed,



1 from harm-ful pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
 2 let me thy lov-ing ser - vant be, and taste thy pro-mised rest.
 3 through dark-ness and per-plex- i - ty point thou the heav-en-ly way.
 4 I may the e-ter-nal bright-ness see, and share thy joy at last.

Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt.
 Music: Southwell, from *Daman's Psalter*, 1579; adapt. *Hymnal* 1982

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Descant

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

A

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

This system contains a descant in the treble clef and two vocal parts. The first vocal part is in the treble clef, and the second is in the bass clef. Both parts have lyrics. A box labeled 'A' is placed above the second vocal part.

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

B

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

This system contains two vocal parts. The first is in the treble clef and the second is in the bass clef. Both parts have lyrics. A box labeled 'B' is placed above the first vocal part.

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

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

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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

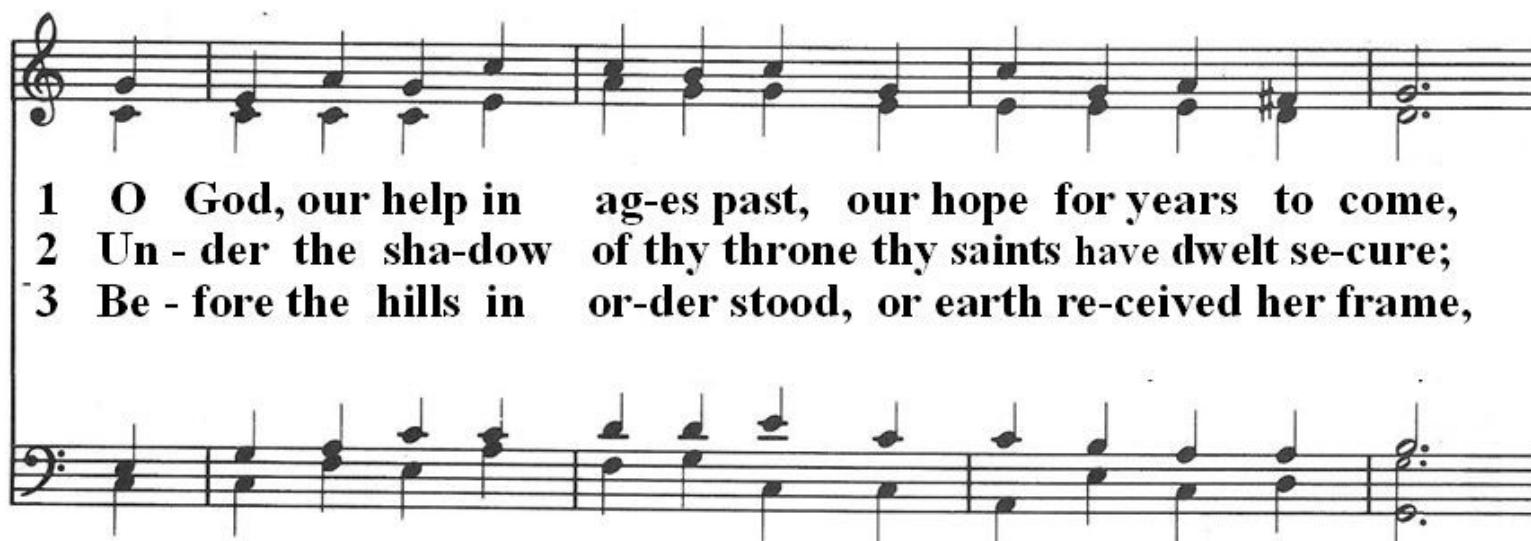
Closing Hymn

Hymnal #680

O God Our Help in Ages Past

[Live]

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



1 O God, our help in ag-es past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the sha-dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se-cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or-der stood, or earth re-ceived her frame,

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1 our shel-ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de-fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last-ing thou art God, to end-less years the same.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

Benjamin Belew, keyboard
[Live]

*Please join us in Cowans Hall for a reception
 to welcome Bishop Lucinda
 and to celebrate those baptized, confirmed, and received.*

Serving us at 10:30 am

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Celebrant: The Rev. Salying Wong/The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby

Bishop's Chaplain: Joe Gutierrez

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Cobb

Torch-bearers: Joe and Sam Wilhelm-Leen

Greeters: Mary Jane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Intercessor: Jim Cobb

Lectors: Abby O'Connell, Susan McVey

Cantors: Jeremy Smith, Chris Schmidt

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Reception: Pat Dare and Parish Event Planners

Zoom Host: Fulvia Govetto

Stream/Tech Team: Tian Zhu, Andrew Yeh

Procession Order

Holy Spirit Kite (LEM)

2 Torch Bearers

Choir

Deacon

Rector

Chaplain

Bishop

TODAY

The Altar Flowers today are given in honor of Bishop Lucinda Ashby on her first in-person visit to St. Thomas.

Bishop's Discretionary Account Please donate generously to the bishop's discretionary account which provides assistance to those in need beyond the parish. When writing a check, you may write a check directly to the bishop's discretionary account and insert it in the provided envelope or write the check to St. Thomas and note this donation in the memo line.

Upcoming Events

Library News:

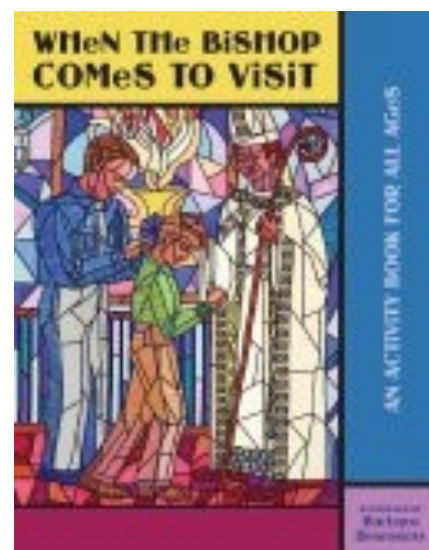
Book of the Week October 23

When the Bishop Comes to Visit: an activity book for all ages

by Katherine Finegan

Activities for the visitation of a bishop.

All ages will find an activity.



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 27, Advent 1.

October 30	Hybrid	Stewardship “Brunch”; one service at 10:30
November 6	Hybrid	All Saints, Chili Feed
November 13	Morning Prayer on Zoom	
November 20	Hybrid	Christ the King, Transgender Remembrance
November 27	Hybrid	Advent 1 Wreath-making

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 **continues Sunday, October 23**. It is offered as a hybrid class (In-person participation is strongly preferred). Five consecutive **Sunday afternoons remain, from October 23rd to November 20th** **Even if you missed the first class**, you are encouraged to join us for the next one, either at St. Francis Church, 1205 Pine Ave., Willow Glen, San Jose in the Wickham Room, or on Zoom. A Zoom link will be provided when you register. A modest \$30.00 tuition will be due. (Please contact Bruce - brucebramlett@sbcglobal.net - if tuition is difficult and arrangements will be made). Please register in advance although walk-ins 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. All friends of whatever religious background are welcome.

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.



MORE THAN ENOUGH

About Humility

a reflection by Linda Buskirk

“All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” – Luke 18:9-14

The Pharisee in today’s Gospel parable stands up in the temple to pray. He reminds God that he is not like other people who fall short of God’s expectations. He recounts to God his best behaviors -

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fasting and tithing.

When I envision this scene, I can't help but imagine the Pharisee's voice sounding like songwriter Mac Davis singing his hit, "Oh Lord it's hard to be humble, When you're perfect in every way; I can't wait to look in the mirror, Cause I get better looking each day..."


Why is Jesus concerned about our level of humility even when our faithful actions are good? Certainly we should strive to be good, to give generously, and to avoid sin. Yet it is the sinful person in this story who Jesus sets as our example.

In the parable, the first person is giving a speech to God. The second person is opening up his heart, admitting his weakness, and asking for God's merciful acceptance. He is humble enough to acknowledge that God is in control.

Such humility is a path toward a deeper, trusting relationship with God. Trusting God requires admitting that we need God. It means accepting that we are not so self-reliant that we can figure out all the answers, successfully battle every demon, and control our own destiny. Those are false narratives anyway. Humility keeps us honest.

Jesus' time on earth exemplifies one of the most beautiful realities of our faith: Our Creator craves a close relationship with each of us. We don't have to be perfect in every way. We just need to love and trust that what God provides will be more than enough.

Linda Buskirk is active in stewardship ministry for her faith community in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and works with congregations through Core Capital Campaigns.



Questions For Reflection:

Imagine looking in the mirror and seeing a reflection of your relationship with God. How would you describe it?

How might generosity be connected to one's trusting relationship with God?

In serving others we often find humility. How has service to others helped deepen your relationship with God?

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

Save the Dates:

October 30	Stewardship presentation and “brunch”
November 6:	Pledge Sunday, All Saints, Chili Feed
November 27:	Advent 1: Wreath-making
December 3:	Christmas boutique pick-up

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.

The 2022 St. Thomas Holiday Boutique Fundraiser is quickly approaching and we need your support!

We’ll be sharing a catalog of available items via email between November 21 and December 2. Purchases will be made on-line via email. On **Saturday, December 3**, from 10:00 AM - noon, we’ll host a **pick-up** of Boutique items at the church in Cowans Hall along with an in-person **Bake Sale**.

We’re calling all crafters, sewers, bakers, quilters, knitters, woodworkers, gardeners, and candlestick makers! Do you have any interesting gently used holiday related treasures you may be ready to part with that might delight someone else? Good books you’ve read or puzzles you’ve loved and are ready to pass on? Gift Cards you haven’t used - or are willing to purchase to donate? We welcome your donations. All proceeds will go to directly support the ministries of St. Thomas.

If you’d like to make a **donation**, please contact any one of us by **November 5**. We’ll need a good photo of the item, along with a

written description, including sizes or dimensions, for the catalog posting. Also please note, if you'd like to donate to the bake sale, all items must be individually or fully wrapped.

We know how much talent and generosity there is in our community and look forward to this year's event!

General Announcements

Thanksgiving and Memorial Donations to Altar Guild

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

COVID Protocols update

Masking is now optional-but-**recommended** 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.

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), you



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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 next meeting will take place on **Monday October 24**: using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss *All That She Carried: The Journal of Ashley's Sack, A Black Family Keepsake* by Tiya Miles, winner of the National Book Award. In 1850s South Carolina, an enslaved woman named Rose faced a crisis: the imminent sale of her daughter Ashley. Thinking quickly, she packed a cotton bag for her with a few items, and, soon after, the nine-year-old girl was separated from her mother and sold. Decades later, Ashley's granddaughter Ruth embroidered this family history on the sack in spare, haunting language. Renowned historian Tiya Miles traces the life of a single object handed down through three generations of Black women in a testament to people who are left out of the archives.

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
or 510-478-3554

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

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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



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