

# First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

Holy Eucharist, 10:30am



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Enriching Our Worship 1

*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.*

# Prelude

[Live]

Benjamin Belew, keyboard

# Opening Hymn

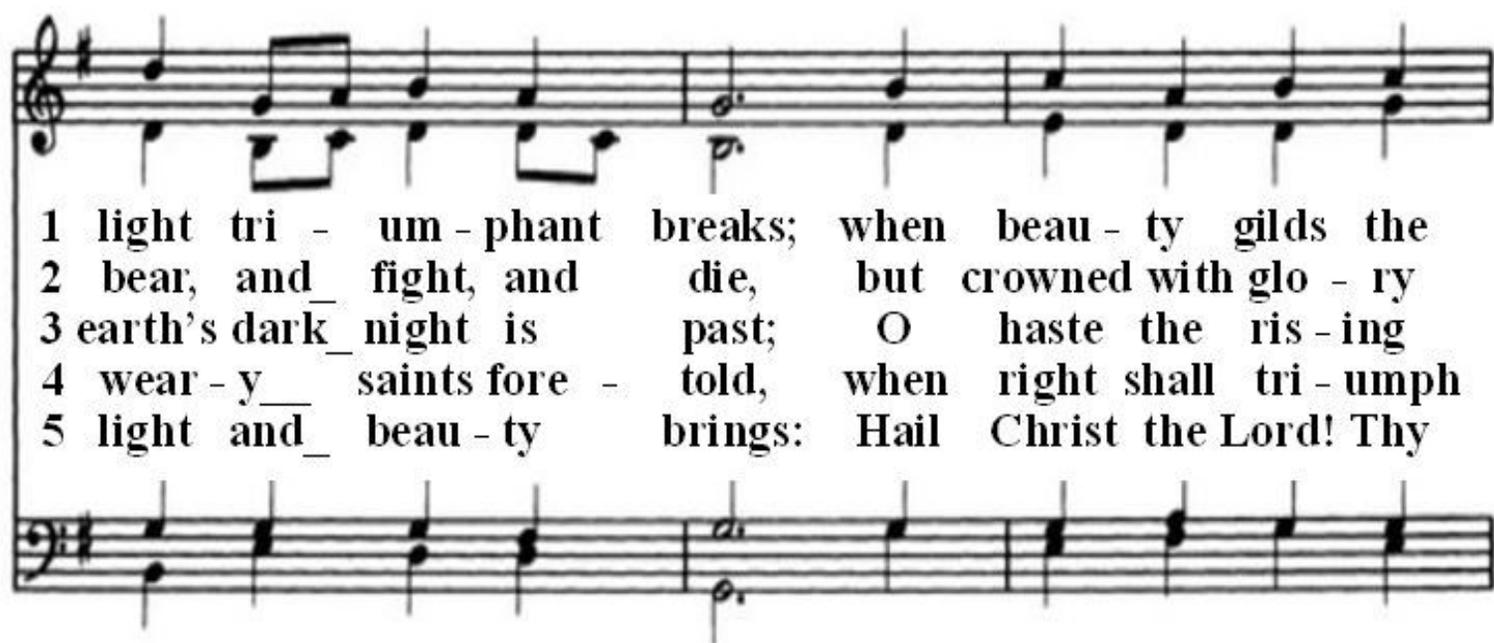
## *The King Shall Come*

[Live]

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



1 The King shall come when\_\_ morn - ing dawns and\_\_  
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to\_\_  
3 The King shall come when\_\_ morn - ing dawns and\_\_  
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by\_\_  
5 The King shall come when\_\_ morn - ing dawns and\_\_



1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
2 bear, and\_ fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
3 earth's dark\_ night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
4 wear - y\_\_ saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
5 light and\_ beau - ty brings: Hail Christ the Lord! Thy

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1 east - ern\_\_ hills and life to\_\_ joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the\_\_ sun that lights the\_\_ morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that\_\_ morn, the day that\_\_ e - er shall last;  
 4 o - ver\_\_ wrong, and truth shall\_\_ be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple\_\_ pray, come quick - ly,\_\_ King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt.  
 Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

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## Opening Acclamation

*[Live]*

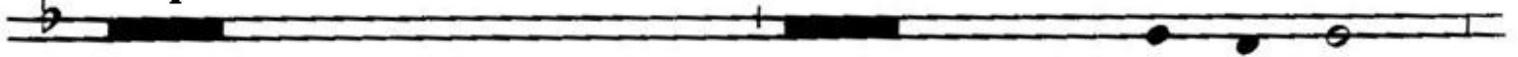
*Please join in singing the responses. Zoom attendees please stay muted.*

Celebrant:



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People:



**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.**

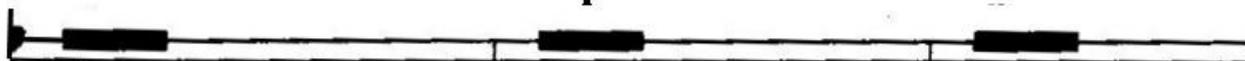
Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

## Greeting and Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

People:

Celebrant:



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

All:

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.

### Advent Wreath Lighting

Reader:

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
 A candle of **hope** in November's dark night,  
 While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
 Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.



People: **Come Lord Jesus**

Carol

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*[Live]*

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

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from \_\_\_\_\_ on high, who or - derest

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

here un - til the son of God \_\_\_\_\_ ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
show and teach us in her ways \_\_\_\_\_ to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## Gloria

(Live)

Richard Shephard

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

S.  
A. *f*  
Glo-ry to God in high-est heav'n Peace to all your peo-ple given

T.  
B. *f*  
Glo-ry to God in high-est heav'n Peace to all your peo-ple given

8 *Unison mf*  
Al-migh-ty God, your grace a-boun-ding We give you glo-ry your praise re-soun-ding

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12 *f*

S. A. *f*

T. B.

We wor-ship you, and sing to-day. Christ, our Hope, is on\_the way. 3

19 *mf*

S. A. *mf*

T. B. *mf*

Je - sus Christ the on - ly Son, Lamb of God, the Bles - sed One;

23 *Unison*

Tak-ing a - way our sin and sad-ness, Turn-ing our sor - row in - to glad-ness;

27 *div. f*

S. A. *div. f*

T. B. *div. f*

We wor-ship you, and sing to-day Christ, our Joy, is on\_the way. 3

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S. A. *mp*  
 Je - sus, you are seat - ed there At God's right hand re - ceive our prayer

T. B.

38  
 S. A. Peace is your king - dom now and ev - er, Li - on and lamb lay down to - geth - er,

T. B.

42 *f*  
 S. A. We wor - ship you and sing to - day Christ, our Peace, is on the way.

T. B. *f*

49 *f*  
 S. A. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, Lord of love, till a - ges run;

T. B. *f*

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S.  
A.



We wor-ship you and sing\_ to-day, Christ, our Love is on\_ the way.

T.  
B.



*ff*

## Collect for the First Sunday in Advent

Celebrant:   
 God be with you.

People:   
**And also with you**

Celebrant:   
 Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

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

People: Thanks be to God

## Psalm 122

*[Live]*

*The cantor will lead the psalm.*

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

*Refrain:*

I was glad\_ when they said to\_\_ me, "Let us go\_\_ to the house\_ of the\_ Lord."

I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*

I was glad\_ when they said to\_\_ me, "Let us go\_\_ to the house\_ of the\_ Lord."

Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;  
To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*

I was glad\_ when they said to\_\_ me, "Let us go\_\_ to the house\_ of the\_ Lord."

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

*Refrain*



I was glad\_ when they said to\_\_ me, "Let us go\_\_ to the house\_ of the\_ Lord."

For my brethren and companions' sake,  
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good."

*Refrain*



I was glad\_ when they said to\_\_ me, "Let us go\_\_ to the house\_ of the\_ Lord."

## The Epistle    Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

[Live]

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

*Descant*

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing from earth's bond - age, let us rise;  
 5 hon - or, glo - ry, might\_ and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing from earth's bond - age, let us rise;  
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heav'n  
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."  
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

## **The Gospel:**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

**Gospeler:** The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**Gospeler:** The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** **Praise to you Lord Christ**

## **The Sermon**

*After the sermon there will be a time of silence for reflection.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
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: Advent Intercessions      by The Rev. Rick Morley**

**Leader: In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us  
that you are always with us, that like Joseph we might always  
be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:**

Leader: O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

Come Lord Jesus,

**People: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus,

**People: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Come Lord Jesus,

**People: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthday, that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

Come Lord Jesus,

**People: and hear our prayer.**

Leader: In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

Come Lord Jesus,

**People: and hear our prayer.**

## 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



Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## Sanctus

[Live]

Richard Shephard

*All are invited to join in singing the Sanctus.*

*Zoom participants please stay muted.*

### Celebrant and People:

*♩.=60*      *Unison*

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.

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Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in\_\_ the high-est.

10

Bless-ed is he, is he who comes in the name\_\_ of\_\_ the Lord.

Ho - sa - na, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

14

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

Celebrant:

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

### **Celebrant and People**

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant:

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.

**All:**



**The Lord's Prayer**     *led by the Deacon, said in unison*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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

Richard Shephard

S.  
A.

*organ*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus Christ

T.  
B.

*acc. ad lib.*

5

S.  
A.

in the break - ing of the bread. God of hope and

T.  
B.

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S. A. God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us;

T. B.

11

S. A. Come Lord Jesus, come and cheer Come and make thine Advent here.

T. B. rit.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## The Communion

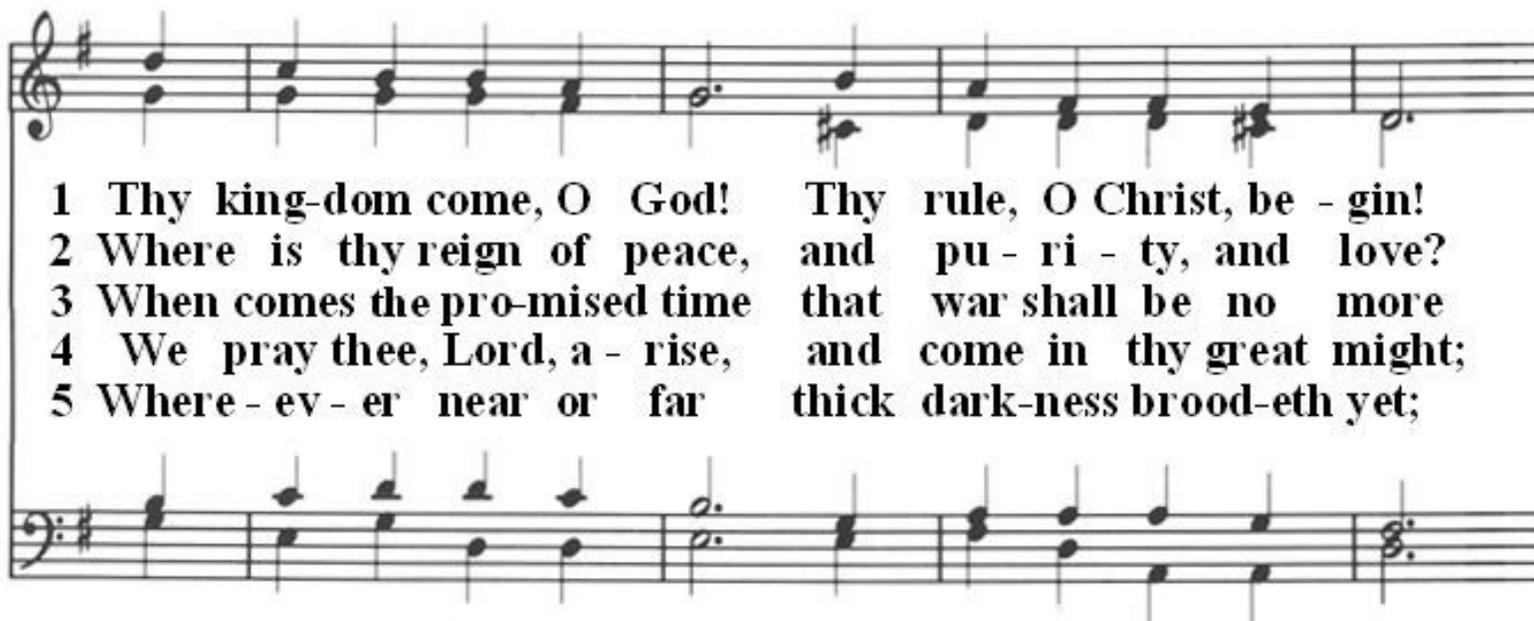
*Everyone is invited to receive Communion. Please come to the rail.*

- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able..*
- *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.*

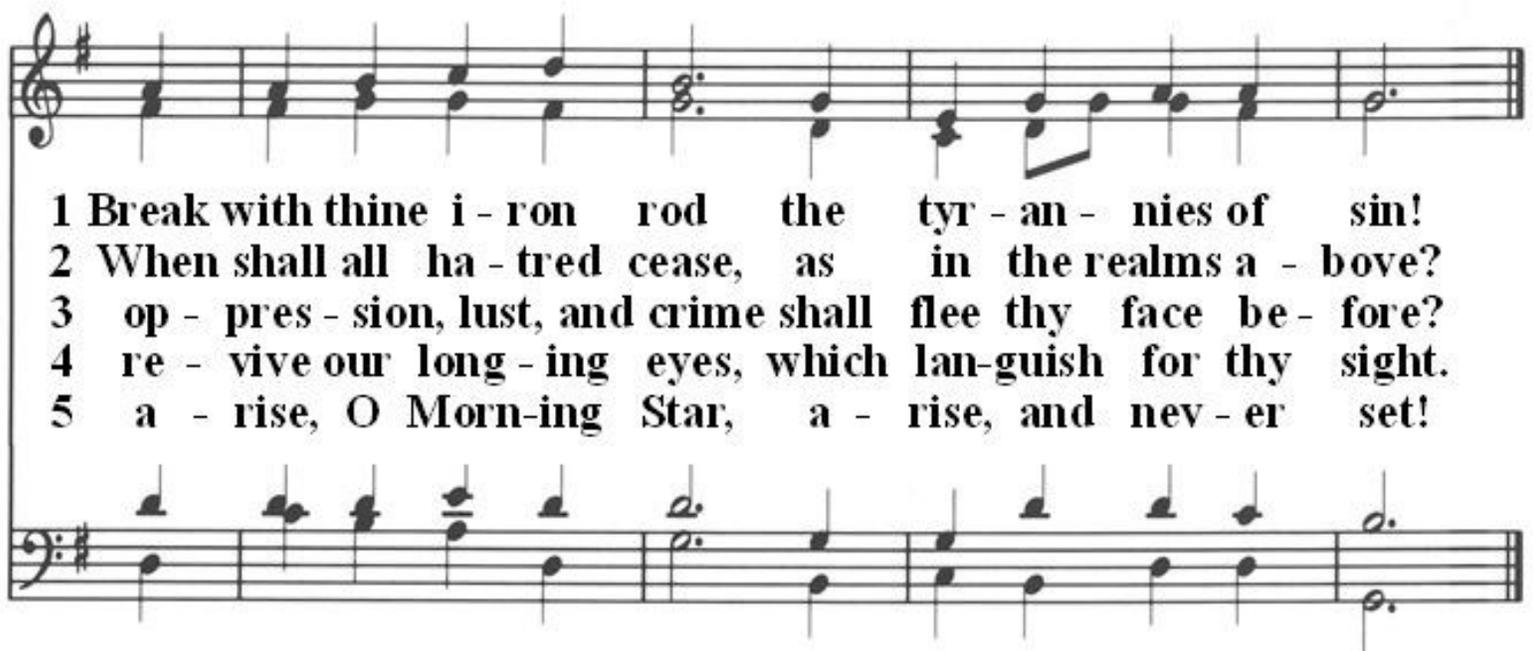
*Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord*

[Live]

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



1 Thy king-dom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ, be - gin!  
 2 Where is thy reign of peace, and pu - ri - ty, and love?  
 3 When comes the pro-mised time that war shall be no more  
 4 We pray thee, Lord, a - rise, and come in thy great might;  
 5 Where - ev - er near or far thick dark-ness brood-eth yet;



1 Break with thine i - ron rod the tyr - an - nies of sin!  
 2 When shall all ha - tred cease, as in the realms a - bove?  
 3 op - pres - sion, lust, and crime shall flee thy face be - fore?  
 4 re - vive our long - ing eyes, which lan-guish for thy sight.  
 5 a - rise, O Morn-ing Star, a - rise, and nev - er set!

Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905), alt.

Music: *St. Cecilia*, Leighton George Hayne (1836-1883)

66. 66

*Please stand.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*led by the Celebrant, said in unison*

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing for Advent**

**Book of Occasional Services**

**Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior  
Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you  
with the light of his blessing and set you free from all  
sin. Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory  
we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope,  
and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our  
Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with  
unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you  
for ever. **Amen.**

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

[Live]

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



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de-scend-ing, once for our sal -  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
 4 Yea, a - men! Let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -



va - tion slain; thou-sand thou-sand saints at - tend - ing  
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;



swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
 claim the king - dom for thine own; Al - le - lu - ia!





Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those\_ glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and\_ thou a - lone.

## 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]*

## Serving us at 10:30 am

### The St. Thomas Altar Guild

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Salying Wong

**Preacher & Deacon:** The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jim Cobb

**Greeters:** MaryJane Johnson, Donna Cobb

**Intercessor:** Jim Cobb

**Lectors:** Patricia Pietrzyk, John Pietrzyk

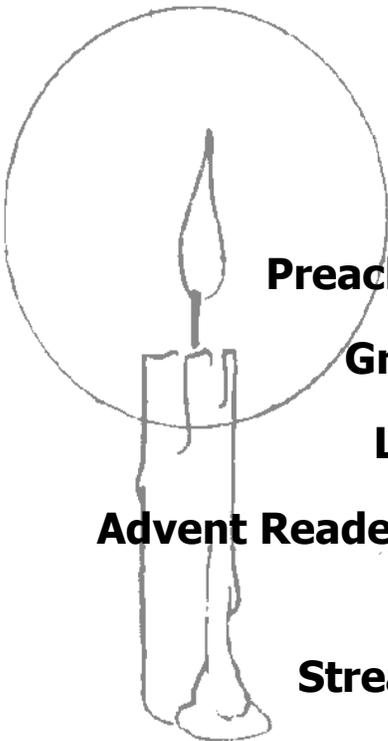
**Cantor:** Jeremy Smith

**Advent Reader/Candle-Lighter:** Brigid Beckham, Liam Beckham

**Accompanist:** Benjamin Belew

**Zoom Host:** Fulvia Govetto

**Stream/Tech Team:** Steve Williams, Jim Cobb



# TODAY

**The Altar Flowers** are replaced by greens at this season of Advent.

**Coffee Hour today** will be in Cowans Hall. Please be mindful of recommended Covid protocols.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Diocese of El Camino Real Advent Retreat** You are invited to a diocese-wide Advent Retreat on **Saturday, December 3rd**, at St. Francis Episcopal Church (1205 Pine Ave., San Jose), and we hope that you will join us! We will gather at 9:30am for worship, Bible study, and reflection. You are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and bring a journal or computer, if you are someone who enjoys writing while reflecting. Lunch will be provided, and there is a \$10 suggested donation to help with the cost of lunch, but this is not a required contribution. The retreat will end by 3pm. The theme of the day is “Courage in the Wilderness” and it will be hosted by Canon Martha Korienek, our Canon to the Ordinary. Questions? Please email Canon Martha at [canonmartha@realepiscopal.org](mailto:canonmartha@realepiscopal.org). To register, please go to: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCjnzH8OHkNVeMxiFujS4FXff\\_cnSoeUoRlMqzZgZ6pgVu4Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCjnzH8OHkNVeMxiFujS4FXff_cnSoeUoRlMqzZgZ6pgVu4Q/viewform)

**The 2022 St. Thomas Holiday Boutique Fundraiser**  
**St. Thomas Holiday Boutique Pick-up and Bake Sale,**  
**Saturday, December 3, 10:00 AM - Noon Cowans Hall**

Please come by to pick-up any boutique items you may have purchased on line and check out some other fun boutique offerings

that day as well. We'll have baked goodies and coffee as well!

We welcome donations of baked goods for this event!

Please contact a member of the Fundraising Team if you're able to donate: Ann Kopischke, Kristen Kaliski, Fran Hostettler, and Hugo Lopez-Laguna

**Memorial Service for Violet Fugate** will be **Saturday December 3rd at 2pm**. Vi passed to eternal life on All Saints Day, to join that great cloud of witnesses that accompany us even today. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for Ian, her son.

**Piano Concert with Benjamin Belew**. Save the date for **Saturday, December 10th at 4pm** for a solo piano concert with our own Benjamin Belew. For the majority of his concert, he will perform his own work. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Choral Scholars Program at St. Thomas. More details will follow.

**Lessons and Carols** will be **December 11** at both services. This will be a series of scripture readings and Advent carols. Recorded music along with the reading of lessons will be part of in-person worship at 8am and Zoom worship at 10:30am.

**The Winter Follies Revue** will follow the 10:30am service. Mark your calendar for the festivities.

### **Winter Follies Revue - Sunday, December 11**

The Winter Follies Revue will be on Zoom immediately following the 10:30 am Morning Prayer Service on Sunday, December 11. It will be a Zoom only revue, and the format will be like previous revue shows except for the seasonal theme highlighting winter and the Christmas season. Although the event replaces our traditional Saint Nicholas and Saint Lucy Feast which was held annually at this time of the year, we should continue the spirit of sharing and joy that the previous event embodied. We are inviting volunteers to participate by

singing a song, playing some music, reading poetry, doing dramatic readings, or any other activity that can be shared on Zoom for the purpose of fellowship. Please contact Pat Dare at [pdare5@comcast.net](mailto:pdare5@comcast.net) if you want to participate with details of what you will be doing. If your activity is pre-recorded, we will also need the link to access it.

The revue will also include a new rendition of Improv Theater that is being coordinated with Dena Ware. The group has already started its preparations, but if you are interested in performing on Improv Theater, please contact Dena at [denaware@gmail.com](mailto:denaware@gmail.com) so she can fit you in.

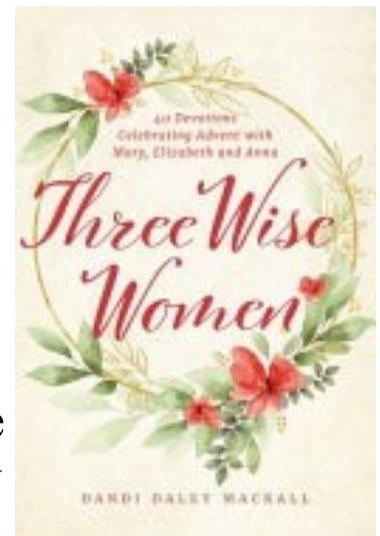
### **Library News:**

Please take a look in the Archives Display case at the back of the church at a fascinating collection of bookmarks rescued by the Library Committee in some of the returned library books. Do you see one of yours?

### **Book of the Week November 27**

*Three Wise Women: 40 devotions celebrating Advent with Mary, Elizabeth and Anna.* By Dandi Daley MacKall 2022.

A devotional written from the viewpoint of one of the women, beginning with the Scriptural account. Then, steeped in biblical culture and what we know about the women from the Bible, the reader can delve deeper into what these amazing, real-life women may have been experiencing, or pondering, as they journeyed toward the Day of Christ's Birth. ~ Publisher.



## Save the Dates:

Saturday, December 3	In person	Christmas Boutique pick-up, 10am-1pm Vi Fugate Memorial, 2pm
December 4	8am - in person 10:30am Hybrid	Advent 2
Saturday, December 10	4pm - In person	Benjamin Belew Solo Concert
December 11	8am - in person 10:30am - Morning Prayer Zoom only	Advent 3 - Lessons and Carols Winter Follies Revue after 10:30am service
December 18	8am - In person 10:30am - Hybrid	Advent 4 - Christmas Pageant at both services
Saturday, December 24	4pm - Hybrid	Christmas Eve
December 25	10:30am - Morning Prayer Zoom only	Christmas Day

## General Announcements

### Stewardship update: Pledges Gratefully Accepted

If you are considering pledging to our annual budget, you can still do so. You may submit a pledge card by mail, by email at [finance@stthomas-svale.org](mailto:finance@stthomas-svale.org), and by hand-delivery to Jim Cobb. Currently, we have 41 pledges toward our goal of 60.

## **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 **strongly 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>



## **The St. Thomas Church Library will be 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

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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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Sue_beckham@comcast.net)

**St. Thomas offers English Language Classes.** A class for Chinese speakers meets most Fridays at 10:00am in the Disciples room. A class for Japanese speakers meets 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 November 28** using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel.

A forgotten photo prompts semi-retired Florida librarian Eva to recall fleeing Paris after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. Finding refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, she began forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland, and deciding she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records she keeps in *The Book of Lost Names* becomes even more vital when the resistance cell she works for is betrayed. Based on a true story.

Please join us—contact Dorothy Furgerson for the Zoom link:  
[drdfurg@mac.com](mailto:drdfurg@mac.com)

## **Weekly Worship at St. Thomas**

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

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

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

**Wednesdays, 12:15pm** Noonday Prayer with Commemoration of \_\_\_\_\_ a Saint, led by Pastor Salying:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313271549>

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

**Thursdays, 6:30pm** Intercessory Prayer Group on Zoom led by Deacon Bertram: - every Thursday

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09>

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**Sundays: 8am** Holy Eucharist Rite I in the church with masks and social distancing protocols and

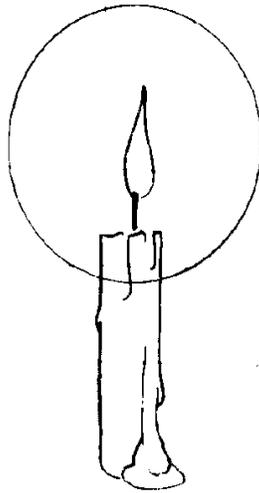
**10:30am** Holy Eucharist (Hybrid) or Morning Prayer (online), led by Pastor Salying in person, in the church or on Zoom

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

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

*Please see website for week-to-week information.*

An updated **Announcement page** is available on line at  
[https://docs.google.com/document/  
d/1M\\_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg)  
and updates of various parish events and activities may also be  
found on our website at [www.stthomas-svale.org](http://www.stthomas-svale.org)



## 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.

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Abby O'Connell, **Senior Warden**

Chris Schmidt, **Junior Warden**

Gage McKinney, **Clerk**

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Bill Rosgen

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Pat Dare

Breno DeMedeiros

Abby O'Connell

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Nancy Allgeier

Gage McKinney

Rita Welsh

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty

MaryJane Johnson

Hugo Lopez-Laguna

Mabel Cheng

(Joe Gutierrez, Marilyn Winans alternates)

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**Welcome**

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

**Rector:** The Rev. Salying Wong.....[pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us)  
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**Our Daily Bread (ODB) Coordinator:** David Barnes.....408-736-4108, [odb@stthomas-svale.org](mailto: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](mailto:prayerchain@stthomas-svale.org)