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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.

Kyrie
Benjamin Belew, keyboard
[Live]

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #287

For All the Saints
[Live]

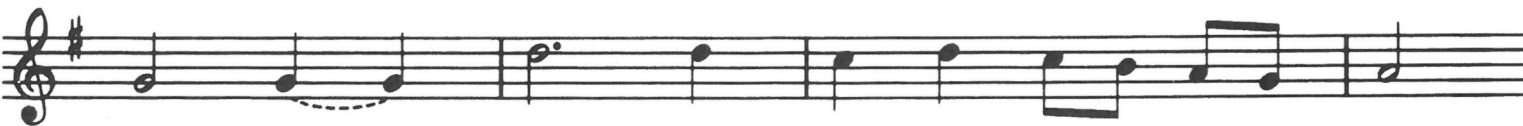
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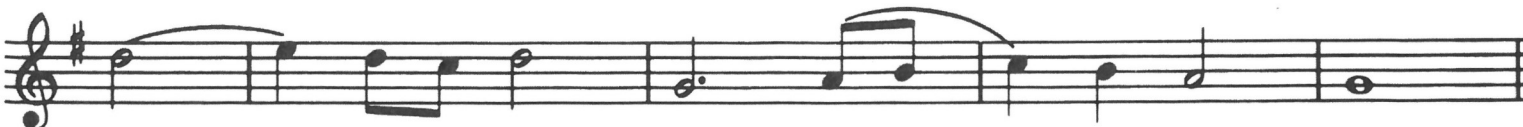
1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;___
3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,___
4. O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!___



thee___ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;___
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old,___ and
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;___ yet



Name, O___ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one__ true__ Light.
win, with___ them, the vic - tor's crown_ of__ gold.
all are___ one in thee, for all__ are__ thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
 6. The gold - en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful

dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are ___ brave a - gain, and arms_ are_ war-riors com-eth rest; ___ sweet is the calm of par - a - dise_ the_

strong. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 blest.

7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
 8. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, through

saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host, ___

King of ___ glo - ry pass - es on_ his_ way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly_ Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

All Saints' Day (November 1).

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Greeting and Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

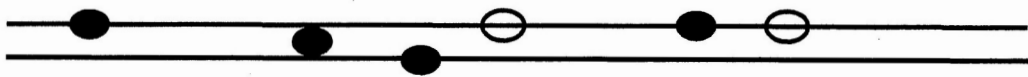
Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

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



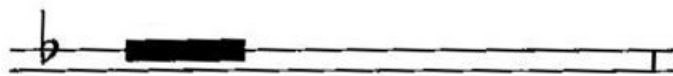
1 Dm Gm C F 2 Dm Gm C F
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



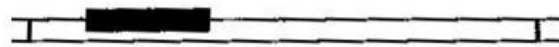
3 Dm Gm C F 4 Dm Gm C F
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This Gloria may be sung as a round

Collect for the Twentysecond Sunday after Pentecost



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: **And also with you**



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Job 19:23-27a

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 17:1-9

[Live]

The cantor will lead the psalm.

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

Refrain:

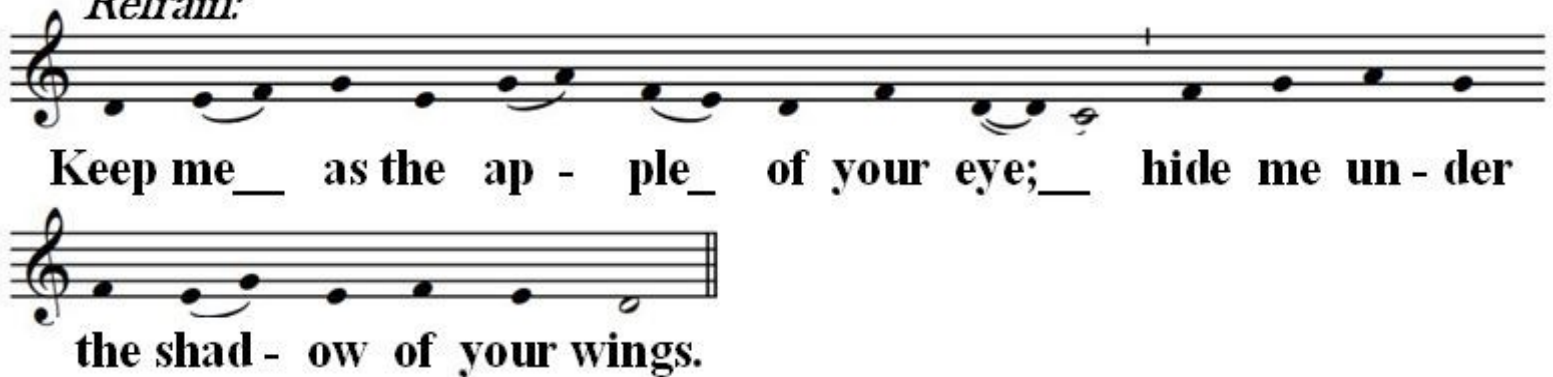
Keep me__ as the ap - ple_ of your eye;__ hide me un - der
the shad - ow of your wings.

Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Keep me__ as the ap - ple_ of your eye;__ hide me un - der
the shad - ow of your wings.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Keep me__ as the ap - ple_ of your eye;__ hide me un - der
the shad - ow of your wings.

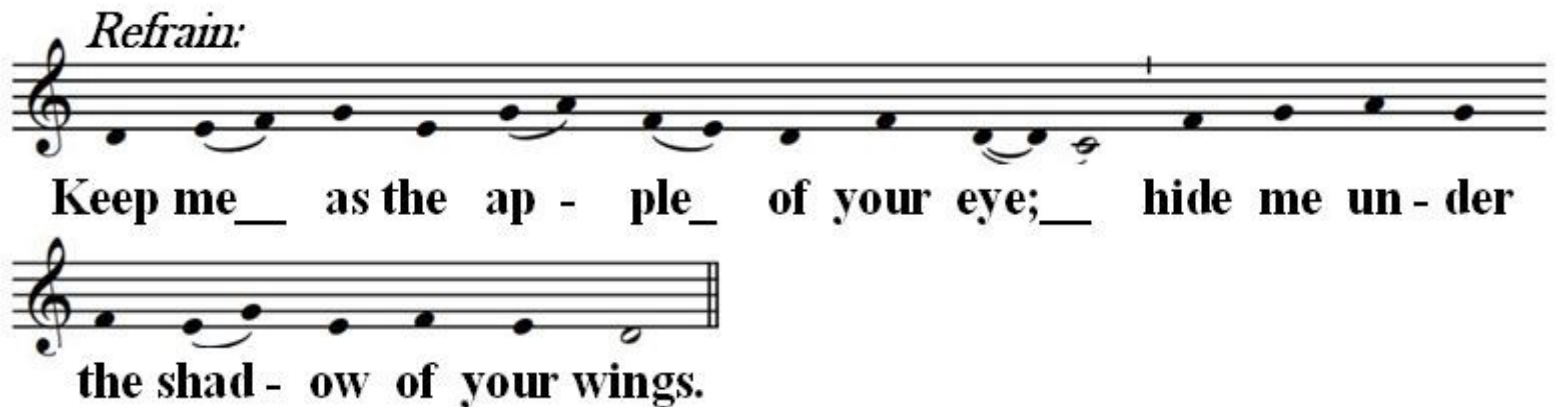
I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them. *Refrain (as above)*

Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Keep me__ as the ap - ple_ of your eye;__ hide me un - der
the shad - ow of your wings.

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

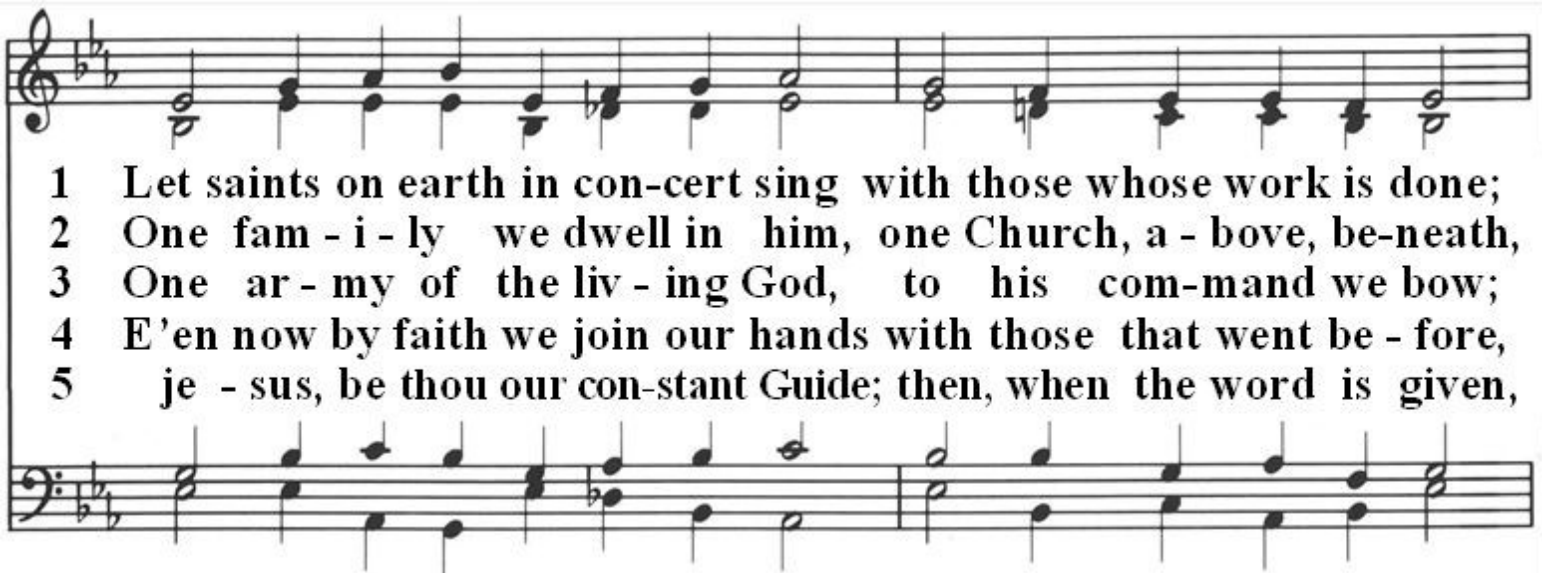
People: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

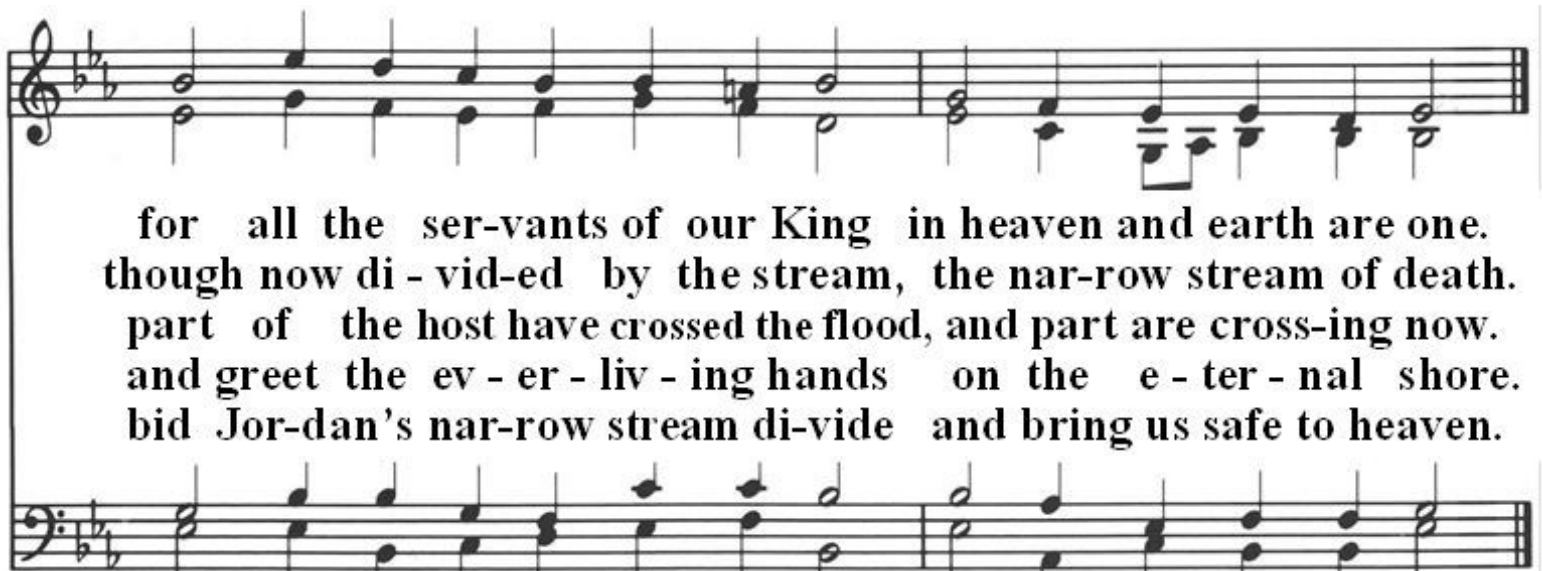
Hymnal #526

Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing *[Live]*

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



1 Let saints on earth in con-cert sing with those whose work is done;
2 One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one Church, a - bove, be - neath,
3 One ar - my of the liv - ing God, to his com - mand we bow;
4 E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went be - fore,
5 je - sus, be thou our con - stant Guide; then, when the word is given,



for all the ser - vants of our King in heaven and earth are one.
though now di - vid - ed by the stream, the nar - row stream of death.
part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are cross - ing now.
and greet the ev - er - liv - ing hands on the e - ter - nal shore.
bid Jor - dan's nar - row stream di - vide and bring us safe to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Dundee, melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

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The Gospel:

Luke 20:27-38

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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.**

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.**

Children's Presentation of Saints

Sam Leen, Fionnian Beckham, Joe Leen, Brigid Beckham

*You are now invited to bring to the table near the baptismal font,
colored pictures of saints and pictures or name cards of beloved ones
that have gone before.*

*You are invited to speak their names using the floor microphone
on the way to the font.*

*Those on Zoom will speak names following the procession.
Please remember to retrieve your photos after the service.*

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.

The Presentation of our 2023 Pledges at the Altar

Celebrant:: As you have chosen us, O God, and enriched our lives;

People: We offer you our pledges to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in and through St. Thomas.

Celebrant:: For the particular ministries to which you have called us;

People: We offer you the time, energy, creativity and gifts we are giving to this parish, and to our neighbors in need.

Celebrant:: For the sake of that day, when your kingdom shall come on earth;

People: We offer you ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice, our spiritual worship.

Announcements

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Offertory sentence

The Offertory Anthem

trad. arr Russell Robinson

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

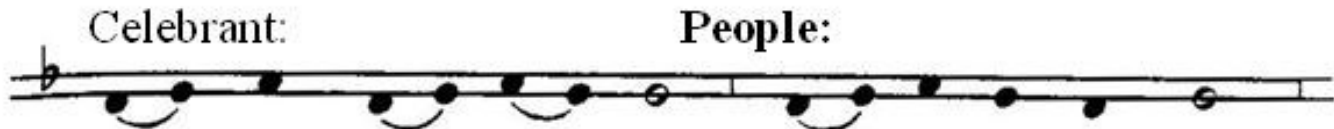
John McVey, soloist

Benjamin Belew, accompanist

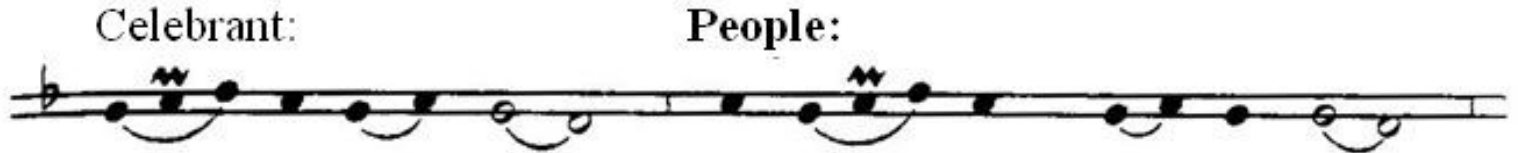
[live]

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

People: And of your own have we given you.



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



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

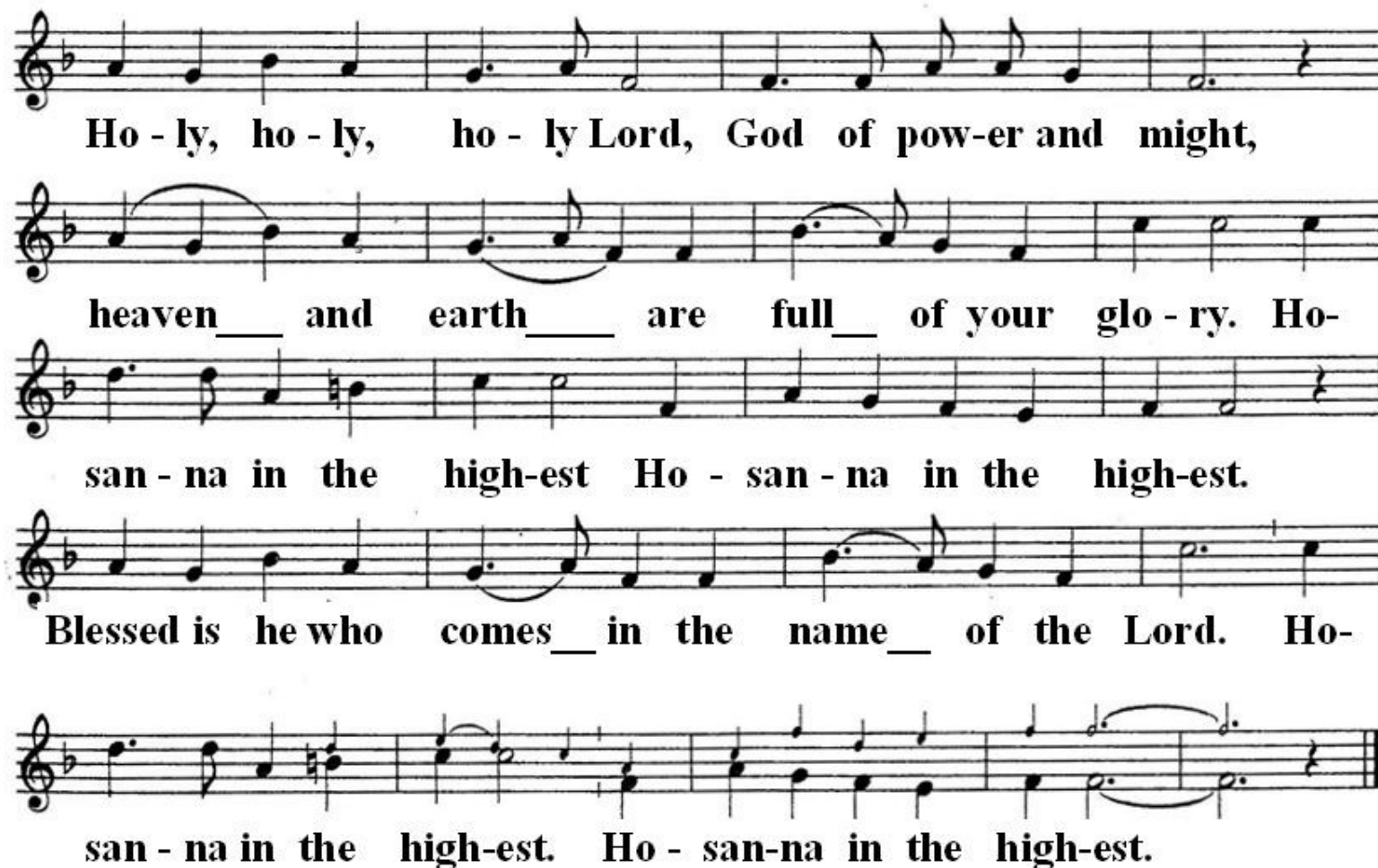
[Live]

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.

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..*
- *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.*

Communion Hymn

Hymnal #318

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

[Live]

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



1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
2. Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
3. I have no help but thine; nor do I need
4. Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.

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here grasp with firm - er__ hand e - ter - nal grace.
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
it is e - nough, my__ Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my__ ref - uge, and my peace;



and all my wear - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: Nyack, Warren Swenson (b. 1937)

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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

Hymnal #293

I Sing A Song of the Saints of God

[Live]

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



1 I sing a song of the saints of God _____
2 They loved their Lord so___ dear, so dear, and___
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa-tient and brave and true, who___ toiled and__ fought and__
his love__ made them strong, and they fol-lowed the fight for__
hun-dreds of thou-sands still, the___ world is__ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they__ loved and knew. And__
Je - sus' sake, the___ whole of their good lives long. And__
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor and one was a queen and___ one was a shep -
one was a sol - dier and one was a priest, and___ one was__ slain
meet them in schools or in lanes, or at sea, in___ church, in___ trains



herd-ess on the__ green: they were all of them saints of__
 by a fierce wild__ beast and there's not an - y rea - son__
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of__ God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I shouldn-t be one too.
 folk like__ me, and I mean to be one too.

Saints' Days; All Saints' Day (November 1).

Words: Lesbia Scott (b. 1898), alt.

Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

Irr.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

J. S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue No. 3 WTC-I

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: Joe Gutierrez

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Intercessor: Ann Kopischke

Lectors: Lou Poulain, Patricia Pietrzyk

Cantor: Patricia Pietrzyk

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host: Aer van de Water

Stream/Tech Team: Breno DeMedeiros, Sophia DeMedeiros

TODAY

Ingathering of Pledges and Honoring the Saints Today, you are invited to submit a pledge of financial support for our annual budget. Please consider how you might support the ministry of this church. Also, today, we honor the saints who have gone before—those lights in our life that still light our path. Please bring a picture or name card forward during the specified time of the liturgy.

Family Ministry Chili Feed Following 10:30am worship, you are invited to join us in Cowans Hall for the annual Family Ministry Chili Feed. Just the thing to take the chill off the fall weather!

Jane Doman departed to eternal life on October 26, accompanied by her daughter Sharon and a host of angels. You may send cards of condolences to Sharon Glassett at 36568 Mountain Home Rd, Burney, CA 96013. **The memorial service for Jane is TODAY at 2:00pm.** A reception will follow in Cowans Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Service for Katharine Wilson will be by Deacon Bertram at St. Thomas on **November 12 at 11am**. A reception hosted by the family will be in Cowan's Hall. (The graveside committal service in Oakland will be officiated by Pastor Salying on November 19.)

Memorial Service for Violet Fugate will be Saturday Dec. 3 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 Dec. 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.

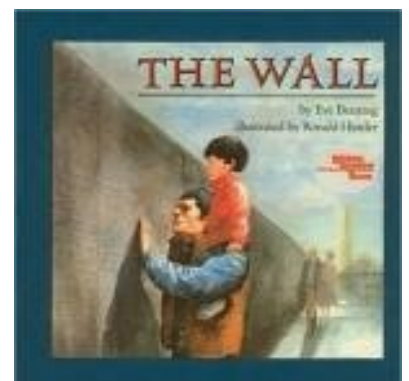
Library News:

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 6

The Wall by Eve Bunting

A boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict. A sensitive and moving book. A great discussion book for families.



Hybrid Services at 10:30

We have three hybrid services a month. 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.

Hybrid services through November 27, Advent 1:

November 13	Morning Prayer on Zoom	
November 20	Hybrid	Christ the King, Transgender Remembrance
November 27	Hybrid	Advent 1 Wreath-making

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 11**. 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!

Save the Dates:

- November 24 Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist (in-person only), 10:30am
- November 26 Greening of the Church, 10:30 am Saturday after Thanksgiving
- November 27 Advent 1: Wreath-making following 10:30 service
- December 3 Christmas boutique pick-up

General Announcements

Thanksgiving at ODB ODB's Thanksgiving "Turkey" meal will be a HAM meal on Wednesday November 16. (Many other local locations are doing turkey.) Boneless ham donations will be most gratefully accepted through Monday November 14.

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

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Blessed Are the Poor

a reflection by Sam Messer

Jesus had a soft spot for the poor. It might be fair to say, he preferred the poor. Poverty exists everywhere, you needn't go to a "developing nation" to find it. It's down your block. Don't think so? You're likely not looking hard enough. Here, Jesus challenges us to look. Because he tells the poor, the hungry, "I see you, and yours is coming."

Sometimes the rich engage in the narrative that poor choices lead to poor people:

"They made bad financial decisions."

"He ran all his money into the ground on drugs or alcohol."

"She didn't take her education seriously and now has a low paying job."

But in truth, economic injustice in the United States is far more complicated, and often combined with big ticket societal issues like systemic racism, sexism, immigration status, employment discrimination for marginalized groups like the LGBT+ community, generational poverty, or the geographic location you were born. Americans get very comfortable at living comfortably, and confronting poverty takes people to a place they don't like. But Jesus tells us over and over again, that the vulnerable are our mission. In the words of Óscar Romero, "It is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing."



Questions For Reflection:

Reflect upon a time where you made a judgment on a person or place when you had limited or incomplete information.

Discuss your experience with explanations for poverty. What are your own explanations? Do they need investigating?

Our calling as Christians is to live life generously. And not for our

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own desires, or those of our immediate circle. But for those on the fringes. Think of the good that could grow if we died to self a little more, and wholeheartedly embraced the work that Jesus has given us to do. Do you see the Holy Spirit in the faces of the poor? Are you actually looking?

Sam Messer lives in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom with his wife and canine family, where he is an elementary school custodian. He is a proud cradle Episcopalian.

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 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

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

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

An updated **Announcement page** is available on line at
[https://docs.google.com/document/
d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg)

and updates of various parish events and activities may also be found on our website at www.stthomas-svale.org

Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?
pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09)

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 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.



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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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