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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.

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

[Live]

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

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!
 2 He comes with suc-cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore_ him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, and flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
 4 all na-tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless-ing and all blest:

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1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun-tains shall peace, the her-ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans-gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right-eous-ness in foun-tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king-dom still in - creas - ing a king - dom with-out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for - ev - er, his change-less Name of love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm.

A Student's Hymnal 1993 after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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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.

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!

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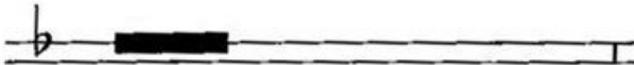
3
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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

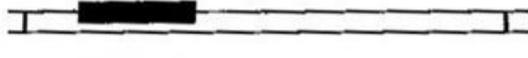
This Gloria may be sung as a round

Collect for the Christ the King

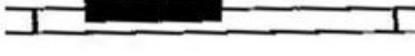
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Celebrant: 

God be with you.

People: 

And also with you

Celebrant: 

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,

says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

People: Thanks be to God

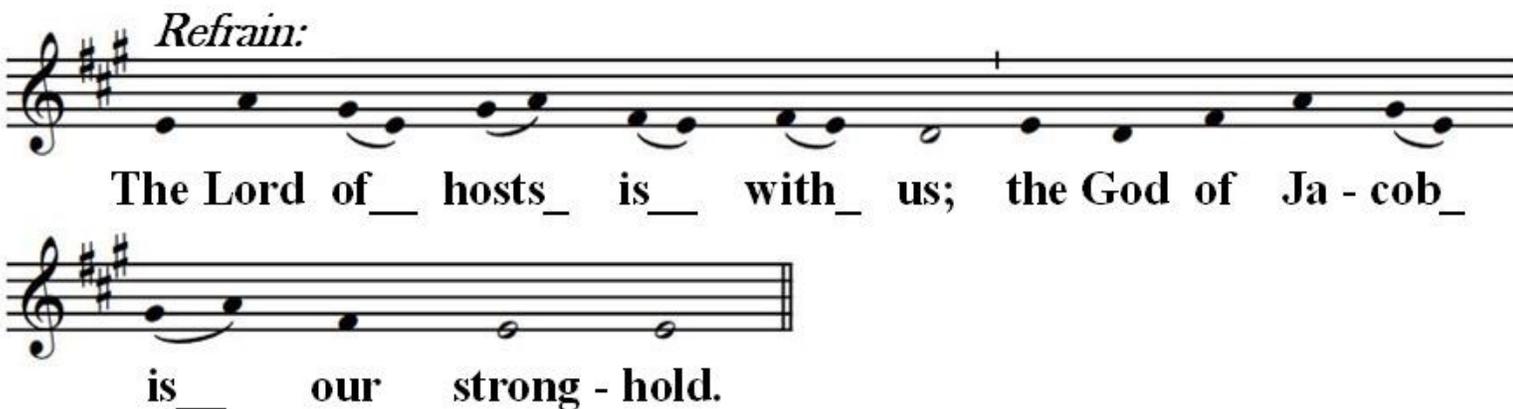
Psalm 46

[Live]

The cantor will lead the psalm.

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

Refrain:



The Lord of__ hosts_ is__ with_ us; the God of Ja - cob_
is__ our strong - hold.

God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

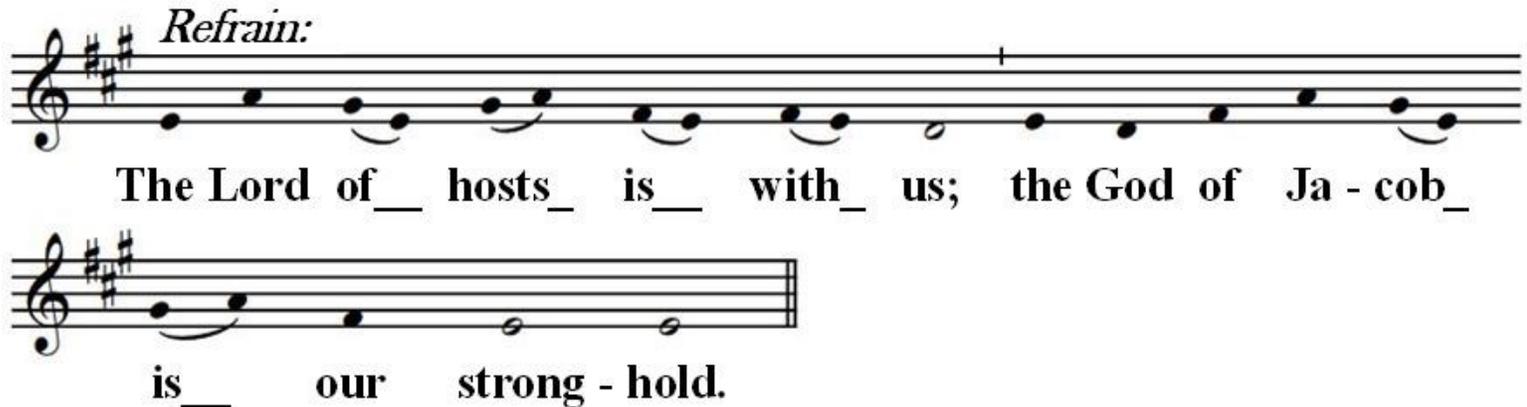
Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. *Refrain (as above)*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. *Refrain*

Refrain:



The Lord of _ hosts _ is _ with _ us; the God of Ja - cob _
is _ our strong - hold.

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth." *Refrain*

Refrain:



The Lord of _ hosts _ is _ with _ us; the God of Ja - cob _
is _ our strong - hold.

The Epistle Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

People: Thanks be to God

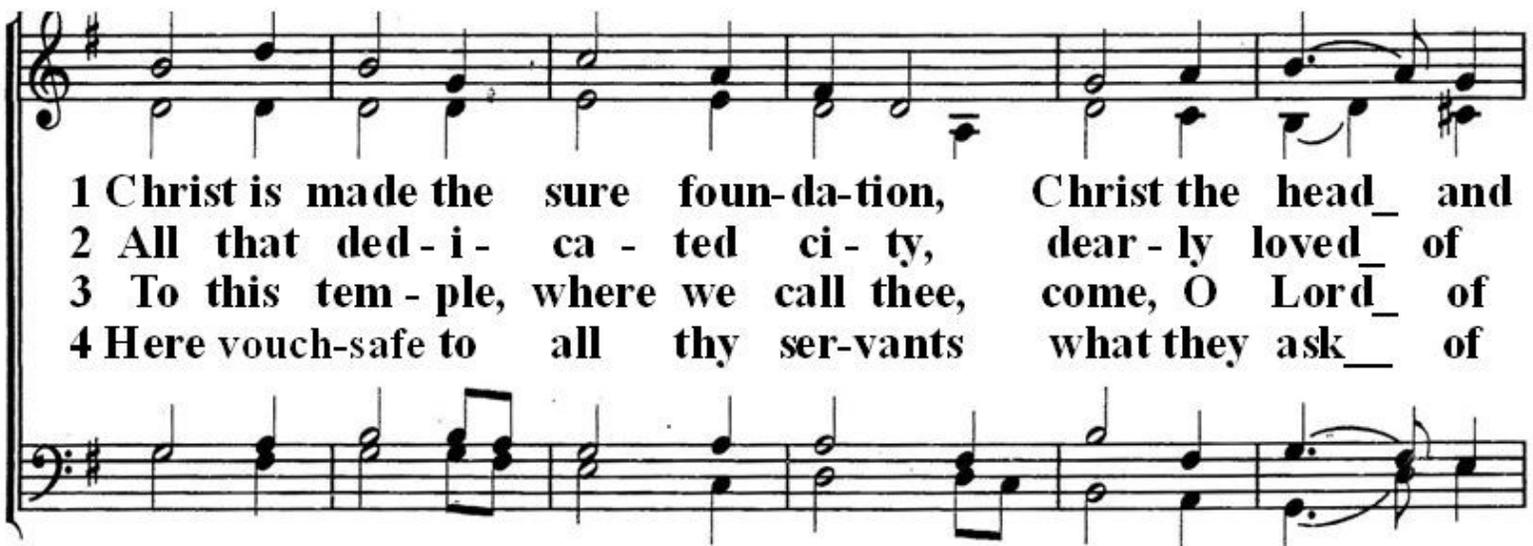
Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #518

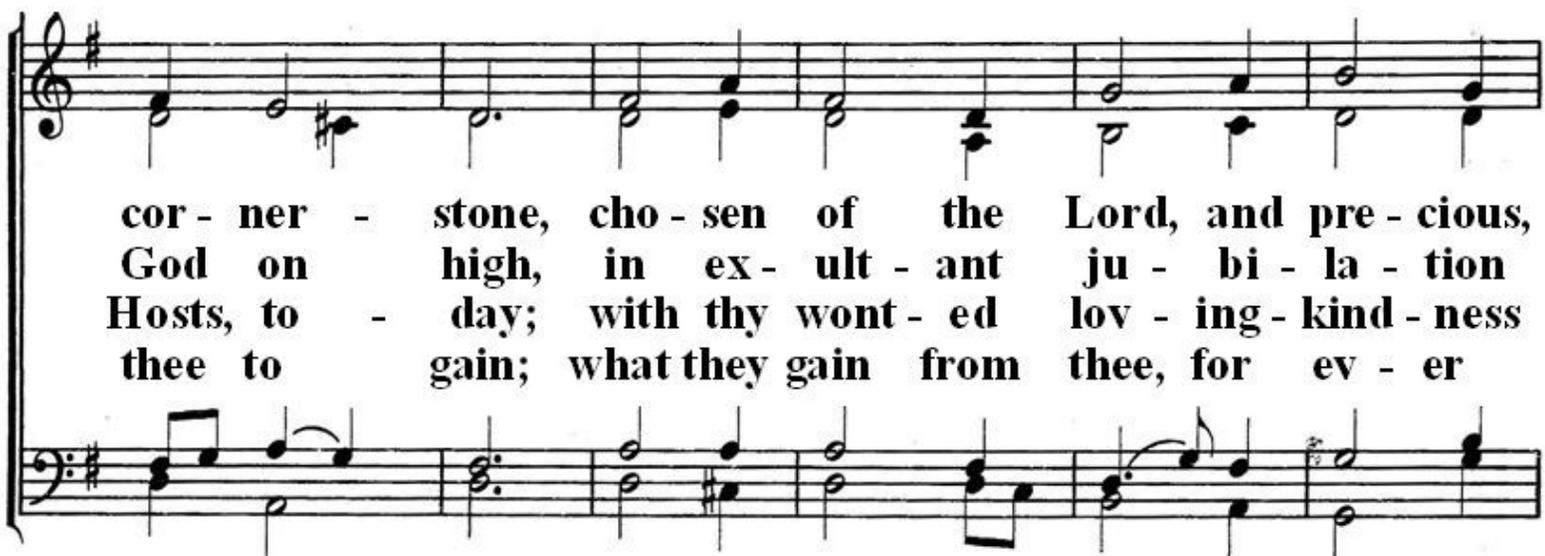
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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
[Live]

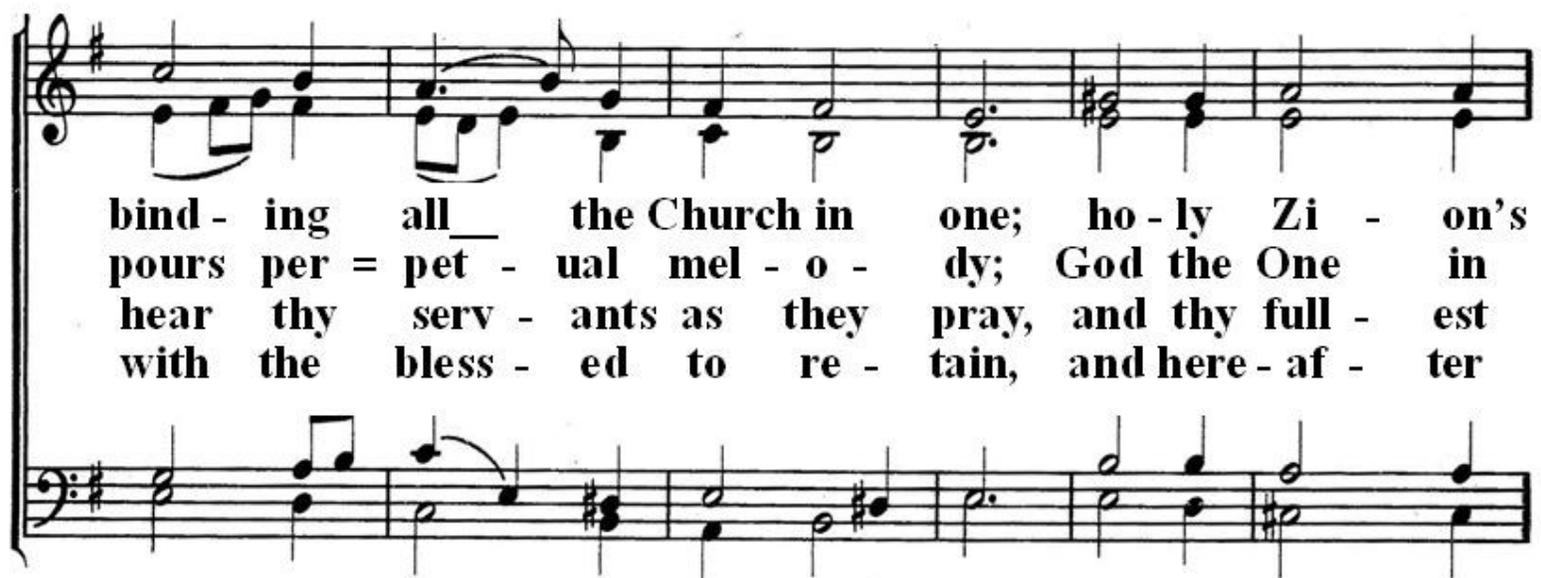
Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.



1 Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head_ and
 2 All that ded-i-ca-ted ci-ty, dear-ly loved_ of
 3 To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord_ of
 4 Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask_ of



cor-ner - stone, cho-sen of the Lord, and pre-cious,
 God on high, in ex-ult-ant ju-bi-la-tion
 Hosts, to-day; with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev-er



bind-ing all_ the Church in one; ho-ly Zi-on's
 pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv-ants as they pray, and thy full-est
 with the bless-ed to re-tain, and here-af-ter

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help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

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The Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been

condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

Aer van de Water &
The Rev. Salying Wong

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

based on **Form II**,

with special attention to remembering transgender people

Leader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world,
for our Bishop Lucinda, for this gathering and for all
ministers and people. Pray for the church.

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations,
and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and
peace.

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need
or trouble.

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for the departed, especially the 327 nonbinary and transgender people reported murdered this year around the world. We name some of the recent ones, to remember them as God remembers them...

The names of the departed will be read.

Silence.

Leader: Are there other transgender and nonbinary people you wish to name?

Other names may be added.

Silence.

Leader: Are there other names of the departed that you wish to name?

Other names may be added.

Silence.

Leader: We say their names.

People: We hear their names.

Leader: I ask your prayers for what grieves, saddens, or angers you in your life and in the world.

You are invited to speak your prayers.

Leader: I ask your prayers for what gladdens and empowers and blesses you in your life and in the world.

You are invited to speak your thanks.

Leader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Christ's transgender and nonbinary brothers, sisters and siblings whom we remember today. Pray that we may have the grace to glorify God in our own day.

Collect

Celebrant: Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

All: **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant:



Celebrant and People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven__ and earth__ are full__ of your glo - ry. Ho-
san - na in the high-est Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes__ in the name__ of the Lord. Ho-
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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,

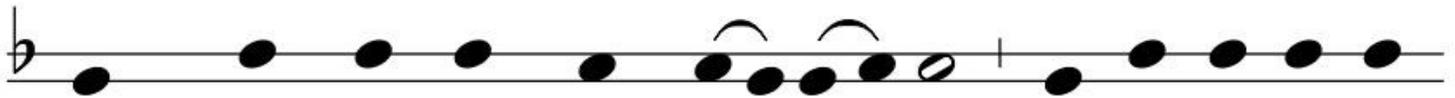
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

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

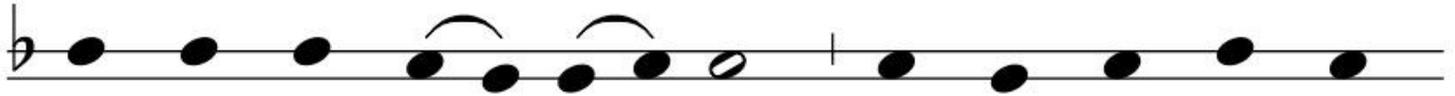
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

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.

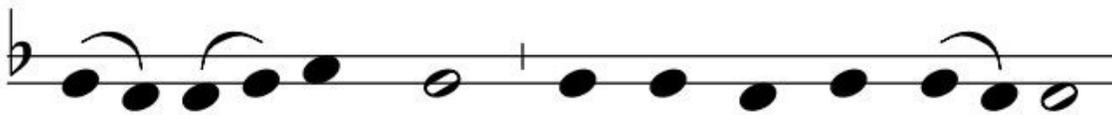
Celebrant:



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



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



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

Celebrant and People:



A - MEN_

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

Cantor:

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

All:

We__ who are ma - ny are one__ bo - dy,

for we all__ share in the one__ bread.

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

The Communion

Everyone is invited to 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.*

*Jesus, Remember Me**[Live]**Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom attendees please stay muted.*

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me, when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me, when you come in - to your king-dom.

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 #495

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

[Live]

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



1 Hail, thou_ once de - spis - ed_ Je - sus! Hail, thou__ Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal_ Lamb by God ap - point - ed all our__ sins on__
3 Je - sus,__ hail! en - throned in__ glo - ry there for__ ev - er__
4 Wor - ship__ hon - or, power, and__ bless - ing thou art__ wor - thy__



le - an__ King! Thou didst_ suf - fer to re - lease us,
thee_ were_ laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to__ a - bide; all the_ heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to__ re - ceive; high - est praise - es with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst_ free sal - va - tion_ bring. Hail, thou__ u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast_ full a - tone - ment_ made. All thy__ peo - ple are for -
seat - ed_ at thy__ Fa - ther's_ side. There for__ sin - ners thou art
right it__ is for__ us__ to__ give. Help, ye__ bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er__ of our sin and_ shame!_ By thy_ mer-it
giv - en through the_ vir-tue of thy_ blood:_ o - pened_ is the
plead-ing there thou_ dost our place pre - pare_, ev - er__ for us
spi - rits, all your_ no-blest an-thems_ raise;_ help to sing our



we find__ fa - vor: life is__ giv - en__ through__ thy__ Name.
gate of__ hea - ven, re - con - ciled are__ we__ with__ God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in__ glo - ry__ we__ ap - pear.
Sa - vior's_ mer - its help to__ chant Em - man - uel's_ praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Benjamin Belew, keyboard

[Live]



Serving us at 10:30 am

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Celebrant: The Rev. Salying Wong

Sermon: The Rev. Salying Wong, Aer van de Water

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Gutierrez

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Intercessor: Joe Gutierrez

Lectors: Dorothy Furgerson, Abby O'Connell

Cantor: Fulvia Govetto

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host: Lou Poulain

Stream/Tech Team: Tian Zhu, Andrew Yeh

TODAY

The Altar Flowers are given today by Fran Hostettler in loving memory of her parents Dorothea and Joseph Downes.

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

Transgender Day of Remembrance The worldwide Transgender Day of Remembrance, **November 20**, falls on the last Sunday of Pentecost. On this day we honor and commemorate those who faced discrimination and stigma, often daily, and suffered, and died, as transgender man, a transgender woman, a nonbinary person. We wish to name them, and hold them in prayer on this day. As a church that stands for wholehearted inclusion, we wish to show we welcome and support those who find closed doors elsewhere, just like the Ethiopian Eunuch was baptized even when he could not enter the temple.

Please invite those who might not normally go to church, who can use a moment of silence to remember someone who is otherwise forgotten. You are invited to bring the names and injustices that weigh heavily on

your heart this Sunday. Let us take a moment to remember and ask God for support and closure, before we celebrate Advent.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist will be at 10:30am on Thanksgiving Day, **November 24**. In lieu of a sermon, we will share our thanksgivings.

Thanksgiving Dinner in the Library You're invited to Thanksgiving Dinner **Thursday, November 24, 2022 2:00 pm** in the St. Thomas Library Traditional turkey and trimmings will be provided. You are more than welcome to bring a dish to share.

Please RSVP to: denaware@gmail.com

Sometimes circumstances keep us from being with family and loved ones during the holidays. Your St. Thomas family is here to help you celebrate!

Greening of the Church Come on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26, to decorate the church for Advent! Trees, wreaths, holly! We might even play some Christmas music during the decorating. We begin at 10:30am.

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. To register, please go to: 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 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 so she can fit you in.

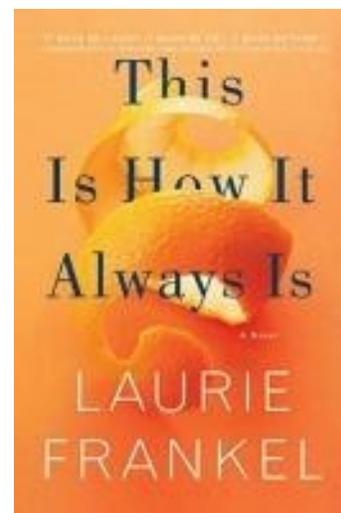
Library News:

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 20

This is How it Always is by Laurie Frankel.

This a novel about revelations, transformations, fairy tales, and family. And it's about the ways it always is: Change is always hard and miraculous and hard again; parenting is always a leap into the unknown with crossed fingers and full hearts; children grow but not always according to plan. And families with secrets don't get to keep them forever" - publisher.
 St. Thomas Book Club reading Sept. 2021.



Save the Dates:

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| Thursday, November 24 | 10:30am - In Person | Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist |
| November 26 | 10:30am - In Person | Greening of the Church |
| November 27 | 8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid | Advent 1 Wreath-making between services |
| 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 |

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, 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 will



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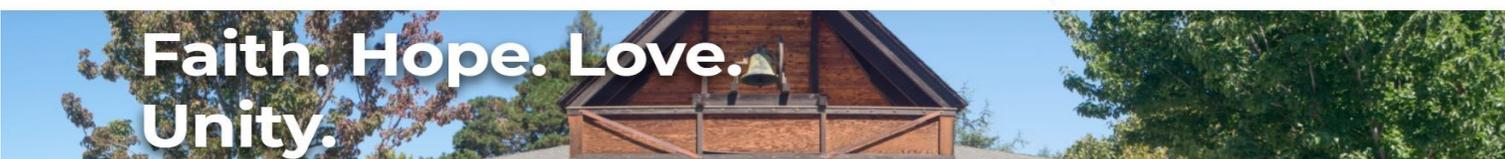
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be taken to a new page where you may donate through PayPal, using a debit or credit card. OR, if you prefer, you may go directly to the

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 and updates of various parish events and activities may also be found on our website at 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.

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.

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Chris Schmidt, **Junior Warden**

Gage McKinney, **Clerk**

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Abby O’Connell

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Nancy Allgeier

Gage McKinney

Rita Welsh

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty

MaryJane Johnson

Hugo Lopez-Laguna

Mabel Cheng

(Joe Gutierrez, Marilyn Winans alternates)

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

Welcome

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

Rector: The Rev. Salying Wong.....pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us
or 510-478-3554

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah.....bertramemail@gmail.com

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

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Music Director: Patricia Pietrzyk,..... patriciapietrzyk@gmail.com

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