

Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2022

Morning Prayer

Rite II, 10:30am



Lessons & Carols

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“A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols” was first introduced at King’s College Chapel in Cambridge England in the Advent of 1918. Over 100 years later, Lessons and Carols is now an Anglican tradition. It is broadcast from Cambridge by the BBC and PBS, and celebrated in churches all over the world during the Advent Season.

The traditional service includes nine scriptural readings, each accompanied by a hymn (or “carol”). The service is found in our supplemental liturgies, *The Book of Occasional Services*.

Welcome to ZOOM worship at St. Thomas.

This Sunday at 10:00am, you are invited to join us for open conversation before worship begins at 10:30am.

The half hour before the service will be spent in trouble-shooting, but will also be time to connect with one another. All are welcome. Just sign in as usual.

There are two ways to connect to our worship meeting:

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 #

*Notes for dial-in users: *6 (star 6) to mute/unmute the audio from your phone to the meeting. This doesn't stop audio from the meeting to you.*

**9 (star 9) raise your hand to (hopefully) let someone else at the meeting know you'd like to speak. You may use *9 again to lower your raised hand.*

Actual connection time may take several minutes; please be patient.

Once you are connected, your face (or phone number) should appear in a square on your screen. Note: For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.

We will begin with introductory remarks, announcements, and then worship with Morning Prayer together as one large body.

After the liturgy, all are invited to stay for a special gathering: Winter Follies on Zoom!

See, Amid the Winter Snow

Stanford Chamber Chorale

*See amid the winter's snow born for us on earth below
 See the tender Lamb appears promised from eternal years
 Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
 Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

*Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies;
 He who, throned in height sublime, sits among the cherubim.
 Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
 Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

*Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, by Thy face so meek and mild,
 Teach us to resemble Thee, in Thy sweet humility.
 Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn*

Advent Wreath Lighting

Reader:

A candle is burning, a candle of **joy**,
 A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
 Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
 As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus****Bidding Prayer**

Officiant: Dear People of God:

In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us

by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. **Amen.**

Lesson 1 Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25

read by John McVey

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them

to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Carol

Divinum Mysterium, arr. Thomas Gibbs, Jr

[Of the Father's Love Begotten](#)

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*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.*

*O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race
And the babe, the world's redeemer first revealed his sacred Face
Evermore and evermore.*

*O ye heights of heaven adore him, angel hosts, his praises sing,
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.*

Lesson 2 Isaiah 40:1-11

read by Susan McVey

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;[\[a\]](#)

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,[\[b\]](#)
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Carol/Anthem

trad. arr. Heather Sorenson

[Advent Coventry Carol](#)

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Myrna Emata Diaz, piano

Lesson 3

Baruch 4: 36-5:9

read by Dorothy Furgerson

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.
Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;
they are coming, gathered from east and west,
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing in the glory of God.
Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
“Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that
every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Carol

trad. Irish, arr Mark Schweitzer

Arise With Joy SJMP #20852

*Arise with joy, O faithful band, and come to meet the Lord most high!
Arise, the kingdom is at hand, the glorious King is drawing nigh.
Look up, all souls, weighed down with care, and see, the Sov'reign is not far;
Look up, faint hearts, from your despair, behold the bright and Morning Star!*

*Rejoice, all weary hearts today, our Lord and King is very near,
So cast your grief and fears away, for your deliverance is here!
Redeemer, come, with us abide, let us your holy presence feel,
our hearts to you we open wide, your grace and love to us reveal.*

*O brighter than some glorious morn shall this new day of wonder be,
when Christ, our King, in beauty comes, and we at last His face shall see.
For this we raise a joyful voice, on high we sing to you alone,
And evermore with thanks rejoice, and bow before your glorious throne.*

Lesson 4 Isaiah 7:10-15

read by John Pietrzyk

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young

woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Carol

Basque carol, arr, Richard Shephard

[The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came](#)

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
All hail, said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!*

*"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
to me be as it pleaseth God, she said,
my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say --
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

Lesson 5

Micah 5:2-4

read by Patricia Pietrzyk

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

Carol

Gesangbuch/T. Baker

Lo, How A Rose

St. Thomas Choir

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung;*

*It came, a blossom bright,
Amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind;*

*To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.*

*O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispel with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;*

*True man, yet very God,
From Sin and death now save us, and share our every load.*

Lesson 6 Isaiah 11:1-9

read by Dorothy Furgerson

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Carol/Anthem

French 15th cent. arr. Maxine Posegate

[Behold, the Savior Cometh](#)

St. Thomas Choir

The Lessons for Advent 3

Anthem

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

[Magnificat \(Canticle 15\)](#)

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

*My soul will magnify the Lord
I rejoice in God, my Savior, in the wonder of His favor
For He has done great things for me:
He was mindful of His servant. Every age shall call me blessed.*

*The hope of Abraham come in the giving of a Son;
For He who promised is mighty in remembering His mercy.*

*My soul will magnify the Lord
For His grace to those who fear Him through every generation.
The proud He scatters to the wind
As the rulers strength is broken and the rich are left with nothing.
The humble lifted high and the hungry satisfied;
Our Portion and our Treasure, our Hope and Health forever.*

*Glory to God, the Father
Glory to God, the Son,
Glory to God, the Holy Spirit
Now and forever more, Amen.*

The First Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10

Lector: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools,
shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

The Epistle James 5:7-10

Lector: A reading from the letter to James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Apostles Creed

Enriching Our Worship

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

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

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

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

led by the Deacon

**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 Collects

Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **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:

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.

Leader: O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved.

Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

**All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you**

**in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Blessing for Advent

Book of Occasional Services

Officiant: 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.**

Angels We Have Heard on High

*You know this one! You are invited to sing along with the choir's recording.
(But please stay muted!)*

*[Women:] Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.*

Refrain:

*[All:] Gloria in excelsis deo!
Gloria in excelsis deo!*

*[Men:] Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear? [Refrain]*

*[Solo:] Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]*

*[All:] See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While we raise our hearts in love [Refrain]*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol)

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*On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring:
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.*

*When sin departs before Thy grace, then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before Thy grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.*

*All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."*



Serving us today

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Officiant: The Rev. Salying Wong

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Intercessor/Responder: Ann Kopischke

Lessons & Carols readers: John McVey, Susan McVey,
Dorothy Furgerson, John Pietrzyk, Patricia Pietrzyk

Lector: Abby O'Connell

Advent Wreath Reader: Claire Au and family

and the **St. Thomas Choir**

St. Thomas Choir

Patricia Pietrzyk, Director

Susan McVey, Recording Engineer

Soprano

Fulvia Govetto
Susan McVey
Patricia Pietrzyk
Jean Platner

Alto

Dorothy Furgerson
Abby O'Connell
Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling

Tenor

Ian Fugate
John McVey

Bass

John Pietrzyk
Chris Schmidt
Jeremy Smith

TODAY

Winter Follies Revue follows worship this morning, so stay tuned! The revue will start after a short break following the service. It is suggested that you put your Zoom screen on “Speaker View” to better watch the revue presentations. Other than those making the presentations, please stay muted except during times for open comments.

Winter Follies Revue

PROGRAM

- Welcome Remarks
- Poem – “When” by Anne Brunelli
Reading by Pat Dare
- Poem – “Postcard from Oz” by Katharine Wilson
Reading by Mildred Lincoln (audio only)
- Poem – “A Turning”
Written and reading by Jeannie Battagin
- Poem – “I Remember White Christmas” by Margo Poulain
Signed by Margo and translated by Lou Poulain
- Improv Theater sketches on Winter Follies theme
“Nicholas and Lucy” by Pat Dare
with Chris and Randi Schmidt
“News from Durango”
with Marilyn Winans and Patricia Pietrzyk
“Santa’s Relo”
with John Buck, Dena Ware, and Gary Torresani
- Open Time for Sharing:
Spontaneous Entertainment & Discussions

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

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**
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Chris Schmidt
Bill Rosgen

2023
Pat Dare
Breno DeMedeiros
Abby O’Connell

2024
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Gage McKinney
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DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty

MaryJane Johnson Hugo Lopez-Laguna
(Joe Gutierrez, Marilyn Winans alternates)

Mabel Cheng

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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!

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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)

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