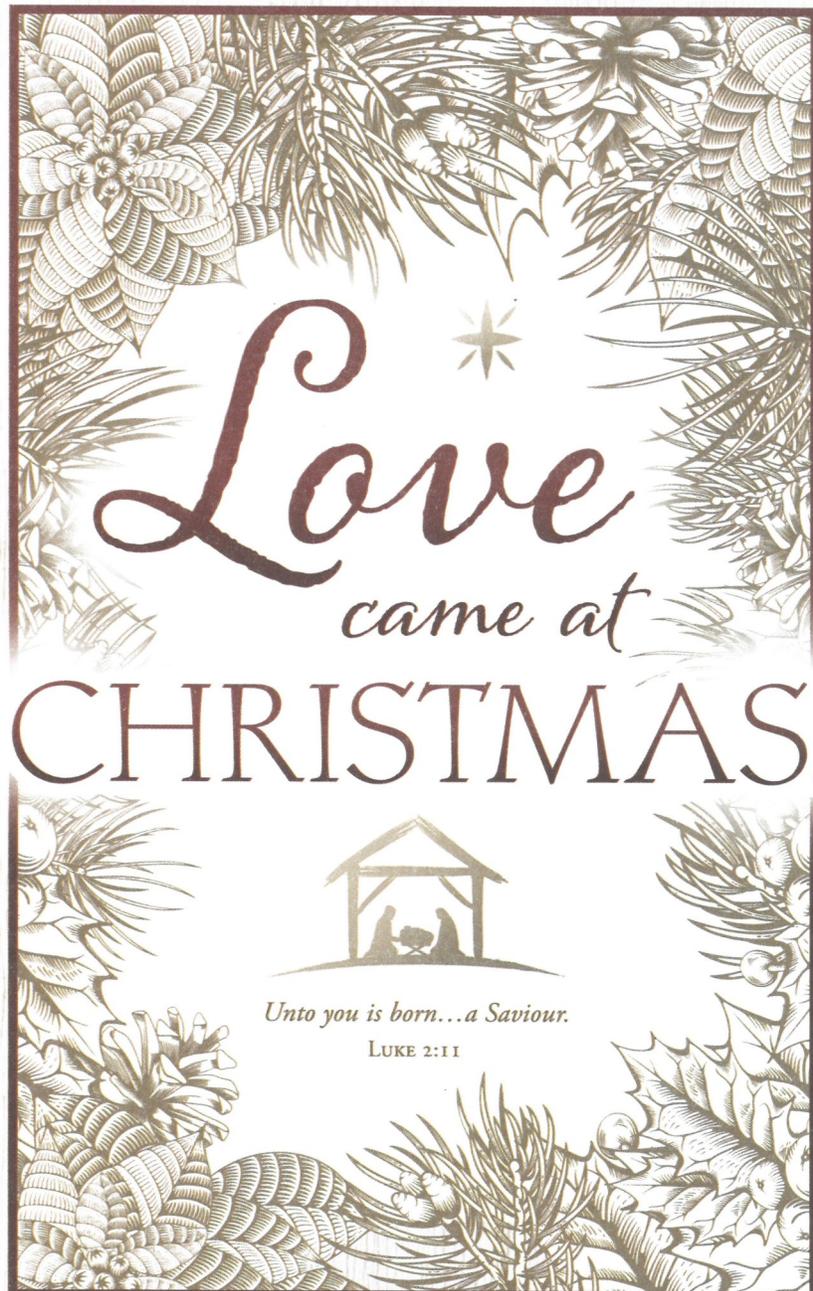


Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

Morning Prayer EOW1, 10:30am



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EOW1, 10:30am

*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.*

*Now that most of us know how to use Zoom, the half hour before service usually
dedicated to trouble-shooting will also be an open time to connect with one another. All
are welcome. Just sign in as usual.*

*All others, at 10:20-10:25am Sunday, please connect to our worship meeting.
There are two ways to do this:*

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, as will the faces of others who have signed in,
including Pastor Salying who will lead worship this morning.*

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 community gathering.

*You may print the order of service from this document,
OR you may follow along when the order of service appears on the screen.*

When all are ready, the officiant will begin.

Announcements

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg/edit?usp=sharing

The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Opening music

Hymnal #96

[Angels We Have Heard On High](#)

Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Myrna Emata Diaz, organ

You are welcome to sing along with the recording, but please stay muted.

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of God be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with a namaste of peace.

The bell tolls and the officiant continues.

Opening sentence

Officiant: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10, 11

The Confession

Officiant: 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.**

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

Opening versicle

Enriching Our Worship 1

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People: And your glory all the day long.

Doxology

**All: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Christmas Antiphon

V. Alleluia. To us a child is born:

R. O come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm: Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Gloria

Berthier

Gloria

Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling, piano

All are welcome to sing along with the recording. Please stay muted.

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1982

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has four measures of music with the following lyrics: "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!". Above the first staff are guitar chords: 1 Dm, Gm, C, F, 2 Dm, Gm, C, F. The second staff has four measures of music with the following lyrics: "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!". Above the second staff are guitar chords: 3 Dm, Gm, C, F, 4 Dm, Gm, C, F.

This Gloria may be sung as a round

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: **Isaiah 9:2-7**

Lector: A reading from the book of Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

People: Thanks be to God

The Epistle: Titus 2:11-14:

Lector: A reading from the letter to Titus

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,

training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

he Apostles' Creed

Celebrant and People:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**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: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us 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 Collects

Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Prayers of the People

Officiant: As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

Leader: By the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus.

Silence.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For Lucinda our bishop, and the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Silence.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

Silence.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying, especially...

Please name aloud.

Silence.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: For those who have died in Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, especially those whom we now name...

Please name aloud.

Silence.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, O Lord.

All are invited to share prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Those connecting on Zoom may unmute and share.

*Phones press *6 to unmute.*

Officiant: Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity.
Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

Concluding Sentence

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Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20,2

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Hymnal #100

Joy to the World

Members of the St. Thomas Choir



Serving us at 10:30 am

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Intercessor/Responder: TBA

Lectors: Patricia Pietrzyk, Lou Poulain



An updated **Announcement page** is available on line at
[https://docs.google.com/document/
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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**

Chris Schmidt, **Junior Warden**

Gage McKinney, **Clerk**

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Susan McVey

Chris Schmidt

Bill Rosgen

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Pat Dare

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Abby O’Connell

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Nancy Allgeier

Gage McKinney

Rita Welsh

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Stephanie Daugherty

MaryJane Johnson

Hugo Lopez-Laguna

Mabel Cheng

(Joe Gutierrez, Marilyn Winans alternates)

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Welcome

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

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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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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