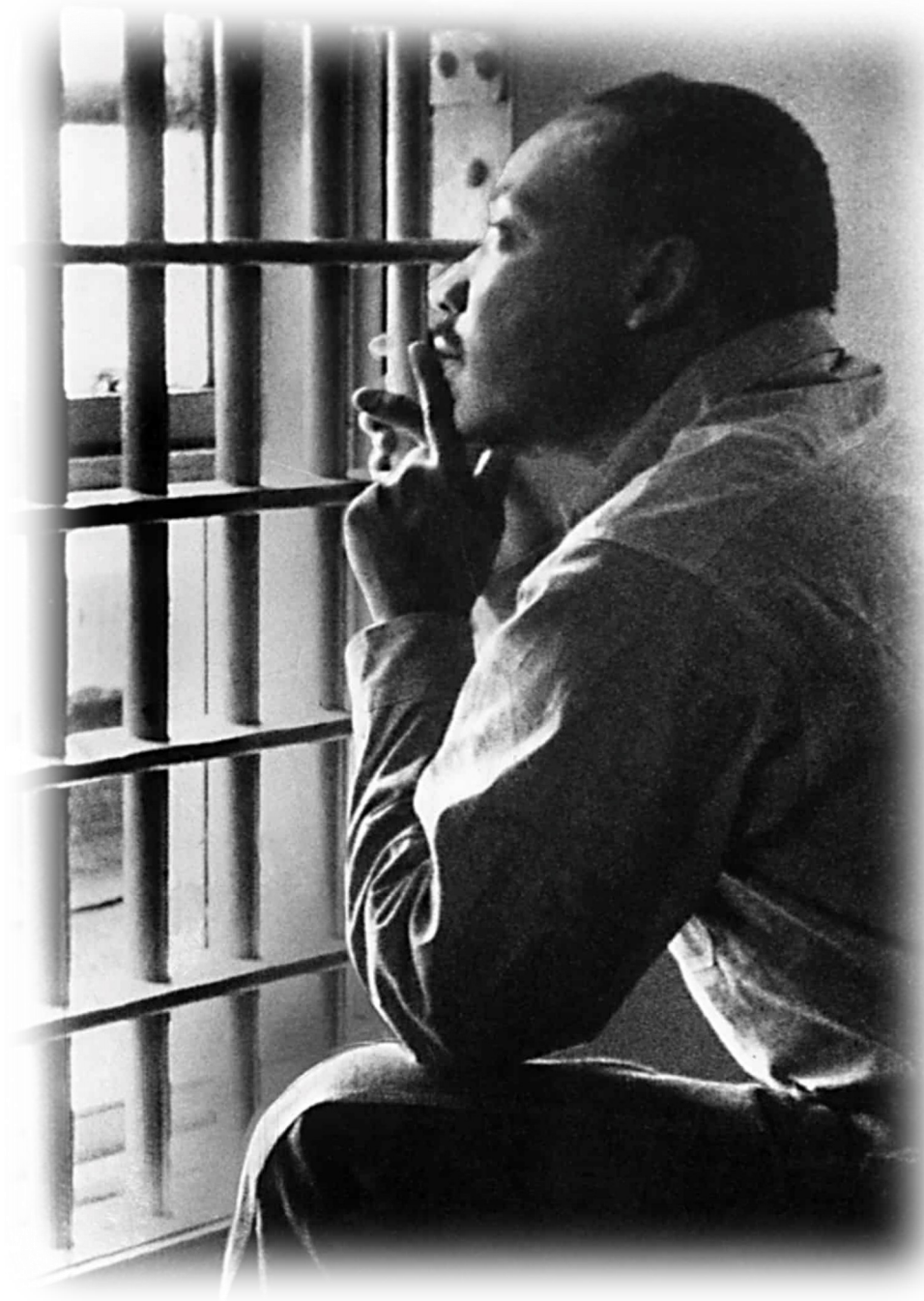


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We are so happy you are here today, in-person and online.

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.

Prelude

J. S. Bach

Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue

Benjamin Belew, piano

[Live]

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #542

Christ Is the World's True Light

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

1 Christ is the world's true light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all ra - ces meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day-star clear and bright of ev-ery race and na - tion;
 the whole round world com-plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
 cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra-vailed long in pain;

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free-dom her bond-age breaks, and night is turned__ to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun-ing hook__ the spear.
 to heal its an-cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace,__ and reign.

Words George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.
 Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Collier (b. 1895)

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Opening Acclamation

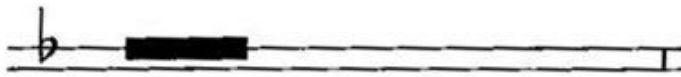
Celebrant:


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


People:

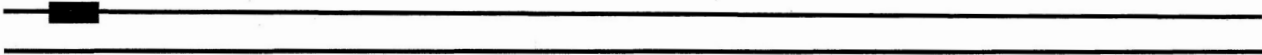

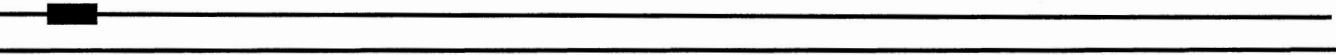
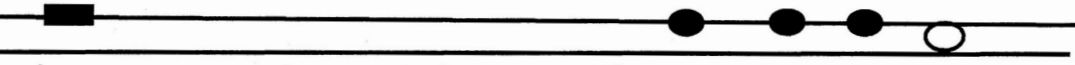
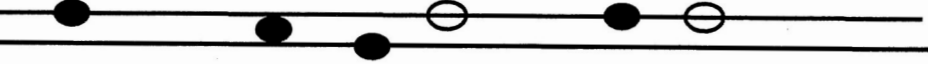
Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

Greeting and Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 
God be with you.

People: 
And also with you

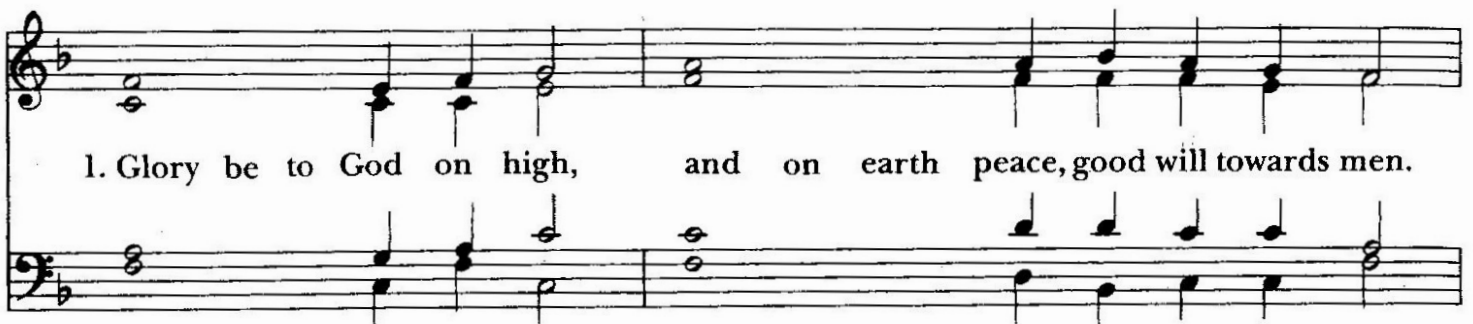
Celebrant: 
Let us pray.

All: 
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known

and from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our

hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly

love you and worthily magnify your ho - ly Name,

Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

The Gloria

Hymnal #S204

Please join the choir in singing the Gloria. Zoom participants stay muted.



1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

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2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks

to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al - might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,

with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Setting: *Old Scottish Chant*, from *Chants or Tunes for Particular Hymns*, 1763?, alt.

Collect for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
 and my reward with my God."
And now the Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength--
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”


Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 40:1-12

Refrain:



Be - hold ___ I come ___ to ___ do your will, O God.

I waited patiently upon the Lord;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.

Refrain (as above)

Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!

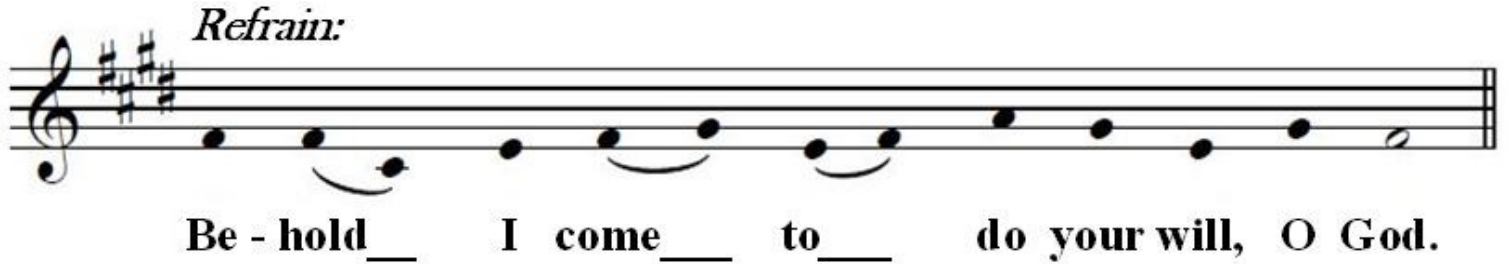
how great your wonders and your plans for us!

there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

but they are more than I can count. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Be - hold__ I come__ to__ do your will, O God.

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure

(you have given me ears to hear you);

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,

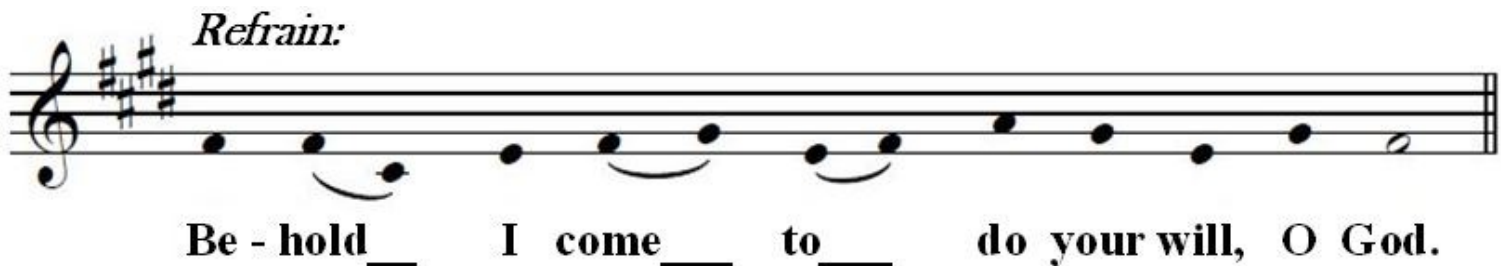
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:

'I love to do your will, O my God;

your law is deep in my heart.'" *Refrain*

Refrain:



Be - hold__ I come__ to__ do your will, O God.

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;

behold, I did not restrain my lips;

and that, O Lord, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

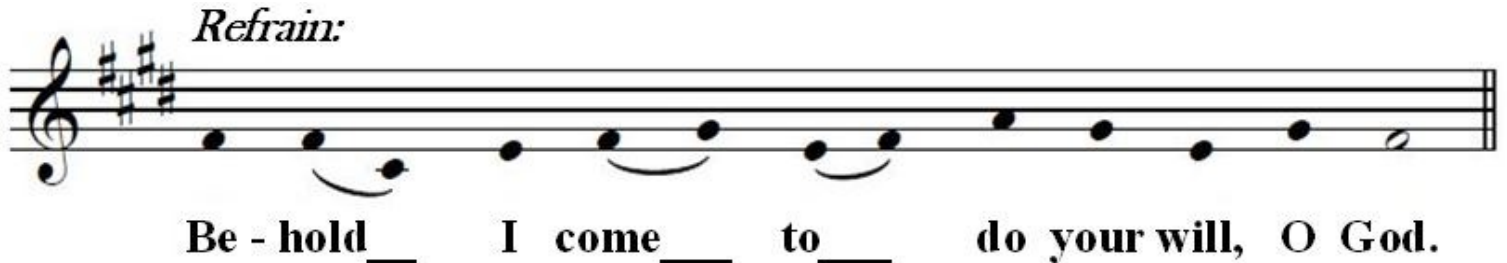
You are the Lord;

do not withhold your compassion from me;

let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever

Refrain

Refrain:



Be - hold I come to do your will, O God.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens under the words 'hold', 'come', and 'to'.

The Epistle:

Letter from the Birmingham Jail

Lector: A reading from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s letter to the white clergymen of Birmingham:

I am in Birmingham because injustice is here. Just as the prophets of the eighth century B.C. left their villages and carried their “thus saith the Lord” far beyond the boundaries of their home towns, and just as the Apostle Paul left his village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to the far corners of the Greco Roman world, so am I compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my own home town. Like Paul, I must constantly respond to the Macedonian call for aid. Moreover, I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial “outside agitator” idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds.

You deplore the demonstrations taking place in Birmingham. But your statement, I am sorry to say, fails to express a similar concern for the conditions that brought about the demonstrations. I am sure that none of you would want to rest content with the superficial kind of social analysis that deals merely with effects and does not grapple with underlying causes. It is unfortunate that demonstrations are taking place in Birmingham, but it is even more unfortunate that the city's white power structure left the Negro community with no alternative... We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. Frankly, I have yet to engage in a direct action campaign that was "well timed" in the view of those who have not suffered unduly from the disease of segregation. For years now I have heard the word "Wait!" It rings in the ear of every Negro with piercing familiarity. This "Wait" has almost always meant "Never." We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that "justice too long delayed is justice denied."

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #706

In Your Mercy, Lord

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

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
3 Now my heart sets none__ a - bove you, for your

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sin - filled heart and mind, __ else __ this __ world had
 grace _ you set me free; __ for __ my __ heart wpi;d
 grace _ a - lone I thirst, __ know - ing __ well, that

still _ en-thralled me, and to glo - ry kept _ me blind.
 still _ re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
 if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved _ me first.

Words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855); alt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)
 Music: Halton Holgate, William Boyce (1711-1779)

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The Gospel: John 1:29-42

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who

sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Homily:

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**



All: *repeat continuously (under Leader)*

A

(Hmmm)

Response

All: **B**

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B** *Response (as above)*

1. In peace, in peace, we pray_ to you:

Leader: **A** **B** *Response (as above)*

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A**

3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:

Response

All: **B**

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B** *Response above*

4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer-cy:

Leader:

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All:

Musical score for the text "All: Keep us, hold us, gracious God." The score is written on two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The melody is in a minor key, indicated by two flats in the key signature. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The music consists of several measures, with some notes beamed together and some held over from the previous measure. The final note of the melody is a half note with a fermata.

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 Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory sentence

The Offertory Anthem

William Bradbury

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Benjamin Belew, accompanist

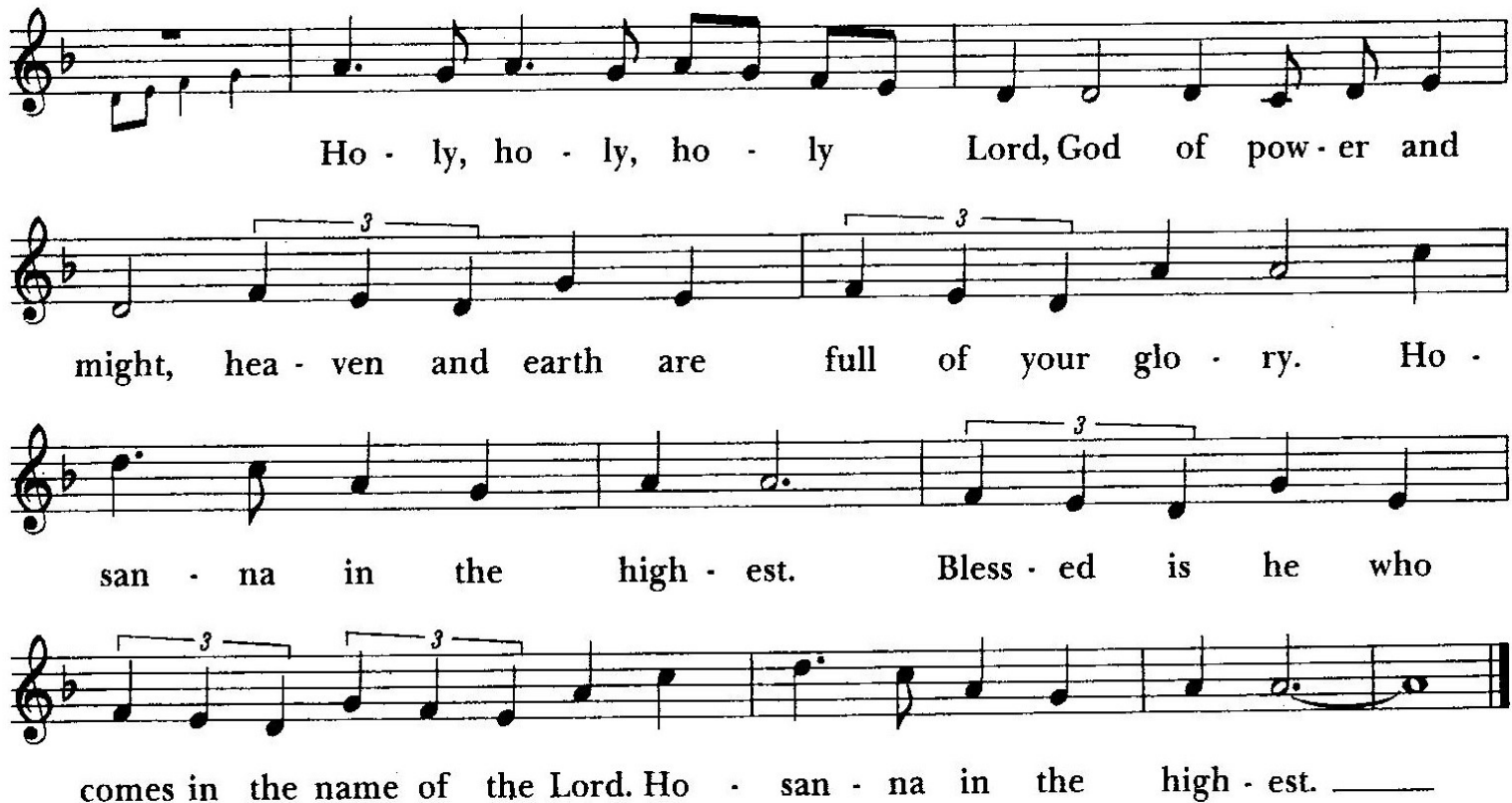
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Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

Sanctus

Please sing along; Zoom participants remain muted.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and **People:**

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us

with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People:

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward 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 #307

Lord, Enthron'd in Heavenly Splendor

[Live]

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



1 Lord, en - throned in heaven-ly splen - dor, first - be -
2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering fi - nished once for
5 Life - im - part - ing heaven-ly Man - na, smit - ten

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1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou was slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy__ peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to__ know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of__ Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee the__ Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou are here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt.

Music: *Bryn Calfaría*, melody William Owen (1813-1893); harm. *Christian Hymns*, 1977

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Post-Communion Prayer

*Please stand.
 led by the Celebrant, said in unison*

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

WLP #757

Will You Come and Follow Me

[Live]

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



- 1 Will you come and fol - low me if
- 2 Will you leave your self be-hind if
- 3 Will you let the blind-ed see if
- 4 Will you love the "You" you hide if
- 5 Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when



I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

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nev-er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev-er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should our
 nev-er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev-er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev-er be the same? In your com - pa - ny I'll go where you



let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an-swer prayer in
 such as this un-seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a-round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot-steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. | 5. (Final ending)



you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me?

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Sonata in G minor
Benjamin Belew, piano
[Live]



Serving us at 10:30 am

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah (on Zoom)

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Cobb

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Cantor: Abby O'Connell

Intercessor/Cantor: Chris Schmidt

Lectors: John Pietrzyk, Abby O'Connell

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host: Lou Poulain

Stream/Tech Team: Tian Zhu, Andrew Yeh

TODAY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Library News:

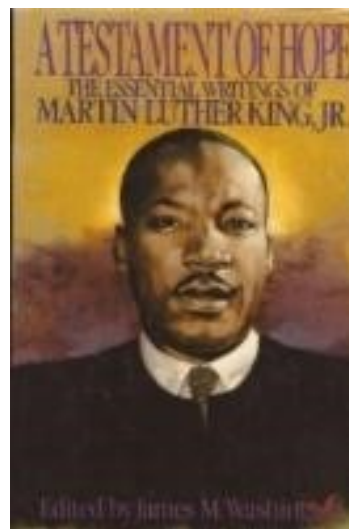
Please take a look in the Archives Display case at the back of the church at a fascinating collection of bookmarks rescued by the Library Committee in some of the returned library books. Do you see one of yours?.

Book of the Week January 15

A Testament of Hope:

the essential writings of Martin Luther King Jr.

"We've got some difficult days ahead," civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr., told a crowd gathered at Memphis's Clayborn Temple on April 3, 1968. "But it really doesn't matter to me now because I've been to the mountaintop. . . . And I've seen the promised land. I may not go there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land."



These prophetic words, uttered the day before his assassination, challenged those he left behind to see that his "promised land" of racial equality became a reality; a reality to which King devoted the last twelve years of his life.

These words and others are commemorated here in the only major one-volume collection of this seminal twentieth-century American prophet's writings, speeches, interviews, and autobiographical reflections. *A Testament of Hope* contains Martin Luther King, Jr.'s essential thoughts on nonviolence, social policy, integration, black nationalism, the ethics of love and hope, and more.

Stewardship update:

Pledges Gratefully Accepted

If you are considering pledging to our annual budget for 2023, 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. At our latest count, we now have **50** pledges toward our goal of 60.

Annual Meeting Sunday January 29, 2023 At the Annual Meeting, the Annual Report for 2022 will be presented along with important announcements about St. Thomas as we go forward in 2023. There will be a single worship service that morning to facilitate attendance by all. Please put this date on your calendar!

The Annual Report consists of budget information from the Treasurer and Finance group, as well as individual summations of the 2022 activities of all the groups at St. Thomas.

Please submit your individual reports **no later than Friday January 20, 2023** for inclusion in the report! Thank you!

Agape Circle First Friday of the month at 6:30pm, Cowans Hall (we will observe "mask" protocols as necessary). Please join us for food, fun, and friendship! Also, please bring a pot-luck dish to share (along with serving utensils)! On February, the Agape Circle will meet on Friday February 3rd at 6:30 pm and we'll celebrate Candlemas! We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the Dates / Worship schedule:

Sunday, January 22	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only	Holy Eucharist Rite I Morning Prayer
Sunday, January 29	10:30am - Hybrid one service only	Holy Eucharist Rite II Annual meeting
Friday, February 3	6:30pm	Agape Circle potluck
Sunday, February 5	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only	Holy Eucharist Rite I Morning Prayer
Sunday, February 12	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, February 19	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Ash Wednesday, February 22	12n - in person only 7pm - Zoom only	Holy Eucharist w/ashes Evening Prayer

General Announcements

New Vestry members have been nominated. They will be confirmed at the Annual meeting next month.

Here they are, to introduce themselves:

Joe Gutierrez:

I'm honored to be nominated to serve for a three-year term on our vestry. I've been at St. Thomas long enough to have seen many changes. This is not the same church that it was when I arrived. Each Sunday is an evolving experience. It's not that we don't know that change is inevitable, but that change is taking place at an increasingly faster rate. It's the rate of change and the emotional agility that it takes to adjust to these rapid changes that makes our church life so interesting.



I was on the Search Committee to select our pastor in 2014 and 2015. I was also on the interviewing sub-committee that interviewed our to-be pastor, Salying, at St. Marks, Palo Alto. I knew at that time, that Salying was the leader that could and would lead us through these challenging times, so full of doubt, wonder, surprise, sadness and joy.

If elected, I look forward to helping you, the vestry and Pastor Salying meet the special challenges that face us. Of the many changes that we have experienced over the years, the restructuring of our campus for leasing and space-sharing is probably the most complex change of all. I know we can do this with grace and love. I would like to be a part of this very special effort with you as your vestry person.

With love and blessings, Joe Gutierrez

Dena Ware:

I felt I found a home from the moment I walked through the doors of St. Thomas just over a year ago! There are so many important ministries here, and I love learning about them, getting to know the

people involved, and even participating in them too! Prior to St. Thomas, I attended Episcopal churches in Colorado and Texas, but obviously, St. Thomas is my favorite!! I've lived all over the US, but I've been in Sunnyvale for the past 12 years where I live, work, play, and now worship. I am honored to be considered for the St. Thomas Vestry.



Emilee Wilhelm-Leen:

I'm a mother of two boys and a primary care doctor caring for homeless folks in Santa Clara county. I previously attended St. Bede's in Menlo Park – where I did two tours on the vestry – but joined St. Thomas about five years ago when I realized I could skip the freeway and hop on my bike instead. I'm so glad I did! I treasure the feelings of love and fun that are so unmistakable in the St. Thomas community. Previously at St. Thomas, I served on the Financial Sustainability Committee and I recently joined the choir where they are patient with me as I learn to sing harmony with my fellow altos. I'm looking forward to sitting on vestry in 2023



Delegates to Convention

Stephanie Daugherty, Hugo Lopez-Laguna, Mabel Cheng, and MaryJane Johnson have served as our delegates to convention. Mary Jane is stepping back—thank you MaryJane for your service! - and will be replaced by

Sherene Nagarajah.

I am an internal medicine physician currently practicing in the Bay Area. I am married to deacon Bertram and we have two sons. I am a new member



of the altar guild at Saint Thomas. I was in the altar guild at Saint Marks, Santa Clara for seven years. Before that we lived in the east coast and I was in the flower guild at the episcopal church in Washington, D.C. I have also authored a Christian nonfiction book. I would be honored to serve as a delegate to the Convention.

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.

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”, you will be taken to a new



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Faith. Hope. Love.
Unity.

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

Welcome to the St. Thomas Library

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.

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).

Recent projects, from Deacon Bertram:

Gifts for the Children whose Dads or Moms are in Elmwood (Mostly M8) Jail.

The gladness so inspired us in the faces of the moms and dads who came to St Thomas's on the 24th of December to receive the gifts for their kids.

Fifteen St Thomas parishioners donated to fifteen families that included forty-five kids. We want to thank each member at St Thomas who donated gifts. The gifts were beautifully gift-wrapped. We saw the St Thomas community's love for the children whose dads or Mom are in Jail. St Thomas brought a smile and happiness to forty-five kids on Christmas Day. Thank you for being a blessing to these God's children.

St Thomas Christmas 2022 Gift to our Beloved Parishioners who are home-bound or less mobile

A group of faithful parishes banded together during Christmas and prepared eight gift baskets for St Thomas parishioners who are home-bound or less mobile. We wanted to show these beloved people they are loved and part of the St Thomas community. Our heart-filled

thanks go to these wonderful people who made time to purchase items and prepare the gift baskets. The baskets brought love and gladness to those who received them.

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

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ESL is back 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 next meeting will take place on **Monday January 30** and will be hosted by Patricia Pietrzyk. Using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss *The Second Life of Mirielle West* by Amanda Skenandore *

For Mireille West, a 1920's socialite married to a silent film star, the isolation and powerlessness of the Louisiana Leper Home is an unimaginable fall from her star-studded life in Hollywood's Golden Age. More a prisoner than a patient, she struggles to find community and purpose, and to redefine her self-worth while fighting an unchosen fate. Please join us—contact Patricia through our website www.stthomas-svale.org/contact for the Zoom link.

* *Silicon Valley Reads 2023 selections: theme—journey to new beginnings*

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.

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

(For December we only meet on 1st, 8th and 15th December 2022. In
January we will begin again on the 12th January 2023).

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?
pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGhJUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGhJUT09)

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:
www.stthomas-svale.org*

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
or 510-478-3554

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Newsletter Editor: Anne Buelteman..... office@stthomas-svale.org

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