

Palm Sunday

Sunday of the Passion

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Rite II, 10:30am



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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. 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). For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.*

*Please note: Regarding joining us on Zoom, we welcome newcomers and appreciate your **on-time** attendance. If you arrive more than 15 minutes after the service begins, our Zoom protocols may not permit your joining the service. Equally important, please be sure that your zoom account ID includes your first and last name. We look forward to seeing you.*

Thank you for joining us, and for observing our protocols.

Please take a palm and be seated.

The children will gather in the back to be a part of the entrance procession, joining the altar party to process around the altar to celebrate our Lord's arrival in Jerusalem.



Prelude

L. van Beethoven

Sonata No. 11, 4th movement
Benjamin Belew, piano

After the bell tolls, please stand.

The Liturgy of the Palms will take place at the rear of the nave.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the Contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,

saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and

branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Children will join the altar party to process around the altar to celebrate our Lord's arrival in Jerusalem.

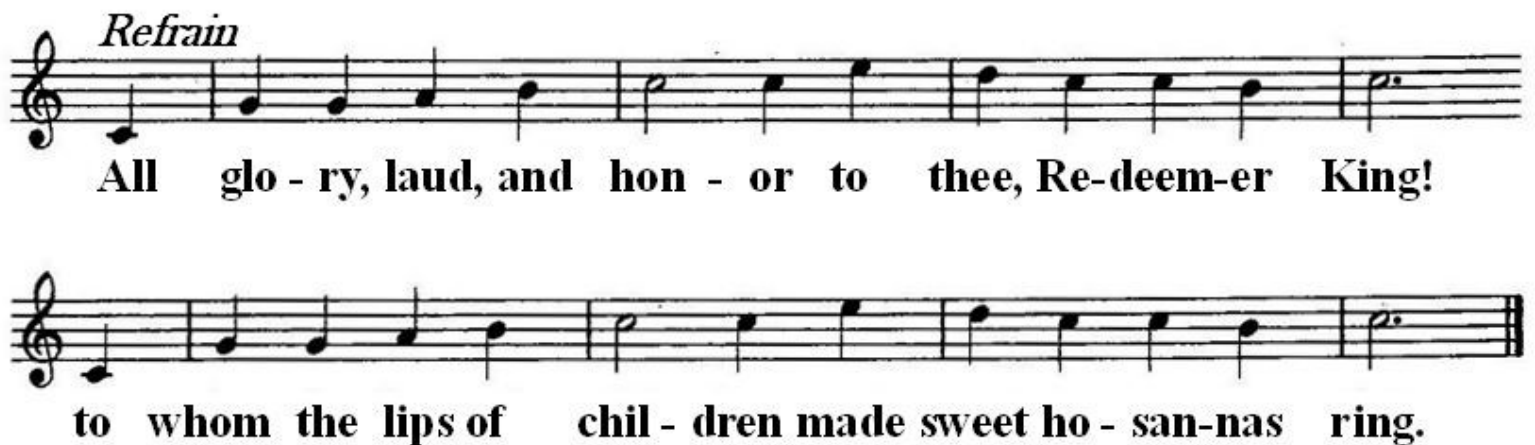
Entrance Hymn

Hymnal #154

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom participants stay muted.

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san-nas ring.

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1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring.

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.;

harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Salutation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People: And his mercy endures forever.

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand up together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
 It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?
 Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 31:9-16

*The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.
 Zoom participants, please stay muted.*

Refrain



Have ___ mer - cy on me, O ___ God.

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
 my eye is consumed with sorrow,
 and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones are consumed. *Refrain*

Refrain



Have ___ mer - cy on me, O ___ God.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot. *Refrain*

Refrain



Have ___ mer - cy on me, O ___ God.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God. *Refrain*

Refrain



Have ___ mer - cy on me, O ___ God.

The musical notation is identical to the first refrain, consisting of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me." *Refrain*

Refrain



Have ___ mer - cy on me, O ___ God.

The musical notation is identical to the previous refrains, consisting of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

The Epistle: **Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death--
 even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #474

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom participants stay muted.

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

1 Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 2 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 3 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 4 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

1 count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 2 charm me most I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 3 sor - row meet or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 4 so di - vine de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Rockingham, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807) LM

The Passion Gospel:

Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

A Reading in instant theatre

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts.
The congregation is asked to read the parts indicated for them.*

*The Passion story is told, led by a narrator,
and the Deacon, who begins by saying:*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew



NARRATOR: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went
to the chief priests and said,

JUDAS: What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?

NARRATOR: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that
moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.
On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to
Jesus, saying,

DISCIPLES: Where do you want us to make the preparations for you
to eat the Passover?

NARRATOR: He said,

JESUS: Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, “The
Teacher says, ‘My time is near; I will keep the Passover at
your house with my disciples.’”

NARRATOR: So, the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and
they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and
while they were eating, he said,

JESUS: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

NARRATOR: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: Surely not I, Lord?

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

NARRATOR: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

JUDAS: Surely not I, Rabbi?

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: You have said so.

NARRATOR: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

JESUS: Take, eat; this is my body.

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: Sit here while I go over there and pray. I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet

not what I want but what you want."

NARRATOR: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said,

JESUS: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

NARRATOR: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

JUDAS: Greetings, Rabbi!

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Friend, do what you are here to do.

NARRATOR: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

NARRATOR: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking

for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

ACCUSERS (CONGREGATION):

This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.”

NARRATOR: The high priest stood up and said,

HIGH PRIEST: Have you no answer?

What is it that they testify against you?

NARRATOR: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

HIGH PRIEST: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: You have said so. But I tell you,
From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses?
You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

NARRATOR: They answered,

CHIEF PRIEST: He deserves death.

NARRATOR: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard.

A servant-girl came to him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

NARRATOR: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

PETER: I do not know what you are talking about.

NARRATOR: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

NARRATOR: Again he denied it with an oath,

PETER: I do not know the man.

NARRATOR: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

BYSTANDER: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

NARRATOR: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: I do not know the man!

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

JESUS: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE: Are you the King of the Jews?

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: You say so.

NARRATOR: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

NARRATOR: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that

time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.
So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

PILATE: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

PILATE'S WIFE: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

NARRATOR: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

PILATE: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

NARRATOR: And they said,

CONGREGATION: Barabbas.

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

NARRATOR: All of them said,

CONGREGATION: Let him be crucified!

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done?

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CONGREGATION: Let him be crucified!

NARRATOR: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

PILATE: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,

CONGREGATION: His blood be on us and on our children!

NARRATOR: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

*At the mention of **Golgotha**,*

the congregation stands and remains standing for the remainder of the reading.

NARRATOR: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called **Golgotha** (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDERS: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

CHIEF PRIEST: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver

him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."

NARRATOR: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

JESUS: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

NARRATOR: that is,

JESUS: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDERS: This man is calling for Elijah.

NARRATOR: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

BYSTANDERS: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

NARRATOR: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

CENTURION: Truly this man was God's Son!

NARRATOR: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the

sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, “After three days I will rise again.”

Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, “He has been raised from the dead,” and the last deception would be worse than the first.

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: You have a guard of soldiers;
go, make it as secure as you can.

NARRATOR: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.



Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

*Readers return to their seats.
for an extended period of silence and meditation.*

The Nicene Creed

said in unison

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Lucinda our Bishop;
and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

After a moment of silence the People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

After a moment of silence the People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

After a moment of silence the People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and **People:**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a wave and a namaste of peace.

Announcements

Offertory

Arlen Clarke

Sing My Soul His Wondrous Love

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Benjamin Belew, piano

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

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

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-130, F. Schubert

You are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164, F. Schubert

You are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.



Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on ___ us.

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on ___ us." The word "us" is underlined.



Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy on ___ us.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy on ___ us." The word "us" is underlined.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of ___ the world:

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of ___ the world:". The word "world:" is underlined.

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give _ us your peace, give _ us _ your peace.

The image shows a musical score for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major. The lyrics are 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the words 'give us your peace'.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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 Music

Hymnal #313

Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured

Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom participants stay muted.

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless-ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

1 Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 2 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 3 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death I now
 4 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain

1 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 2 Je - sus by his sor-rows gave me. **Thou didst give thy**
 3 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 4 of thy match-less love for - give me.

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self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925)

Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662);
harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

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Post Communion Prayer *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

Book of Occasional Services

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Please bow or kneel.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this
your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing
to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and
to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for
ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

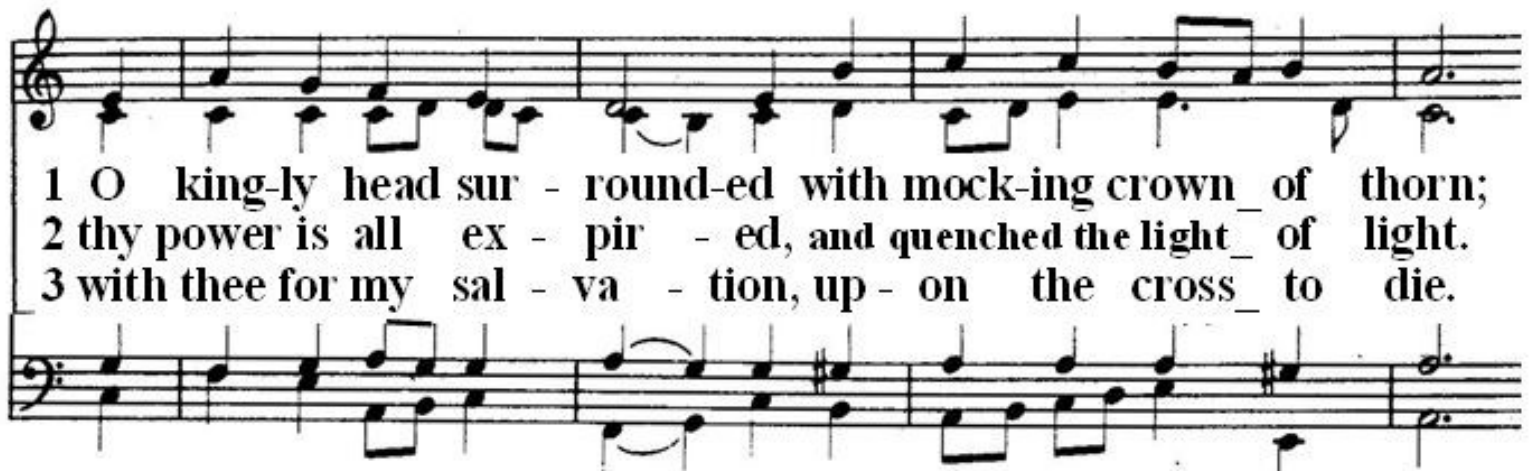
O Sacred Head Now Wounded

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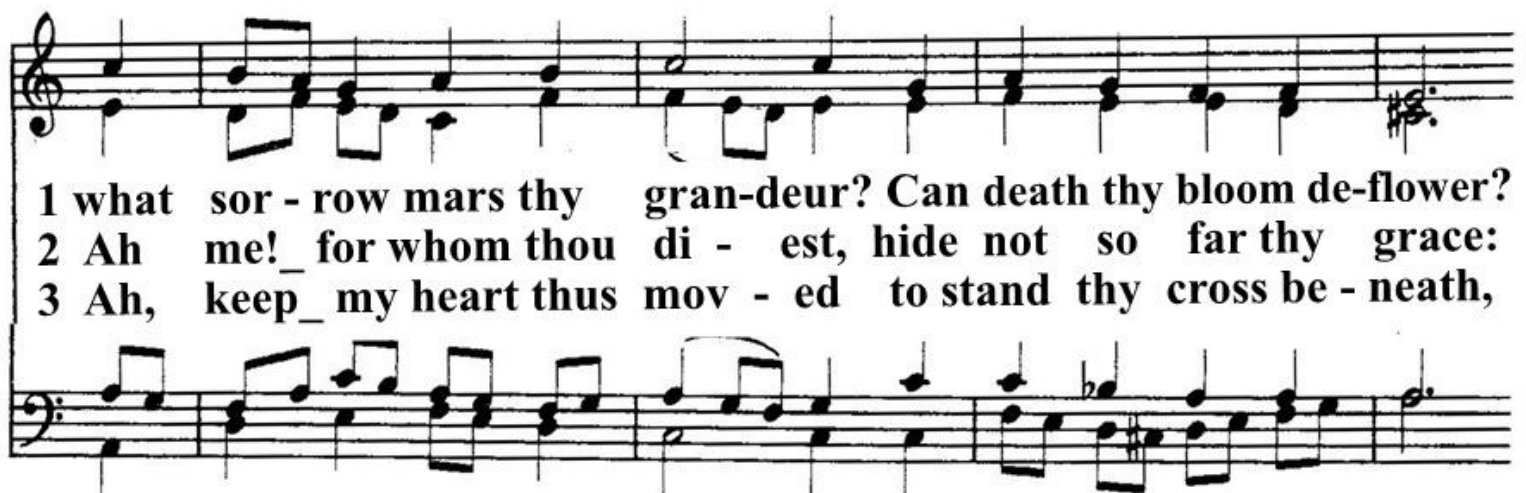
Please join in singing the hymn. Zoom participants stay muted.



1 O sa-cred head, sore wound-ed, de- filed and put_ to scorn;
2 Thy beau-ty, long- de- sir - ed, hath va-nished from_ our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share_ doth cry,



1 O king-ly head sur - round-ed with mock-ing crown_ of thorn;
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light_ of light.
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion, up - on the cross_ to die.



1 what sor - row mars thy gran-deur? Can death thy bloom de-flower?
2 Ah me!_ for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
3 Ah, keep_ my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,

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1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn_ thee, well be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3 and 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930);
 st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.

Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [*Passion Chorale*], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612);
 adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

L. van Beethoven

Sonata No. 11, 4th movement
 Benjamin Belew, piano



Serving today

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Gutierrez

Palm Gospel reader: Brigid Beckham

Lectors: Lou Poulain, Fulvia Govetto

Greeter: MaryJane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Cantors: John McVey, Susan McVey

Tech team lead: Steve Williams

Zoom Host: Lou Poulain

The Passion Gospel Readers:

Narrator: Patricia Pietrzyk

Judas: Ian Fugate

Disciples & Bystanders: Stephanie Daugherty,
Marilyn Winans, Carrie Hawley, Ian Fugate

Jesus: John Pietrzyk

Congregation & Accusers: all present

High Priest: Carrie Hawley

Chief Priest: Charlie Mendoza

Servant Girl: Marilyn Winans

Peter: Naveen Prasad

Pilate: John McVey

Pilate's Wife: Stephanie Daugherty

Centurion: Joe Gutierrez

Today in the Parish

Coffee Hour today will be inside Cowans Hall. Please be mindful of Covid protocols. Thank you.

A Palm Sunday Festival Family Ministry is hosting today a Palm Sunday Festival in Cowans Hall following the 10:30 Service. You will be able to decorate a cookie, color eggs, choose an Easter symbol to decorate, create a pot of flower seeds to take with you and help to make butterflies for use on the church windows for Easter Sunday. Join us for fun and fellowship!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Library News:

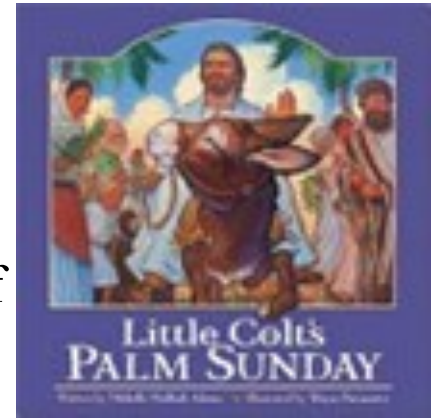
Please take a look in the archives display case to see the 1611 King James Version of the Bible given to the church by the Patterson family during Advent in 1916. William Patterson was the first warden at St. Thomas.

Book of the Week April 2

Little Colt's Palm Sunday

by Michelle Medlock Adams

A young donkey asks his mother to retell how his great-great-grandfather once carried the mother of Jesus while she was with child, then learns for himself how marvelous it feels to do something for God.



Easter Blessing Baskets Family Ministry will be creating Easter Blessing baskets again this year. **Order now!** Order forms may be found on **page 44** of this bulletin.

Easter Day Festivities On Easter Sunday, **April 9**, there will be a **single worship service**, Holy Eucharist celebration at **10:30am**. This will be followed by a special pot-luck **Easter brunch** and a festive **Easter Egg Hunt**. Details may be found below. Please put these Easter Day events on your calendar!

Easter Sunday Brunch – April 9

Following the service, we will be hosting Easter Sunday Brunch in Cowans Hall to continue our festive agape gathering as a single congregation. Please plan to join us if you can!

For the brunch, we will be serving Chinese Chicken salad and a tossed Caprese salad. Coffee, tea, and our St. Thomas punch will also be provided. Continuing our “Agape Circle” **potluck** format, we ask that you bring a side dish to help complement the meal (e.g., other salads, veggie or meat dishes, breads and cheese, desserts, wine, etc.) Please do not feel that you need to bring something for the potluck in order to attend - we just want you to come and there will be plenty of food! Invite your guests to join us also!

The Annual Saint Thomas Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10:30am Easter Day service on **April 9**. Wear your best bonnet and be

sure to bring your basket to take home your haul of candy. Candy donations will be greatly appreciated. You may leave them in the Easter basket on the table in the narthex.

Save the Dates / Worship schedule:

Maundy Thursday April 6	7pm - in person only	Maundy Thursday
Good Friday April 7	12:15pm - in person only 7pm - Zoom only	Good Friday
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 9	10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist followed by Egg hunt & Easter brunch
Sunday, April 16	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only	Holy Eucharist Rite I Morning Prayer
Sunday, April 23	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, April 30	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II

Agape Circle First Friday of each month (mostly!) 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)! Skipping Good Friday, the Agape potluck format will be part of the Easter Brunch celebration. Our next Circle meeting date is **May 5**—Cinco de Mayo!

Diocesan Spring Renewal is a time to gather as a diocese for worship, banquet, thanksgiving, friendship and learning—and no business! It is for everyone in the diocese. This year, the keynote

speaker will be the Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon, the Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama. The event **April 28-29** at Sherwood Hall, Salinas. Cost is \$125. If you need help with costs, please let Pastor Salying know. Register at <https://www.realepiscopal.org/spring-renewal-2023/>. Flyers are in the back of the church.

General Announcements

Episcopal Relief & Development: Turkey & Syria

Last month a deadly 7.8-magnitude earthquake and severe aftershocks struck along the border between Turkey and Syria, killing, at current count, over **53,000** people and causing widespread damage across the region. Episcopal Relief & Development has been working with partners to provide support. Please join Episcopal Relief & Development in this relief effort by making a donation at episcopalrelief.org. Fliers may be found on the table at the back of the church.

Thanksgiving and Memorial Donations to Altar Guild

Our altar guild appreciates your support in making our space holy and beautiful. **Easter flowers donations** are especially welcome. You will find a form for your special dedication on **page 45** of this bulletin

COVID Protocols update

Masks are recommended at the services. Please maintain six feet distance to keep all comfortable.

Pledges, Offerings & Donations

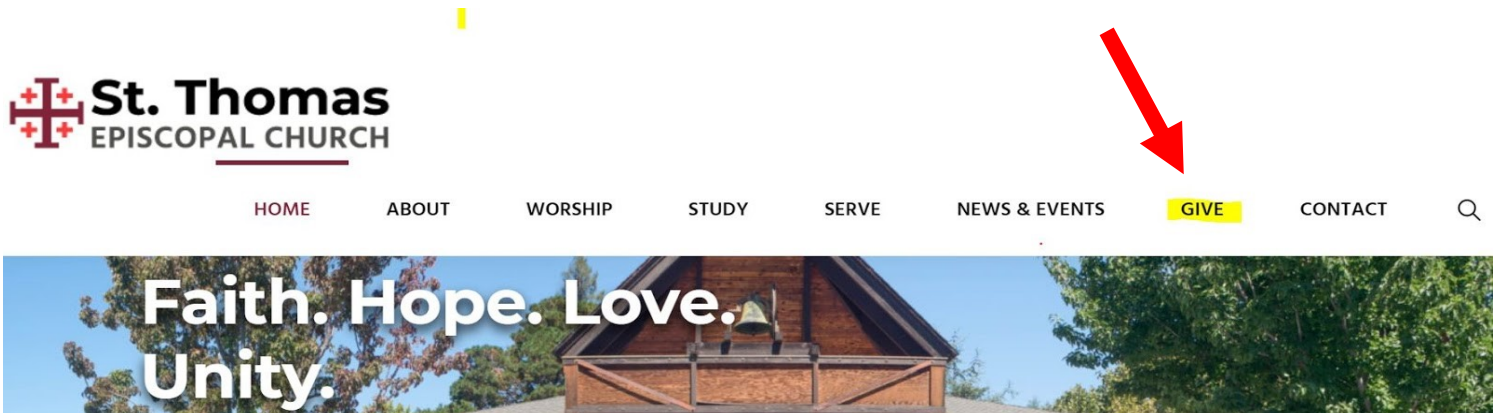
Your pledges and other donations may always be mailed to the church office and marked to the attention of the Treasurer.

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 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.

As always, we want to say “Thank You!”
Peace, Jim Cobb

Welcome to the St. Thomas Library

Library Hours The church library will be open **on Sundays** after the 8 a.m. service, and again after the 10:30 service (on the Sundays when we worship in person). Carol or a member of the Library Committee will be available to answer questions on Fridays from 10-12; after 12:00 our administrator Anne will be available until 4:00 to open the door for you. Call 408-736-4155 for access, or knock

loudly! 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 Fifteen St Thomas parishioners donated Christmas gifts to fifteen families that included forty-five kids. We want to thank each member at St Thomas who donated gifts.

A group of faithful parishioners banded together during Christmas and prepared eight gift baskets for other St Thomas parishioners who are home-bound or less mobile. .

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.

Family Ministry Families should have received their third Lenten packet about Holy Week. Please come to the Palm Sunday Festival in Cowans Hall today and join us for Easter crafts and activities.

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

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 April 24** and will be hosted by Patricia Pietrzyk.

Using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss *Longbourn* by Jo Baker & Emma Fielding. The servants take center stage in this irresistibly imagined belowstairs answer to *Pride and Prejudice*. Sarah, the housemaid, is beginning to chafe against the boundaries of her class, when a new footman arrives at Longbourn under mysterious circumstances.

Please join us—contact Patricia through our website www.stthomas-svale.org/contact for the Zoom link.

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

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

Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

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

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

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

Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer with Commemoration of a Saint,
led by Pastor Salying: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313271549>

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

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

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Please note: **No** Intercessory Prayer Vespers **this week.**

Please come to Maundy Thursday worship instead.

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Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?
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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



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.

EASTER BLESSING BASKETS

COST: \$15.00 Checks made out to St. Thomas
(please note "basket" on the memo line)

Name of recipient _____

Address of recipient _____

Special notes/food allergies, etc _____

Your message to recipient: _____



Sender's name _____

Sender's phone number/e-mail _____

Baskets will be available for pick-up on
Holy Saturday, April 8,
between 10am and noon at St. Thomas.

This is a service project of the St. Thomas Sunday School.
Please place this order form in the box in the narthex



Easter Flowers

Donation: free will

Please make checks out to St. Thomas,
with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

Given by _____

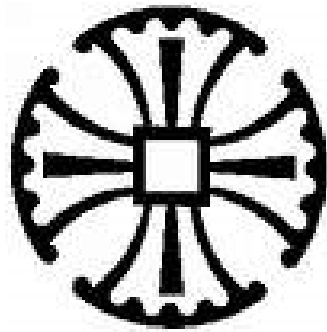
In loving memory of/in honor of:

These names will be printed in the Easter bulletins,
and will be read aloud.



Donor contact (phone/e-mail) _____

Please place this order form in the box in the narthex.



All Are 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.org
or 510-478-3554
- Deacon:** The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah.....bertramemail@gmail.com
- Treasurer:** Jim Cobb.....Finance@stthomas-svale.org
- Parish Administrator:** Anne Buelteman.....office@stthomas-svale.org
- Family Ministry Director.:** Susan Beckham.....family_ministry@stthomas-svale.org
- Library and Resource Center Coordinator:** Carol Campbellresourcecenter@stthomas-svale.org
- Music Director:** Patricia Pietrzyk,..... patriciapietrzyk@gmail.com
- 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

THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

Abby O'Connell, Senior Warden	2022	2023	2024
Chris Schmidt, Junior Warden	Susan McVey	Pat Dare	Nancy Allgeier
	Chris Schmidt	Breno DeMedeiros	Gage McKinney
Gage McKinney, Clerk	Bill Rosgen	Abby O'Connell	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