

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

Rite II, 10:30am



The Road to Emmaus - He Qi

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Holy Eucharist

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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.*

After worship today, we invite you to join us for a special Easter brunch, and Easter Egg Hunt. Details at the back of this bulletin.

Prelude

Benjamin Belew Sakagch Akeala
Element - 8 on Organ
Benjamin Belew, organ

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #296

We Know That Christ Is Raised and Dies No More
All are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
3. The Fa - ther's splen-dor clothes his Son with life. _____
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows. _____



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life. _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
As Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

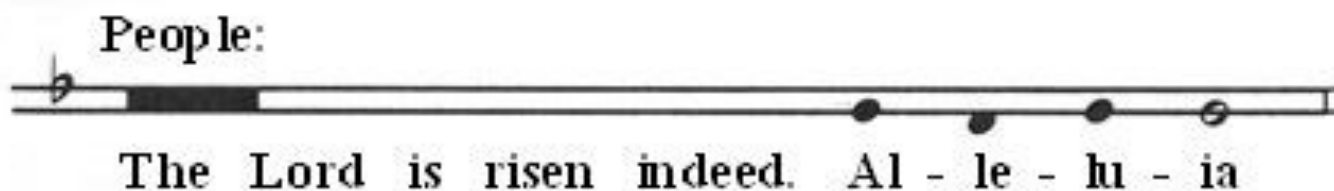


And our de-spair he turned to blaz-ing joy. _____ Al - le -
As liv - ing mem-bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____
Bap-tized we live with God, the Three in One. _____
The u - ni-verse re-stored and whole will sing. _____



lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

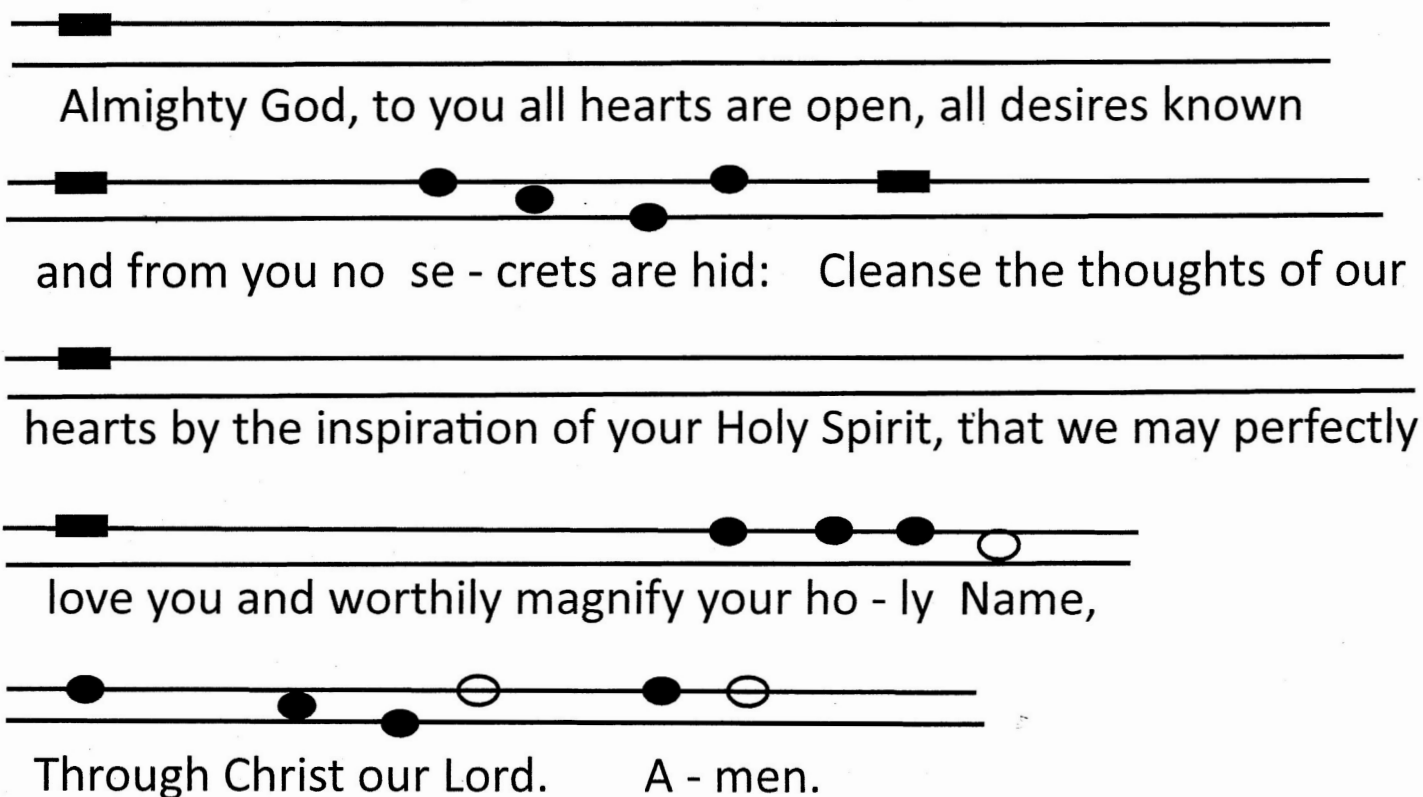
Greeting



Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Collect for Purity

Celebrant:



Gloria

Hymnal S-280 Robert Powell

Please join in singing the Gloria. Zoom participants please stay muted/



1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and



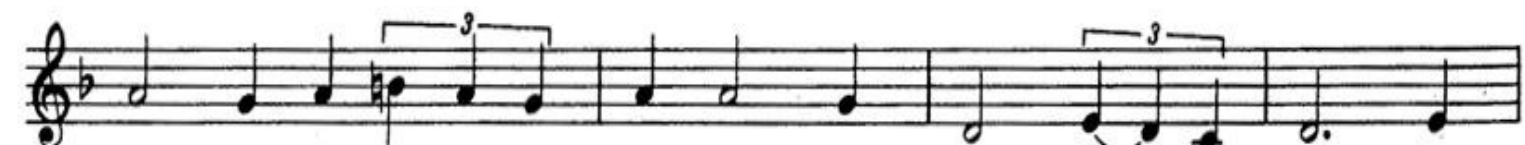
peace_____ to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly



King, al - might - y_ God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you_ for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God Lamb_of God, 4.you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5.you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6.For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

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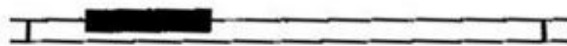
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

Zoom participants please stay muted.



I will walk_ in the_ pre-sence of the Lord in the land__ of the liv - ing.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life." *Refrain*



I will walk_ in the_ pre-sence of the Lord in the land_ of the liv - ing.

How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people. *Refrain*



I will walk_ in the_ pre-sence of the Lord in the land_ of the liv - ing.

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds. *Refrain*



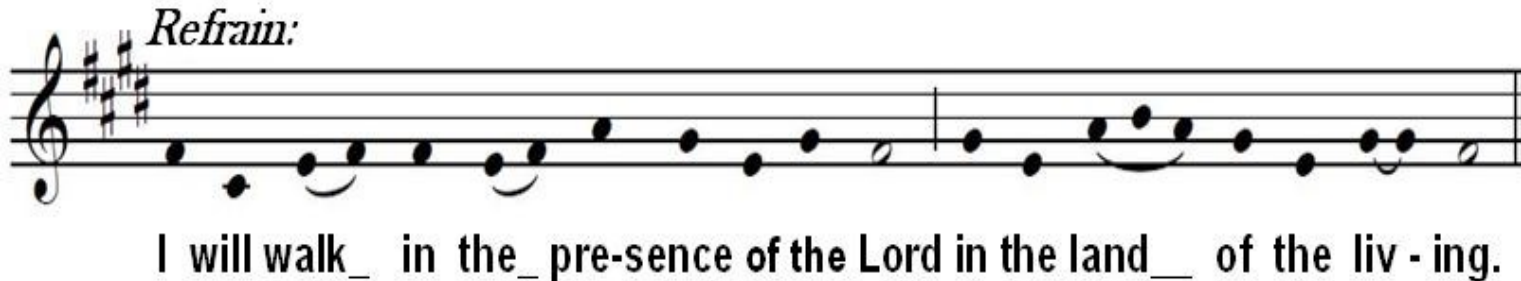
I will walk_ in the_ pre-sence of the Lord in the land_ of the liv - ing.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah! *Refrain*



The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

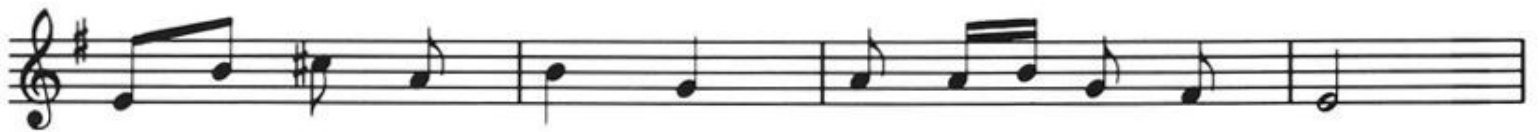
Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

People: Thanks be to God

*Now the Green Blade Riseth**All are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.*

- 1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the_ bur - ied grain.
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom_ hate had slain.
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the_ ri - sen grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing_ or in pain,



wheat_ that in dark earth man-y_ days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would_ wake a - gain,
 He_ that for three days in the_ grave had lain,
 thy_ touch can call us back to_ life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead had been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that_ spring-eth green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt.

Music: Noël nouvelet, medieval French carol

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The Gospel:

Luke 24:13-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to

them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

*After the sermon there will be a time of silence
for reflection.*

The Prayers of the People from *Liturgy for the Whole Church* by Susan K. Bock

Leader: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to your church, O God,
that we might serve you with courage and grace.

Awake, O Church, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to your world, O God,
that all might know the goodness of your love.

Awake, O World, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to our nation, O God,
that each person might share and honor the other.

Awake, O People, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God,
that they might know your saving help.
Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God,
that they might forever grow in your likeness.
Awake, O Saints, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God,
that we might grow larger in faith and hope.
Awake, O Soul, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth
from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the
Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy!
Amen, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, amen!

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING



Offertory sentence

The Offertory Anthem

Suzanne Toolan (Hymnal #296)

I Am the Bread of Life

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

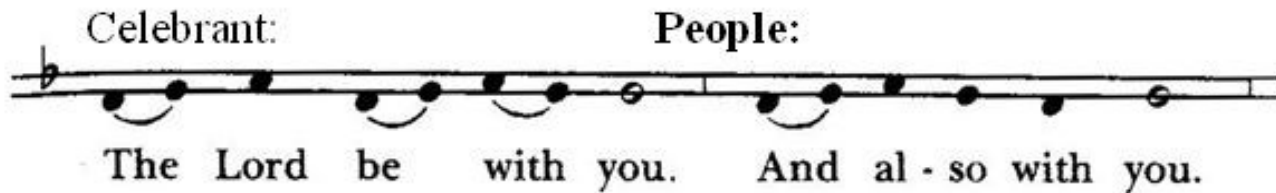
Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

People: And of your own have we given you.

Sursum Corda

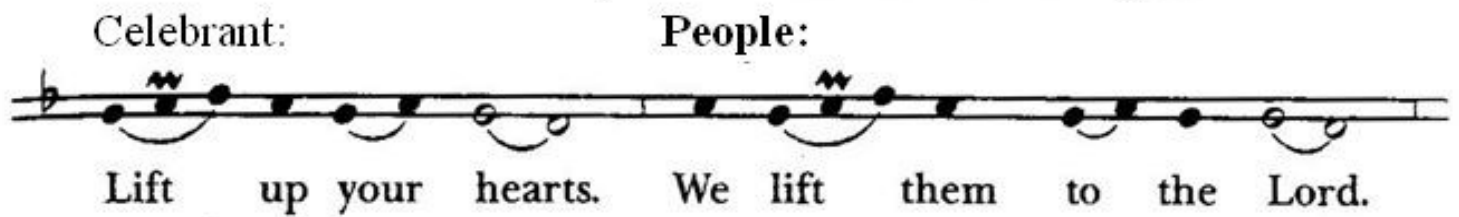
Eucharistic Prayer **EOW2**

Celebrant: People:



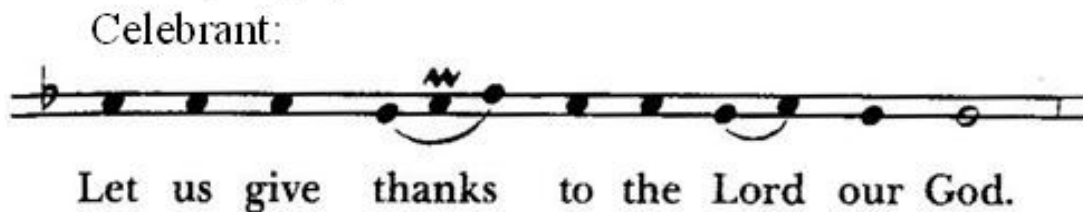
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant: People:



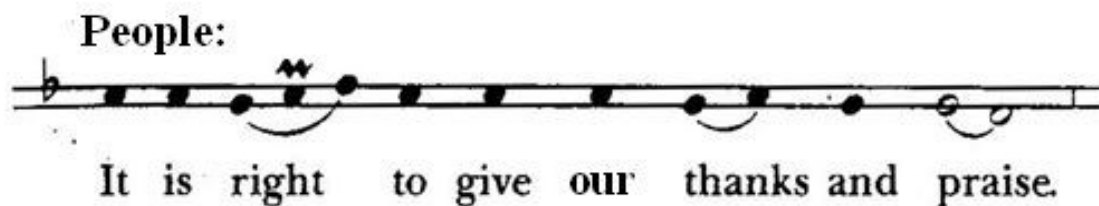
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

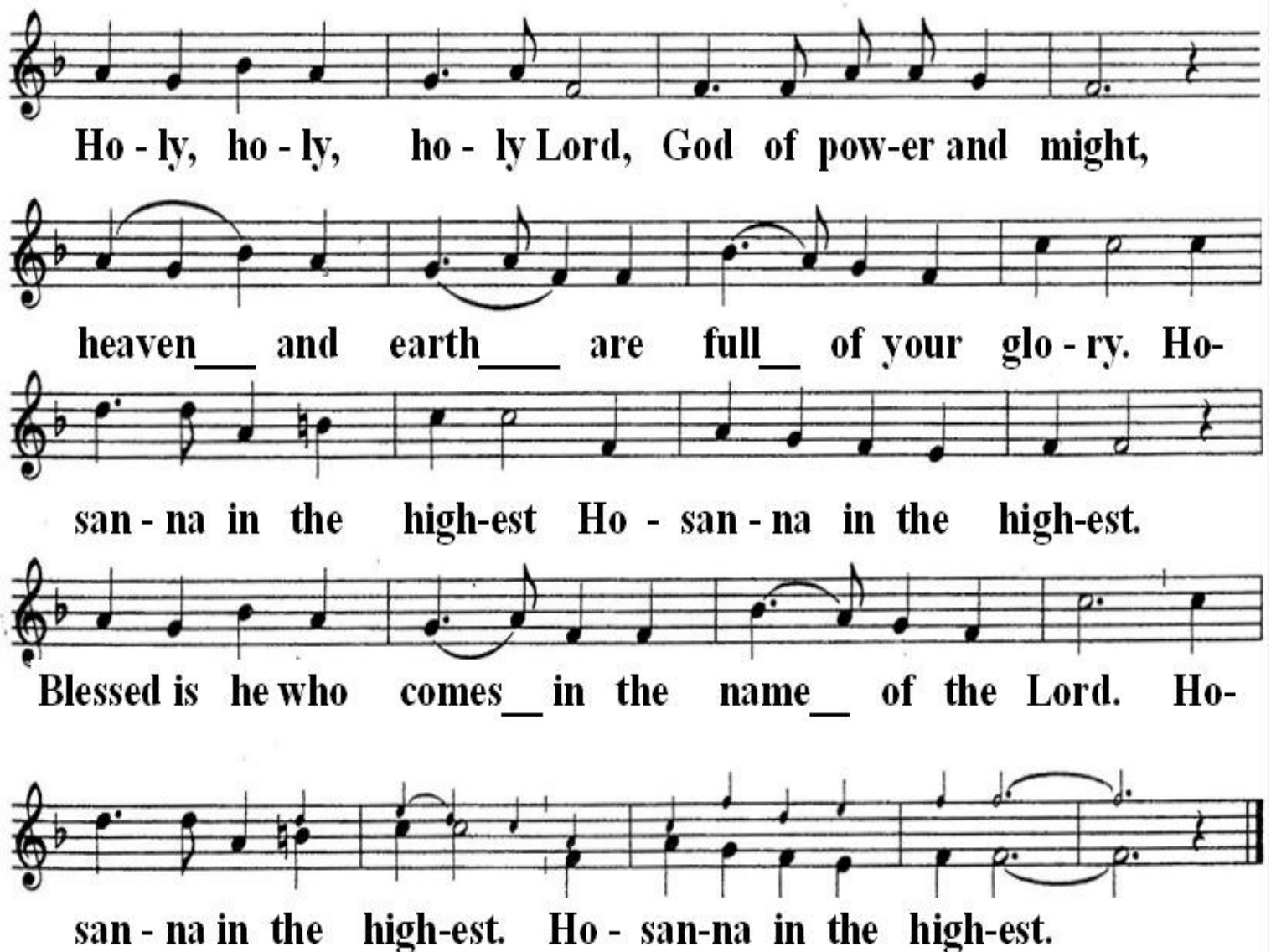
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

All are invited to sing along, Zoom attendees please stay muted.

Celebrant and People:



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

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:

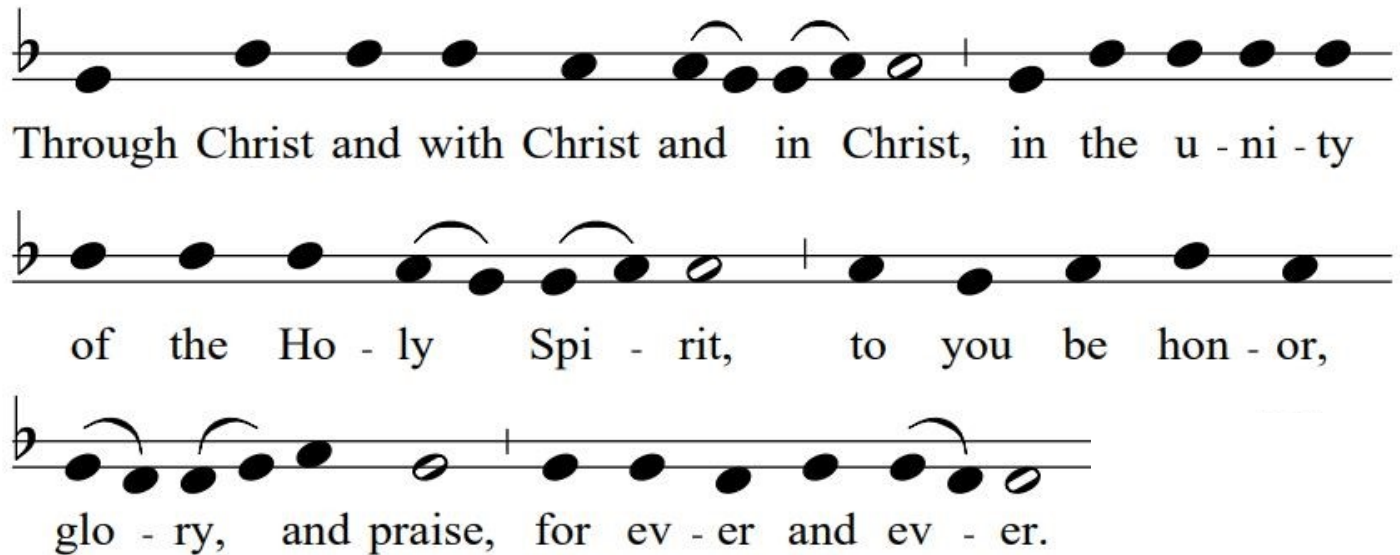
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,

we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
 and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
 Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
 that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
 Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
 and make us your new creation,
 the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
 with Thomas and all your saints,
 from every tribe and language and people and nation,
 to feast at the banquet prepared
 from the foundation of the world.

Celebrant:



Celebrant and **People:**



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread


The Fraction Anthem

WLP #875

Be Known to Us

*The Choir will lead the Fraction Anthem. All are invited to sing the responses.
Zoom attendees please stay muted*

Choir: (1st time; Congregation repeats)



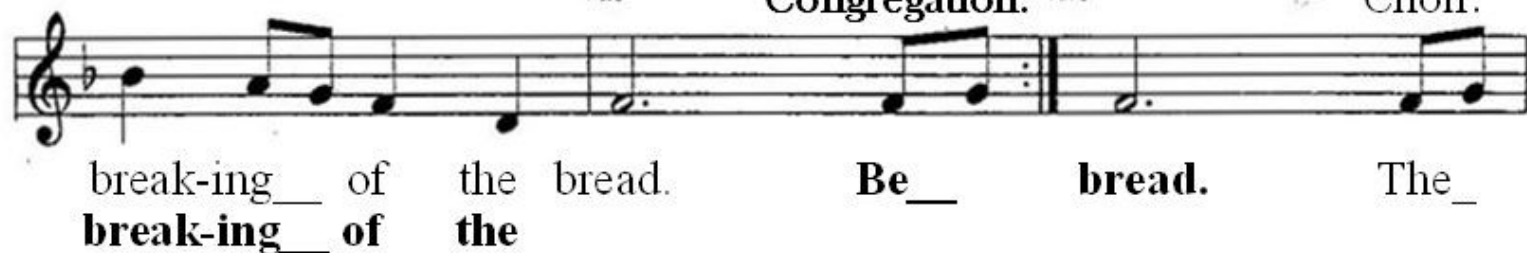
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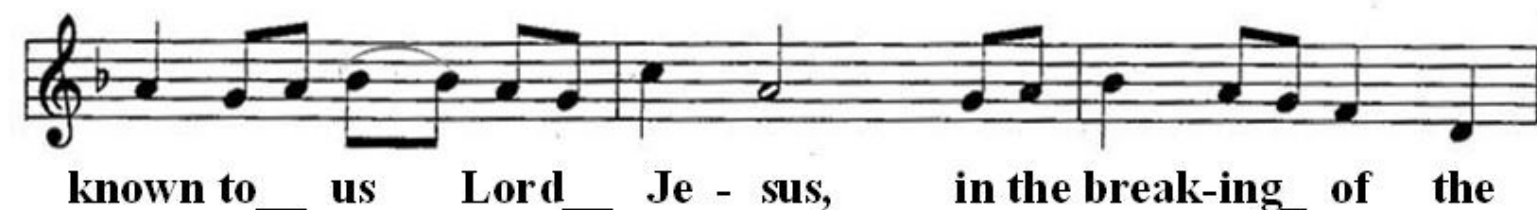
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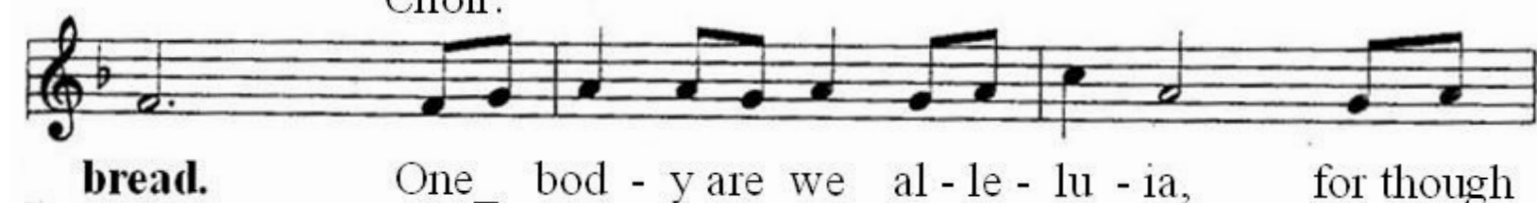
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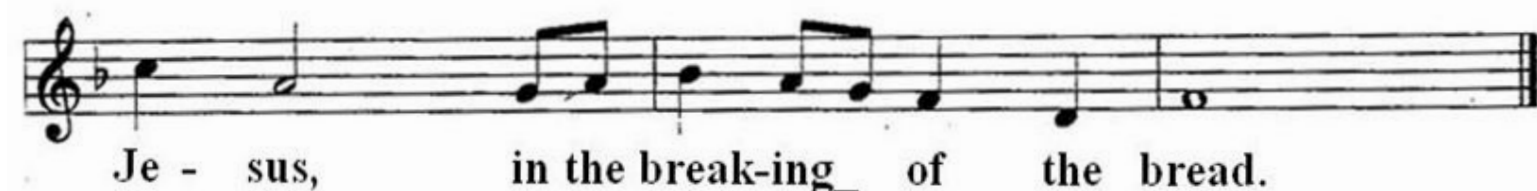
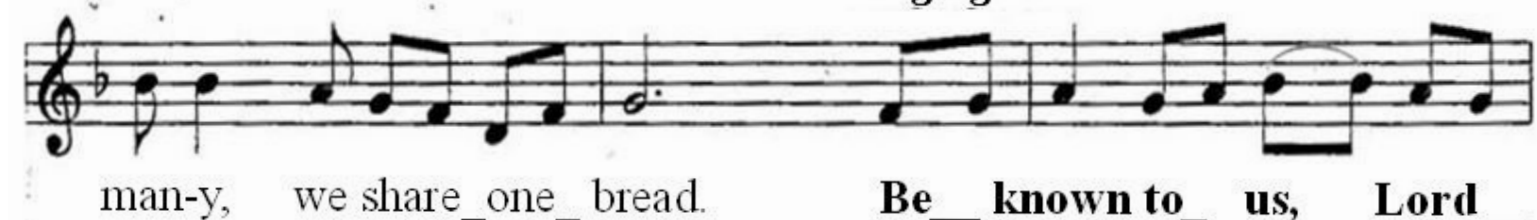
Congregation:



Choir:



Congregation:



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 #304

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

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

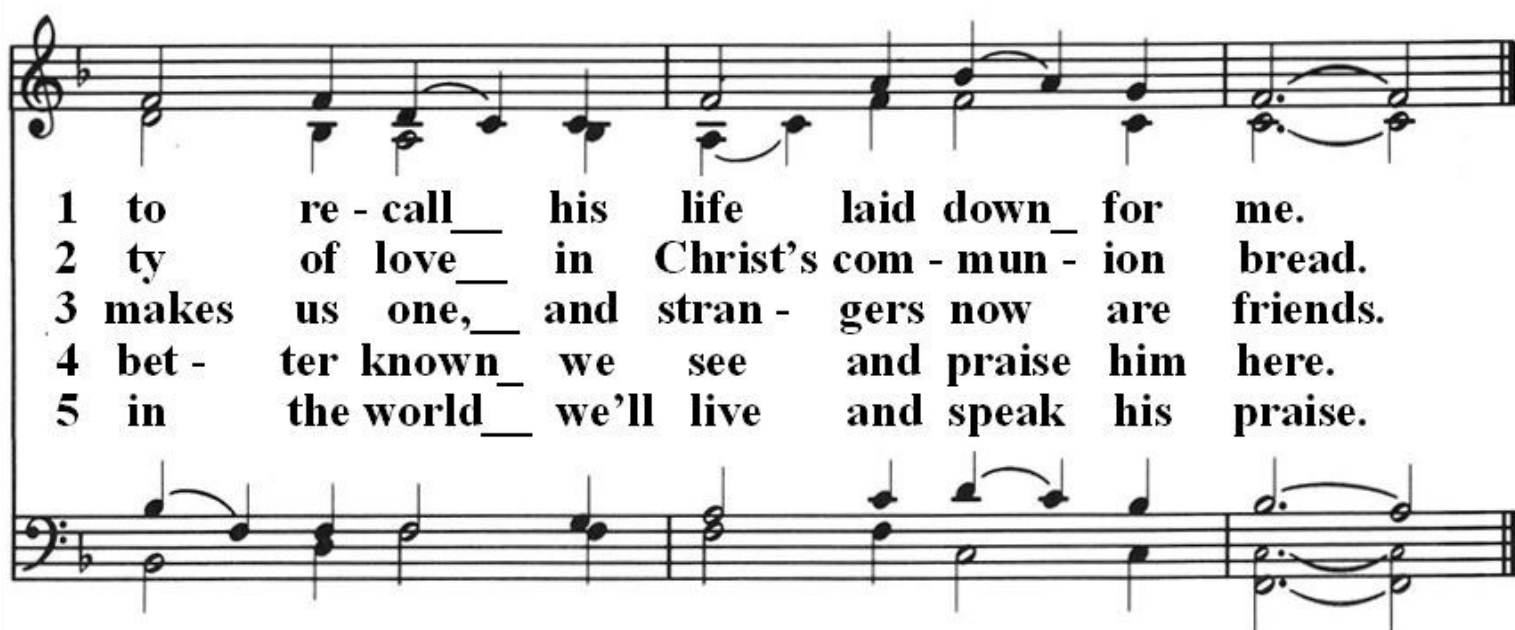
Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy___ to meet my Lord,___ for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near___ to
3 As Christ breaks bread_ and bids us share,___ each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.___ His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound,___ we'll

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1 giv - en, loved, __ and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all __ are fed, the new com - mun - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made __ us
 4 pres - ence al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call __ his life laid down __ for me.
 2 ty of love __ in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, __ and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known __ we see and praise him here.
 5 in the world __ we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Book of Occasional Services

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.
Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

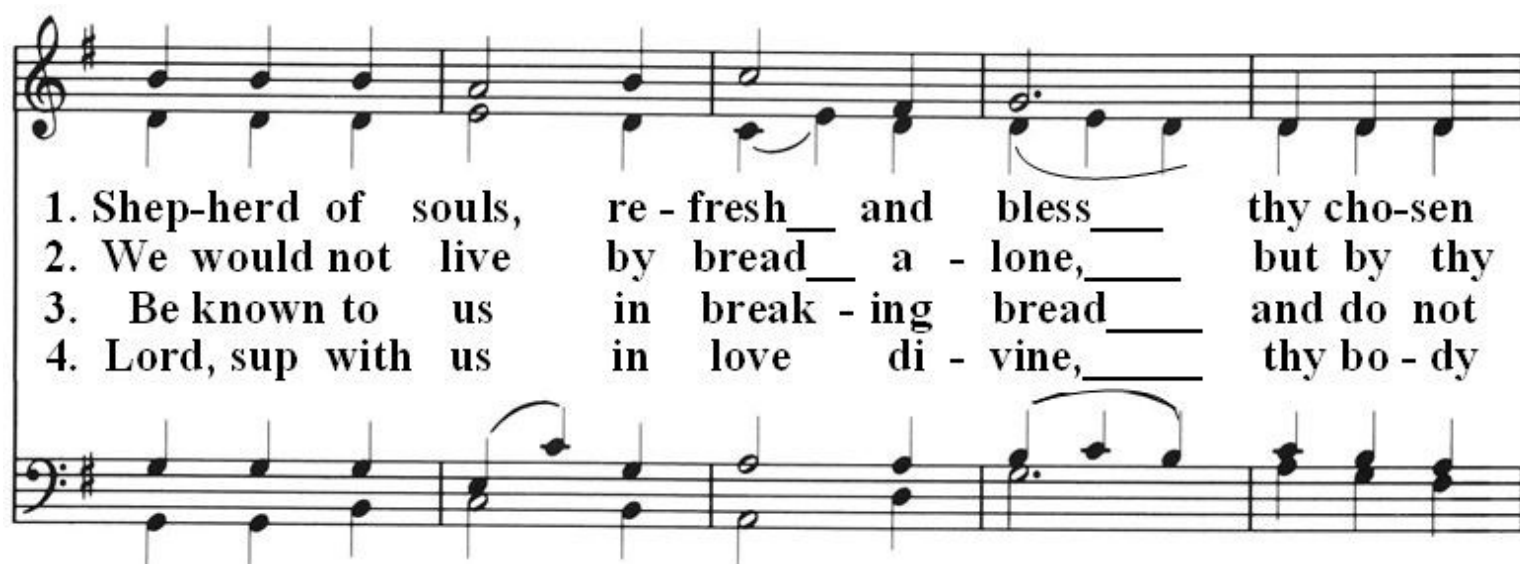
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

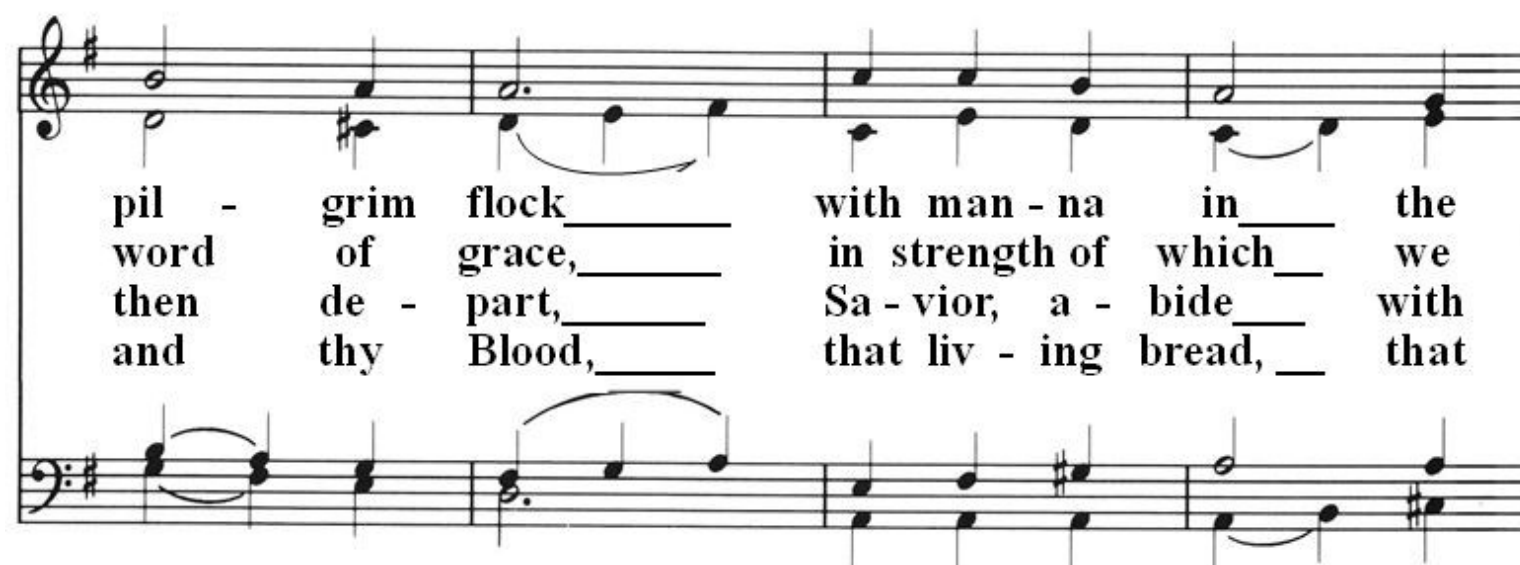
Hymnal #343
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Shepherd of Souls

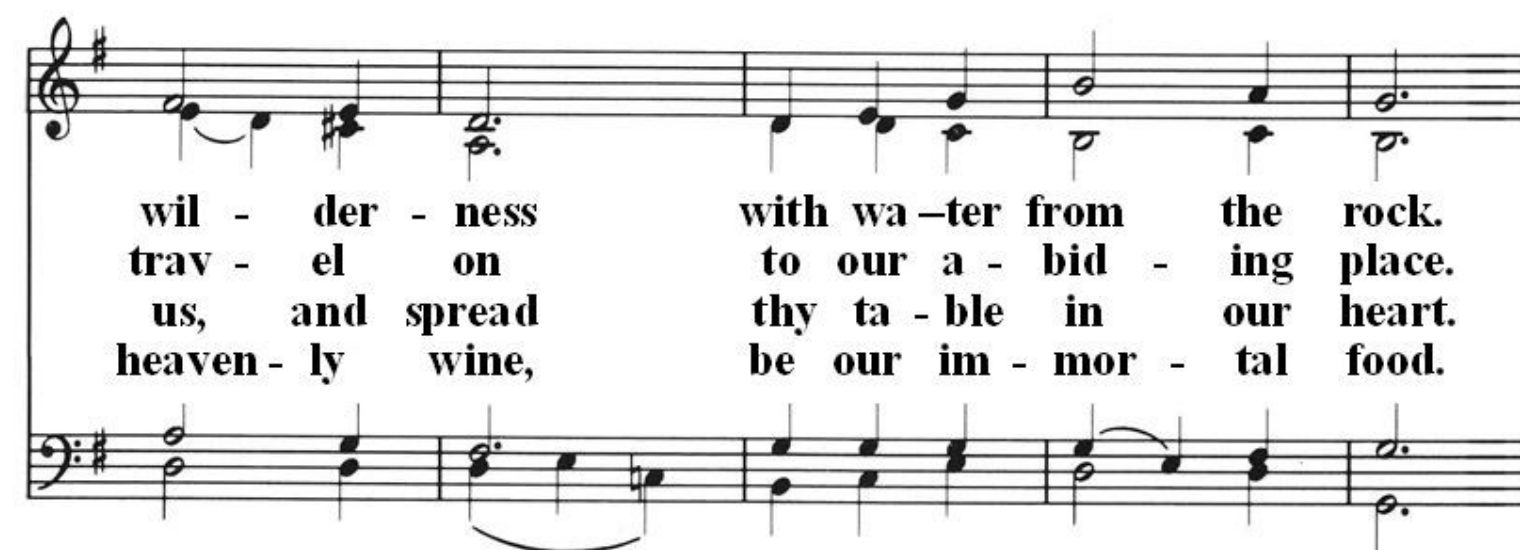
Zoom participants are invited to sing along. Please stay muted.



1. Shep-herd of souls, re - fresh__ and bless__ thy cho-sen
 2. We would not live by bread__ a - lone,__ but by thy
 3. Be known to us in break - ing bread__ and do not
 4. Lord, sup with us in love di - vine,__ thy bo - dy



pil - grim flock__ with man - na in__ the
 word of grace,__ in strength of which__ we
 then de - part,__ Sa - vior, a - bid__ with
 and thy Blood,__ that liv - ing bread,__ that



wil - der - ness with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937),
 after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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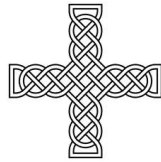
The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Benjamin Belew Sakagch Akeala
Element - 9 on Organ
Benjamin Belew, organ



Serving us at 10:30 am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Gutierrez

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson et al

Lectors: John McVey, Susan McVey

Cantor: Fulvia Govetto

Pianist/Organist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host: Abby O'Connell

Stream/Tech lead: Tian Zhu

Today in the Parish

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Library News:

Archives Case

Have you viewed the 1611 King James Version of the Bible in the archives case yet? Please hurry if you haven't as a new display is

coming soon than to Stephanie Daugherty.

Book of the Week

[The Coronation of King Charles III](#)

by Williams George. 2023

History, ceremonies, participants, and significances to the British Commonwealth.

Also see:

[Angus and Nelly and the Kings Coronation.](#)

An Easy Reading Picture Book.



New Item in Literature Rack – right side of the narthex

The June/July copies of *Forward Movement: Day by Day* and *The UpperRoom* have arrived.

Summer Reading Program

Announcing the St. Thomas Library Summer Reading Program:
Build A Bouquet of Books!



This annual tradition begins on **Sunday, June 11** and continues through **Sunday, August 13**. There will be a bulletin board at the back of the church for individuals to write the book title and their names. For those who cannot attend church in person, the Library Committee will be happy to record your information.

Gift certificates will be awarded in both adult and child categories.

Worship schedule:

Sunday, April 30	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, May 7	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, May 14	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, May 21	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only	Holy Eucharist Rite I Morning Prayer
Sunday, May 28	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II

Spring Renewal Disturbance of Deacons!

From Deacon Bertram: For the Spring Renewal 2023, the Deacons in the Diocese of El Camino Real are organizing a project called "Spring Renewal Disturbance of Deacons!". We are all called to be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus out in the world and to show our love and respect for the dignity of every human being and all of God's creation.

The Diocesan deacons invite you to participate by donating the items listed below for the Spring Renewal 2023. If you do not plan to attend the Spring Renewal, please bring the items to church during the week before or on Sunday, 23rd April 2023. There will be a box at the church entrance for the items, which we will take to the event on April 28-29.

The deacons are looking to collect donations of

1. Infant supplies: Diapers, baby wipes
2. Toilet paper
3. Feminine products: Tampons, pads
4. General hygiene: Bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes

Donated items will be given to distribution centers in each deanery. Thank you!

Deacon Bertram bertramemail@gmail.com

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 potluck 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!

Spring Follies Revue May 21 It's time for another Follies Revue to have everyone connect in a fun way! Our Spring Follies will allow everyone to participate on Zoom following the 10:30 am Morning Prayer (zoom only) service on **Sunday, May 21**. We invite volunteers to participate by singing a song, playing some music, reading poetry, doing dramatic readings, or any other activity that can be shared on Zoom. The theme this time will focus on current and seasonal issues. If you want to perform please contact Pat Dare through the website at www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/

You may also participate by just being part of the audience and share by showing your appreciation to the performers.

There will be another session of Improv Theater as part of the Revue. Dena Ware is organizing the group for this. If you would like to participate, please contact Dena through the website at www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/

Save the date: All-Parish Workday June 10 The vestry has approved and scheduled a workday to address some specific projects along with general upkeep. Details to follow—please put this date **Saturday June 10** on your calendar!

General Announcements

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

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



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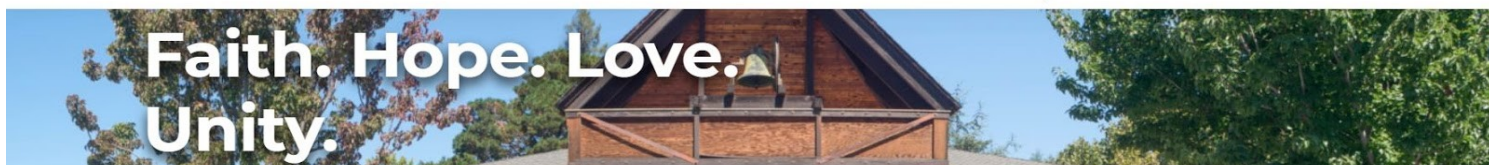
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menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located on the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “GIVE”, you will be taken to a new page where you may donate through PayPal, using a debit or credit card. OR, if you prefer, you may go directly 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.

Library Website Updates

Please click the yellow St. Thomas Book Club tab on this easy-to-use [site](#) to find a complete list of the 2023 books. Here you will locate the dates on which the Book Club meets. If you wish to join the club via Zoom, please contact Carol through our website

www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/

or the church office, Office@stthomas-svale.us

and a link will be sent to you. Remember, the library has copies of all the books.

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 Contact Sue Beckham through our website for information: www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/

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 through our website for information: www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/

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 Carol Campbell.

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

Parish Mission Statement

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!

We are becoming whom Jesus calls us to be: a spiritually-centered community dedicated to creating connections with God, each other, and our neighbors, so that we might walk together with love toward justice, compassion, and hope.

Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

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

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

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

Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer with Commemoration of a Saint,

led by Pastor Salying: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313271549>

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

Thursdays, 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group on Zoom

led by Deacon Bertram: - every Thursday

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09>

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**
Joe Gutierrez, **Junior Warden**

Gage McKinney, **Clerk**

2023
Pat Dare
Breno DeMedeiros
Abby O'Connell

2024
Nancy Allgeier
Gage McKinney
Rita Welsh

2025
Joe Gutierrez
Dena Ware
Emilee Wilhelm-Leen

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty

Hugo Lopez-Laguna

Mabel Cheng

Sherene Nagarajah

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Welcome

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

Rector: The Rev. Salying Wong.....pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.org
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Newsletter Editor: Anne Buelteman..... office@stthomas-svale.org

Accompanist: Michele Elizabeth Kemmerling

Our Daily Bread (ODB) Coordinator: David Barnes.....408-736-4108, odb@stthomas-svale.org

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

If you or a loved one is in urgent need of pastoral care (hospitalization, death in the family, etc.), PLEASE CALL US.

(The hospital does not always automatically notify the parish)

The Rev. Salying Wong, Rector..... 510-478-3554

Parish Office408-736-4155

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

You may invite prayers online through The Intercessory Prayer Chain
at prayerchain@stthomas-svale.org