

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023

Rite II, 10:30am



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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 please join us for coffee hour in Cowans Hall across the courtyard.*

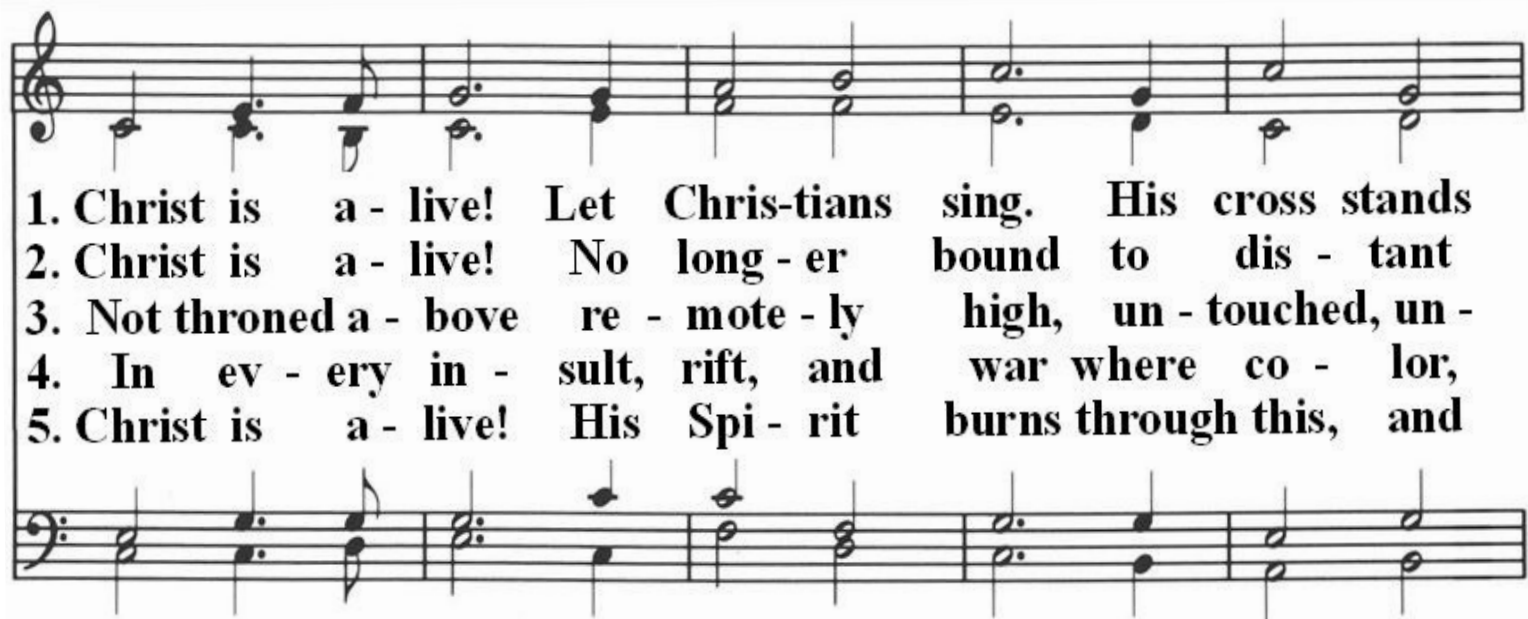
*Sonata No. 15*, 1st movement  
Benjamin Belew, piano

## Opening Hymn

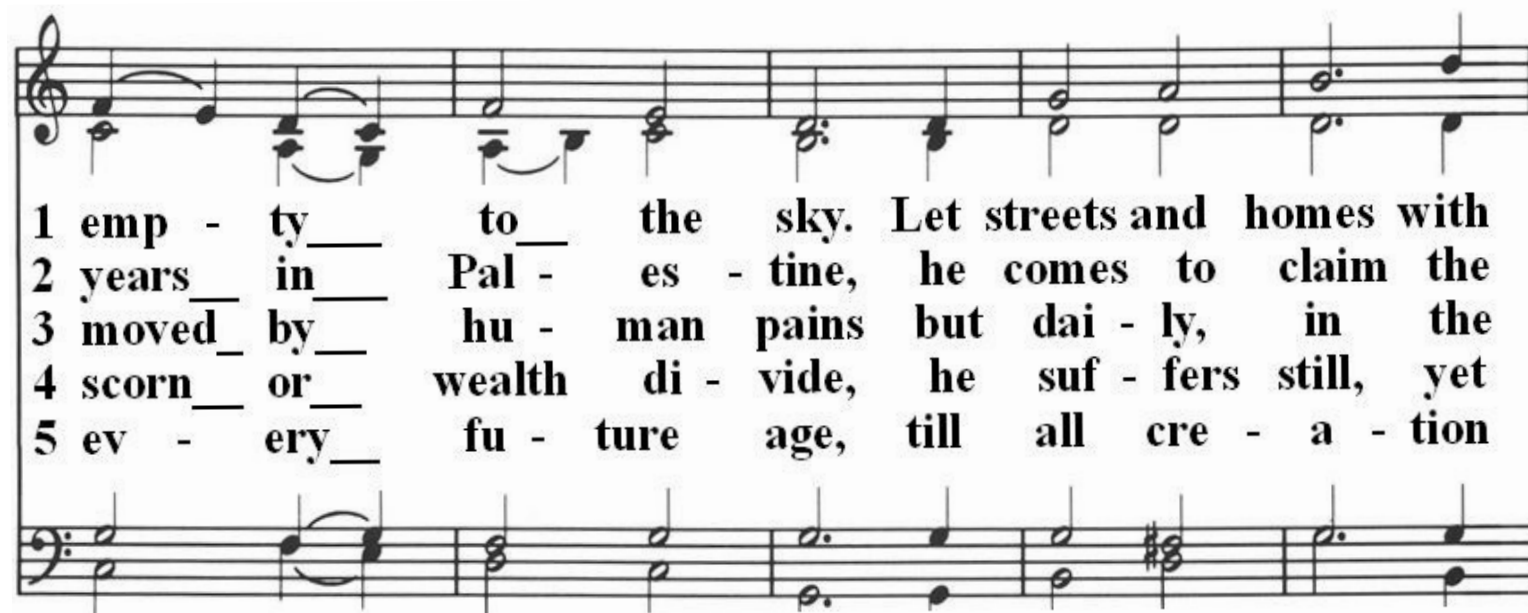
Hymnal #182

*Christ Is Alive*

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



1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3. Not throned a - bove re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5. Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this, and



1 emp - ty\_\_ to\_\_ the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years\_\_ in\_\_ Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved\_\_ by\_\_ hu - man pains but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn\_\_ or\_\_ wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery\_\_ fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

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1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice love, and praise.

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

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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## Greeting

Celebrant:

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People:

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia

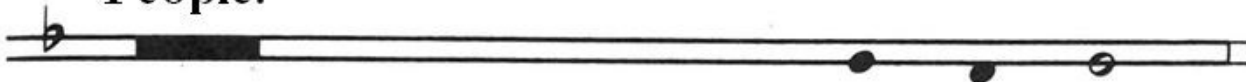
Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

## Acclamation

Celebrant:

There is one Body and one Spi - rit;

People:



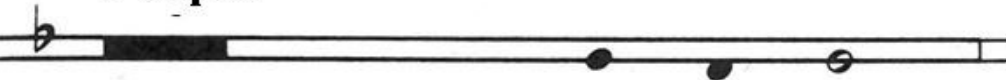
There is one hope in God's call to us.

Celebrant:



One Lord, one Faith, one Bap - tism;

People:

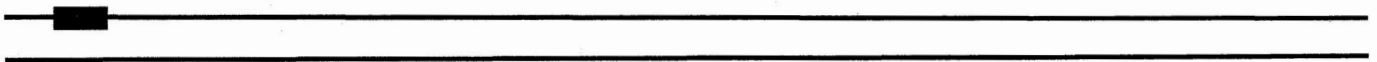


One God and Fa - ther of all.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. *Hymnal 1982*

## Collect for Purity

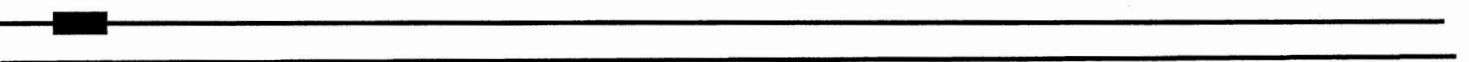
Celebrant:



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



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



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



love you and worthily magnify your ho - ly Name,



Through Christ our Lord. A - men.



# 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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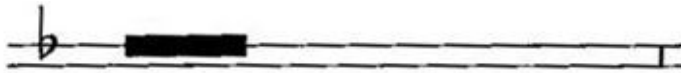
you a - lone\_ are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most\_

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: **And also with you**



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 23

*The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.*

*Zoom participants please stay muted.*

*Refrain:*




The Lord\_ is my shep-herd; I shall not\_\_ be in want.

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*



The Lord\_ is my shep-herd; I shall not\_\_ be in want.




He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*




The Lord\_ is my shep-herd; I shall not\_ be in want.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble  
me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*



The Lord\_ is my shep-herd; I shall not\_ be in want.

## The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example,

so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn

Hymnal # 646

### *The King of Love*

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

*Descant*

6 And so through all the length\_ of days thy\_\_

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with  
5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight, thy  
6 And so through all the length of days thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing\_ lack if  
 2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the\_ ver-dant  
 3 yet in love he sought me, and on his\_ shoul-der  
 4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and\_ staff my  
 5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth and oh, what trans-port  
 6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep-herd,\_ may I

6 sing thy praise with - in\_ thy\_ house\_ for ev - er.

1 I am\_ his, and he is mine for ev - er.  
 2 pas-tures\_ grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 3 gent - ly\_ laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought\_ me.  
 4 com-fort\_ still. Thy cross be - fore to guide\_ me.  
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!  
 6 sing thy\_ praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23

Music: *Dominus regit me*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); desc. David Willcocks (b. 1919)

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## **The Gospel:**

**John 10:1-10**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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.*



## HOLY BAPTISM

### Presentation of the Candidate for Holy Baptism

Celebrant: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
Parents and Godparents

I present **Faye** to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents:

I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents:

I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents:

I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?



Parents and Godparents:

I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents:

I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

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

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall  
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News  
of God in Christ?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your  
neighbor as yourself?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and  
respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive  
the Sacrament of new birth,  
Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:*

The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy

Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

Celebrant: Faye, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Faye, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and **People:**

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## 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

### Offertory Music

Gabriel Fauré

*Après un rêve*

Sophia DeMedeiros, 'cello

Benjamin Belew, piano

*Love One Another*

by James Chepponis

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

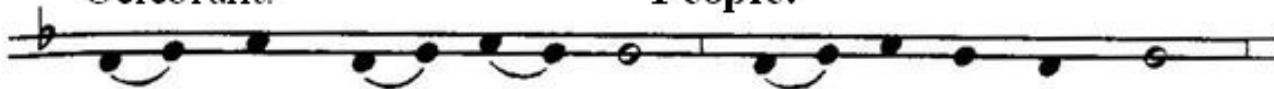
People: **And of your own have we given you.**

### Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer **EOW2**

Celebrant:

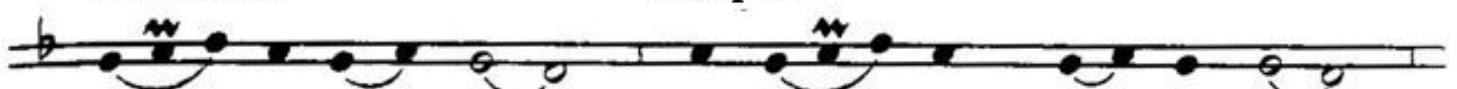
People:



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,

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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:



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the u - ni - ty

of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or,

glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er.

Celebrant and People:

A - MEN\_.

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)




Be \_\_ known to\_\_ us, Lord\_\_ Je - sus, in the  
Be \_\_ known to\_\_ us, Lord\_\_ Je - sus, in the




break-ing\_\_ of the bread. Be\_\_ bread. The\_  
break-ing\_\_ of the



bread which we break al - le - lu - ia is the com -



mun-ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be\_\_



known to\_\_ us Lord\_\_ Je - sus, in the break-ing\_\_ of the



Choir:

bread. One\_ bod - y are we al - le - lu - ia, for though

Congregation:

man-y, we share\_ one\_ bread. Be\_ known to\_ us, Lord\_

Je - sus, in the break-ing\_ of the bread.

Setting: Gary James (b. 1957)  
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## The Communion

*Everyone is invited to come forward to receive Communion.*

*Please come to the rail.*

- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able.*
- *As a symbol of our unity as the body of Christ, the wine will be served from the flagon into individual cups after the consecration. Once you have consumed your wine, please place the cup on one of the trays near the aisles.*
- *If you do not wish to receive communion, you may receive a blessing: please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you wish to be blessed.*
- *Gluten free bread is available upon asking.*

## Communion Hymn

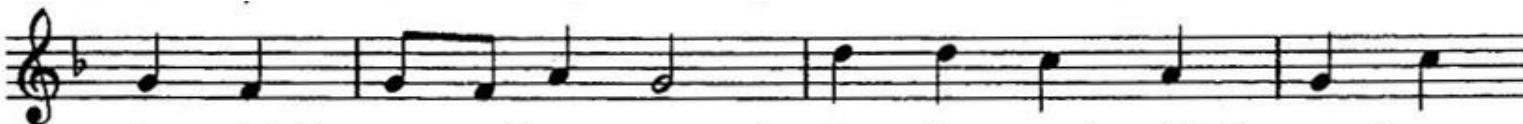
Hymnal #341

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

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



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our



wine which you\_ have poured, for the words which you have  
 gift of peace\_ re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
 at our Fa - ther's board may the Church still wait - ing  
 hearts keep watch\_ and ward, in the world to which you



spo - ken, now we\_\_\_ give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low\_\_\_ all our lives. O Lord.  
 for you keep Love's\_ tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 send us let your\_\_\_ king - dom come, O Lord.

Words: Louis F. Benson (1855-1930), alt.  
 Music: Beng-Li, I-to Loh (b. 1936)

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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 #708

### *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

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

1 Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant\_ pas - tures feed\_ us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, \_ our\_ on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy\_ folds pre - pare. Bless - ed\_ Je - sus!  
with thy love our\_ bos - oms fill. Bless - ed\_ Je - sus!

Bless - ed\_ Je - sus! Thou\_ hast\_ bought\_ us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed\_ Je - sus! Thou\_ hast\_ loved\_ us, love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt.

Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

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## The Dismissal

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

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

*Sonata No. 15*, 4th movement  
Benjamin Belew, piano

St. Thomas Episcopal Church welcomes into our family

*Faye Meredith Rosgen*

with her parents

Bill Rosgen and Lana Sheridan

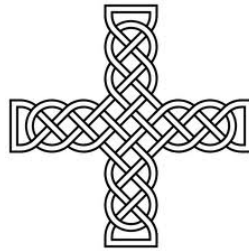
and godparents

Rebecca Davidson

Romain Kang

Douglas Stabila

Aer van de Water



**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 Pietrzyk(Patricia Pietrzyk), Lou Poulain

**Cantor:** Abby O'Connell

**Pianist/Organist:** Benjamin Belew

**Zoom Host:** Fulvia Govetto

**Stream/Tech lead:** Tian Zhu/Andrew Yeh

**Today in the Parish**

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

After worship at 10:30 - Please join us for cake to celebrate Faye's baptism!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Coffee Hour Hosts and Lectors needed** We enjoy hospitality at the church and it takes servants to make sure it happens. If you can help set up and clean up after coffee hour, please let Pastor Salying know. Also, if you can serve as a reader at either service, please also let Pastor Salying know.

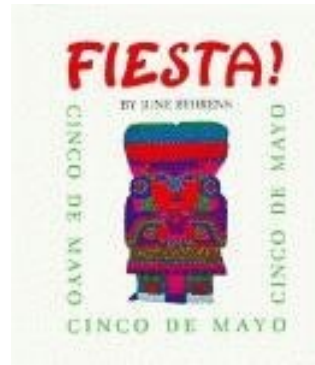
## Library News: Archives Case

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 April 30

[\*Fiesta! Cinco de Mayo\*](#) by June Behrens

Describes the commemoration of the victory of the Mexican army over the French army on May 5, 1862, a victory which signaled the end of foreign invasions of North America.



**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, 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 Pentecost	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). Our May theme is celebrating the art and culture of Mexico. Join us **Friday, May 5, 6:30 pm** in Cowans Hall to share a pot-luck meal and have some **Cinco de Mayo** fun! Please bring a dish to share and serving utensils.



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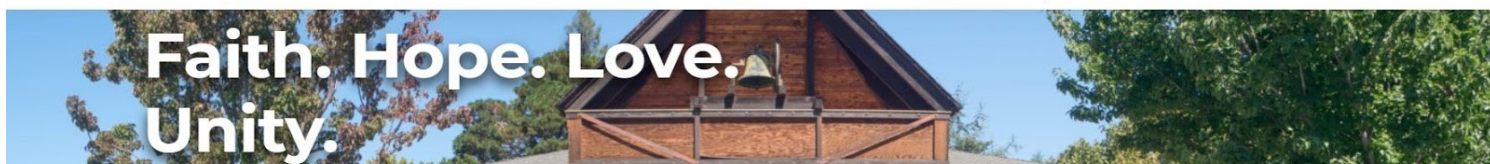
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menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located on the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “GIVE”, you will be taken to a new page where you may donate through PayPal, using a debit or credit card. OR, if you prefer, you may go directly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

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=9C43D8TLRQCLU&source=url](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/](http://www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/) or the church office, [Office@stthomas-svale.us](mailto: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).

Please contact Deacon Bertram ([bertramemail@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us).

**Family Ministry** Contact Sue Beckham through our website for information: [www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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 May 22** and will be hosted by Patricia Pietrzyk.

Using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss ***Dinners with Ruth: a memoir on the power of friendships*** by Nina Totenberg. Celebrated NPR correspondent Nina Totenberg delivers an extraordinary memoir of her personal successes, struggles, and life-affirming relationships, including her beautiful friendship of nearly fifty years with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Please join us—contact Patricia through our website [www.stthomas-svale.org/contact](http://www.stthomas-svale.org/contact) for the Zoom link.

An updated **Announcement page** is available on line at  
[https://docs.google.com/document/  
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and updates of various parish events and activities may also be found on our website at [www.stthomas-svale.org](http://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: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09)

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Meeting ID: 896 9918 8717 Passcode: 225424

One tap mobile: +16699009128,,89699188717#,,,\*225424# US (San Jose)

**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](http://www.stthomas-svale.org)*



## **Parish Mission Statement**

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!

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

THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

Abby O'Connell, **Senior Warden**  
Joe Gutierrez, **Junior Warden**

2023  
Pat Dare  
Breno DeMedeiros  
Abby O'Connell

2024  
Nancy Allgeier  
Gage McKinney  
Rita Welsh

2025  
Joe Gutierrez  
Dena Ware  
Emilee Wilhelm-Leen

Gage McKinney, **Clerk**

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty

Hugo Lopez-Laguna

Mabel Cheng

Sherene Nagarajah

St. Thomas website: [www.stthomas-svale.org](http://www.stthomas-svale.org)

**Welcome**

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

**Rector:** The Rev. Salying Wong.....[pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.org](mailto:pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.org)  
or 510-478-3554

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