

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

Rite II, 10:30am

He is
Risen!

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Holy Eucharist

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.*

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

Easter Cantata—Prelude

Kay, trumpet

Ben, piano

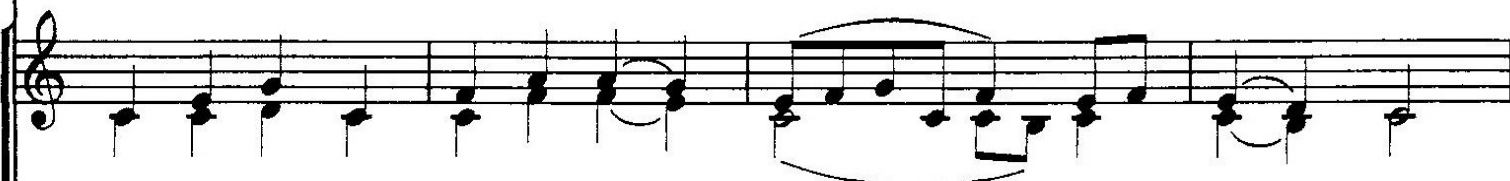
Opening Hymn

Hymnal #207

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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

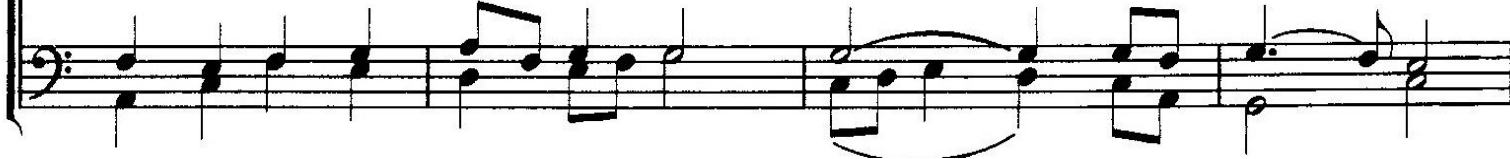
Descant



1	Je - sus Christ is	risen to - day,	Al	-	le - lu - ia!
2	Hymns of praise then	let us sing,	Al	-	le - lu - ia!
3	But the pains which	he en - dured,	Al	-	le - lu - ia!
4	Sing we to our	God a - bove,	Al	-	le - lu - ia!



	our tri - um - phant	ho - ly	day,	Al	-	le - lu - ia!
	un - to Christ, our	heaven - ly	King,	Al	-	le - lu - ia!
	our sal - va - tion	have pro -	cured,	Al	-	le - lu - ia!
	praise e - ter - nal	as his	love,	Al	-	le - lu - ia!



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who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

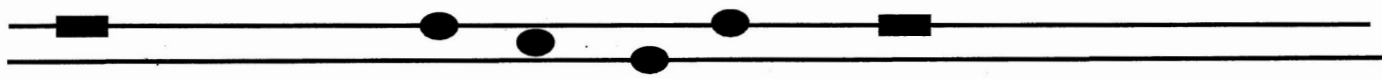
Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt.;
 desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950

77. 77 with Alleluias

Greeting (Sung 3 times)

Celebrant:

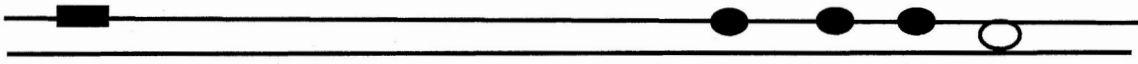
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.



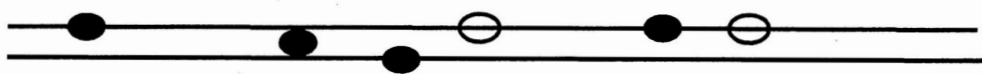
and from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our



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

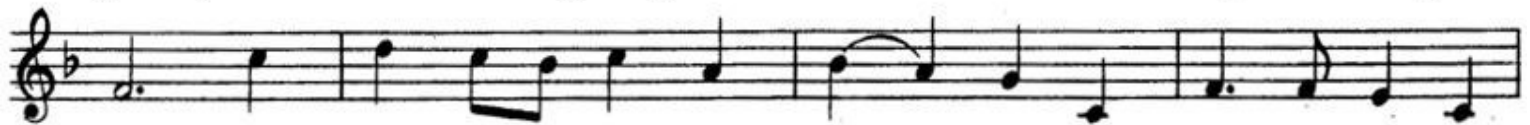
Please join in singing the Gloria. Zoom participants please stay muted/



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



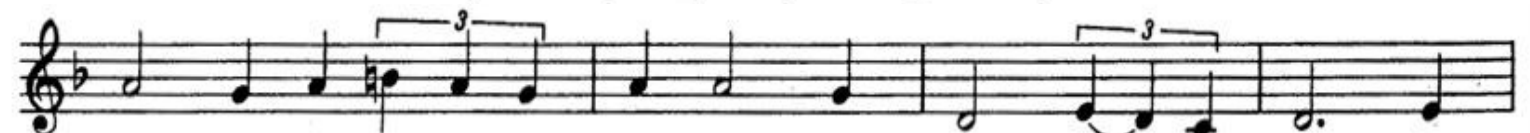
peace ___ to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly



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

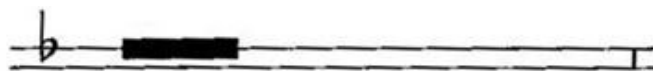


Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God Lamb_ of God, 4.you

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,
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 Easter Day



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

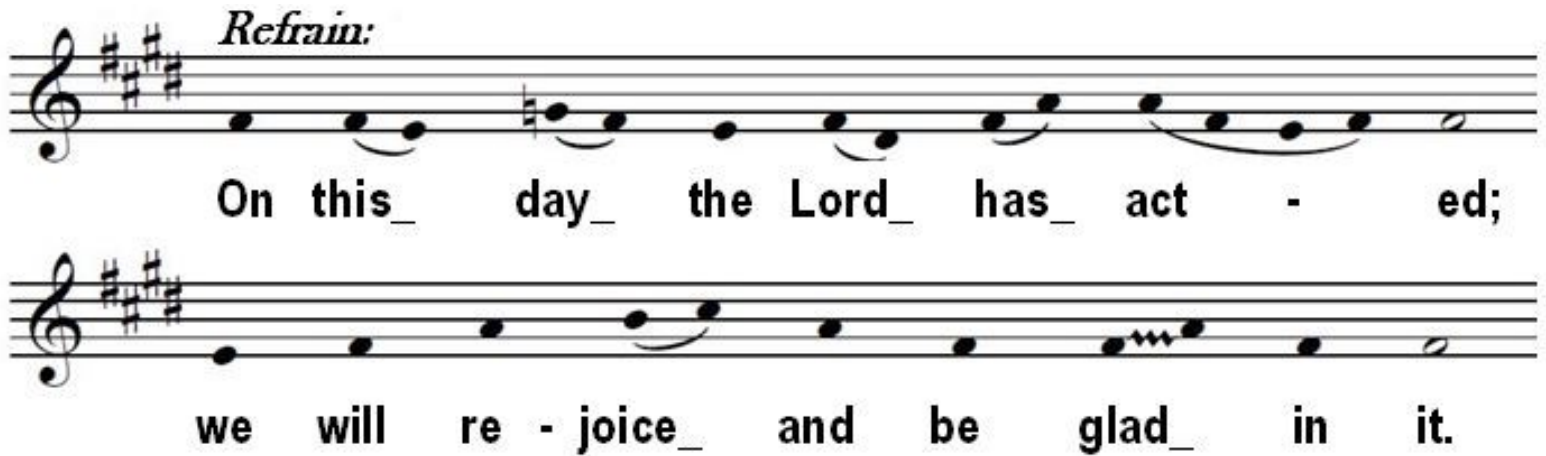
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

Refrain:



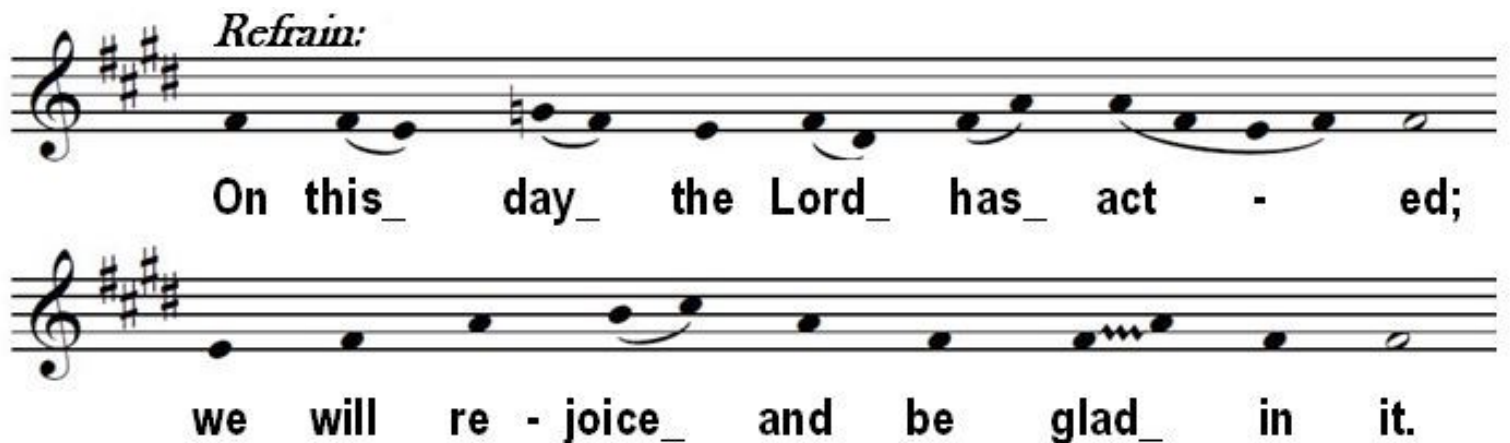
On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - jice_ and be glad_ in it.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation. *Refrain*

Refrain:



On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - jice_ and be glad_ in it.

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" *Refrain (as above)*

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death. *Refrain*

Refrain:

On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter." *Refrain*

Refrain:

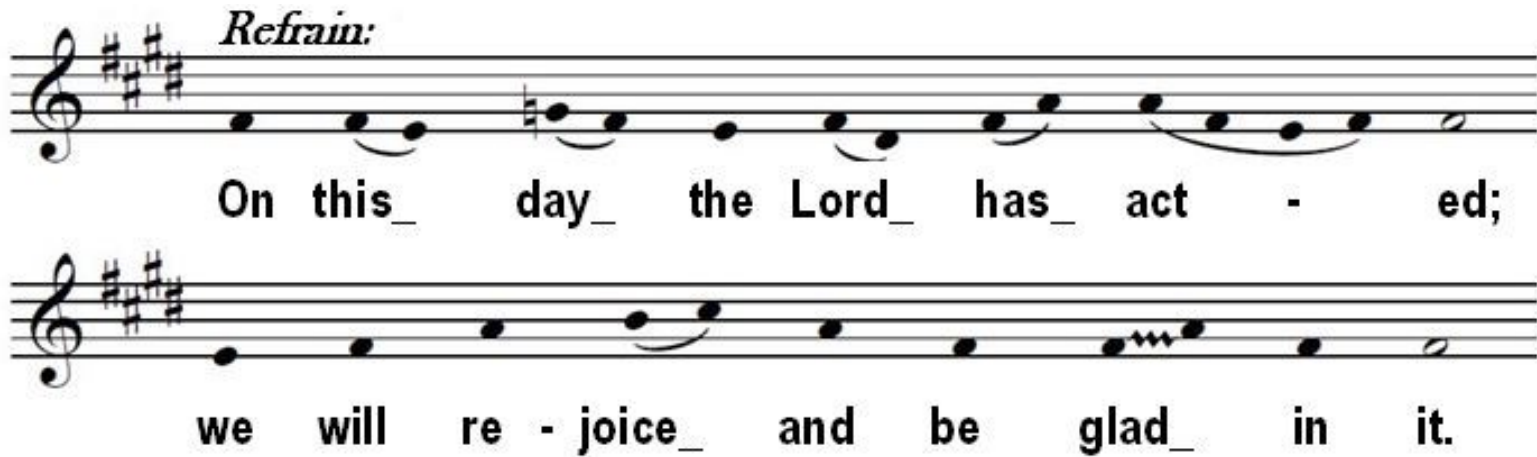
On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes. *Refrain*

Refrain:



On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - jice_ and be glad_ in it.

The Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #189

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1 there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1 Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions they fail not,
 2 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1 As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2 To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3 Bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side!

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Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

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The Gospel:

John 20:1-18

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my

Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

As you are sprinkled, it is appropriate to make the sign of the cross.

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.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy
Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

People: Amen.



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

Benjamin Belew

Easter Cantata—Anthem

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

James, soloist

Kay, trumpet

Ami, percussion

Ben, piano

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

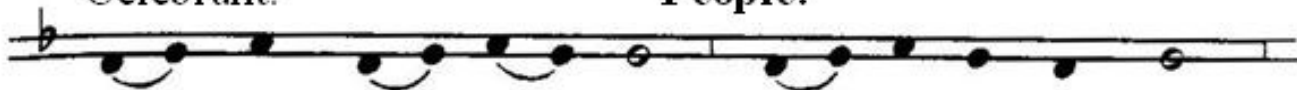
People: **And of your own have we given you.**

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer **EOW2**

Celebrant:

People:



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

Celebrant:

People:



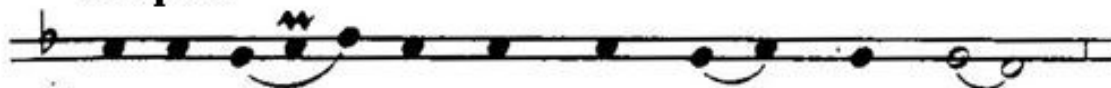
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

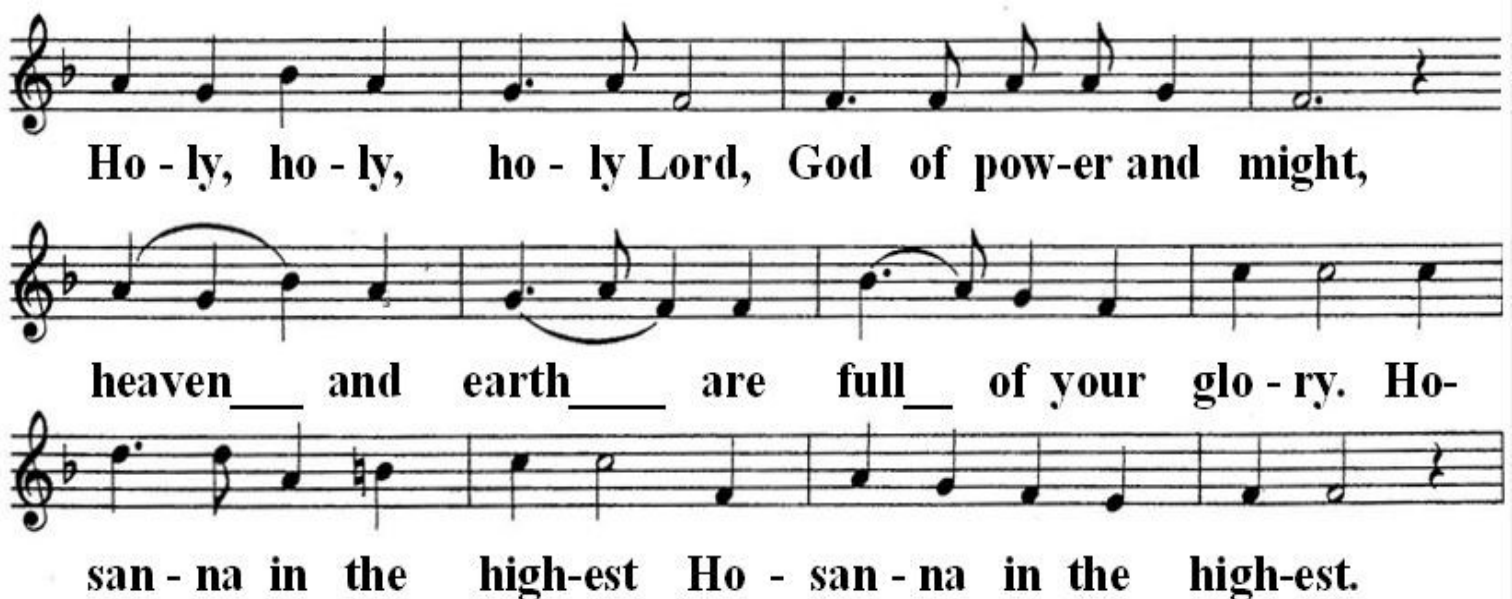
Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
 source of life abundant.
 From before time you made ready the creation.
 Your Spirit moved over the deep
 and brought all things into being:
 sun, moon, and stars;
 earth, winds, and waters;
 and every living thing.
 You made us in your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

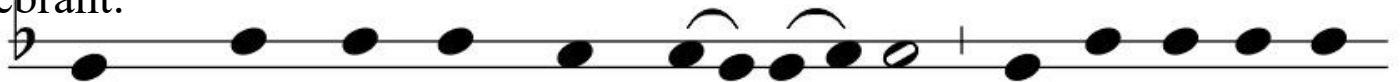
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

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.

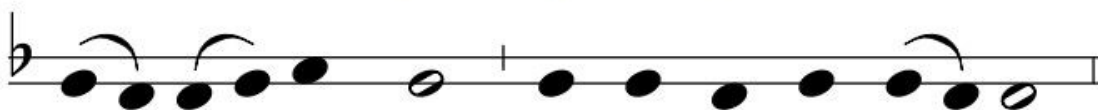
Celebrant:



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

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Be Known to Us

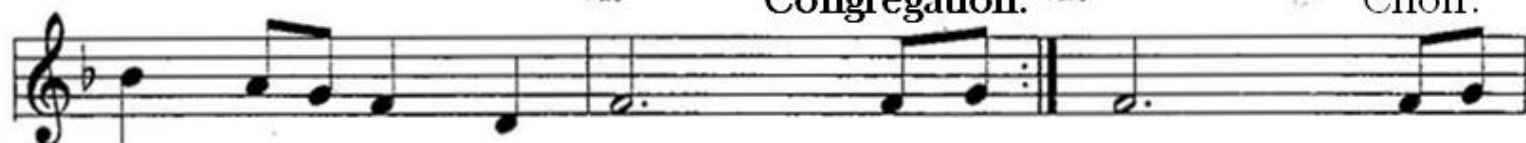
The Choir will lead the Fraction Anthem. All are invited to sing the responses. Zoom attendees please stay muted

Choir: *(1st time; Congregation repeats)*



Be ___ known to ___ us, Lord ___ Je - sus, in the
Be ___ known to ___ us, Lord ___ Je - sus, in the

1. Congregation: 2. Choir:



break-ing_ of the bread. **Be__ bread.** The_
break-ing_ of the



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



Congregation:

mun-ion of the bod - y of Christ. **Be__**

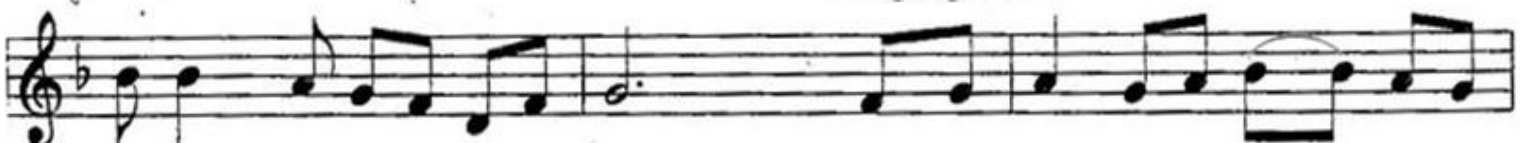


Choir:

known to__ us Lord__ Je - sus, in the break-ing_ of the



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.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive Communion.

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Please come to the rail.

- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able.*
- *Communion will be in bread only. No wine will be served.*
- *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

G. F. Handel, from *Messiah*

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Jean Platner, soloist

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 #208
see next page

The Strife Is O'er

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

Antiphon (at the beginning and end)

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

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2. The powers of death have done their worst,
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped;
 4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell,
 5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,

the vic - to - ry of life is won; the song of
 but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed; let shouts of
 he ris - es glo - rious from the dead; all glo - ry
 the bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell, let hymns of
 from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free, that we may

tri - umph has be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise his tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 live, and sing to thee: Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat antiphon

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Benjamin Belew

Easter Cantata—Anthem (reprise)

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

James, soloist

Kay, trumpet

Ami, percussion

Ben, piano



The Easter Offering will benefit
The flood victims of Pajaro
and
the ongoing needs of St. Thomas parish.

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: Cal Cornwell, Sophia DeMedeiros

Cantor: Patricia Pietrzyk

Pianist/Organist: Benjamin Belew

Trumpet: Kay

Percussion: Ami

Soloist: James

Zoom Host: Lou Poulain

Stream/Tech Team: Andrew Yeh

Easter Flowers

The Easter flowers are dedicated in honor of the following:

Given by - Jeannie Battagin in loving memory of
my parents

Walt Menzies and Tish Menzies

The Campbell Family, in loving memory of
David Campbell

Jim & Donna Cobb, in loving memory of
George Hiers, Jane & Pat Tomlinson,
and *James Cobb*

Mo and Gareth Davies in loving memory of
David Davies, Eric Ford, Nancy Ford

Naveen Prasad Raja Durairaj in loving memory of
Rani, Ponnaiyan, Jenaraj

Joe Gutierrez in loving memory of
my father, my mother, and my brother
Jose, Rosa, and George

Mary Jane Larson in loving memory of
Jane Doman and Gerald Larson

Peg Prior, in honor of
Our Wedding Anniversary

Today in the Parish

Easter Day Festivities Worship today will be followed by a special pot-luck **Easter brunch** and a festive **Easter Egg Hunt**.

Easter Sunday Brunch 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. Although we have asked for side dishes, 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 Wear your best bonnet and be sure to bring your basket to take home your haul of candy.

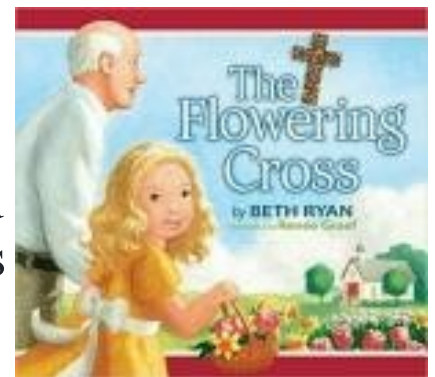
UPCOMING EVENTS

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 9
[The Flowering Cross](#) by Beth Ryan

Neighbor Papa Jack has a surprise for six-year-old Katie, after she picks the prettiest flowers from his garden for the Flowering of the Cross ritual at her church's annual Easter service.



New Item in Literature Rack – right side of the narthex
Celebrating the 50 Days of Easter from Forward Movement. The 50 days of Easter are an opportunity to practice living as a resurrected people.

Save the Dates / Worship schedule:

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 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. Please submit any requests to the office, and include the date and name of the honoree as applicable.

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



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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 Devotions tab on this easy-to-use [site](#) to find a broad range of online devotions, including *The Upper Room*, *Forward Day by Day*, Daily prayer podcasts from the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*, & the Archives to Morning Prayer Canterbury Cathedral.

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

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=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VGJlJUT09>
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**

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

Welcome

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

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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