

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7 2023

Morning Prayer

10:30am



The Stoning of St. Stephen - Paolo Uccello

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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.

Announcements

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg/edit?usp=sharing

The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries



Prelude

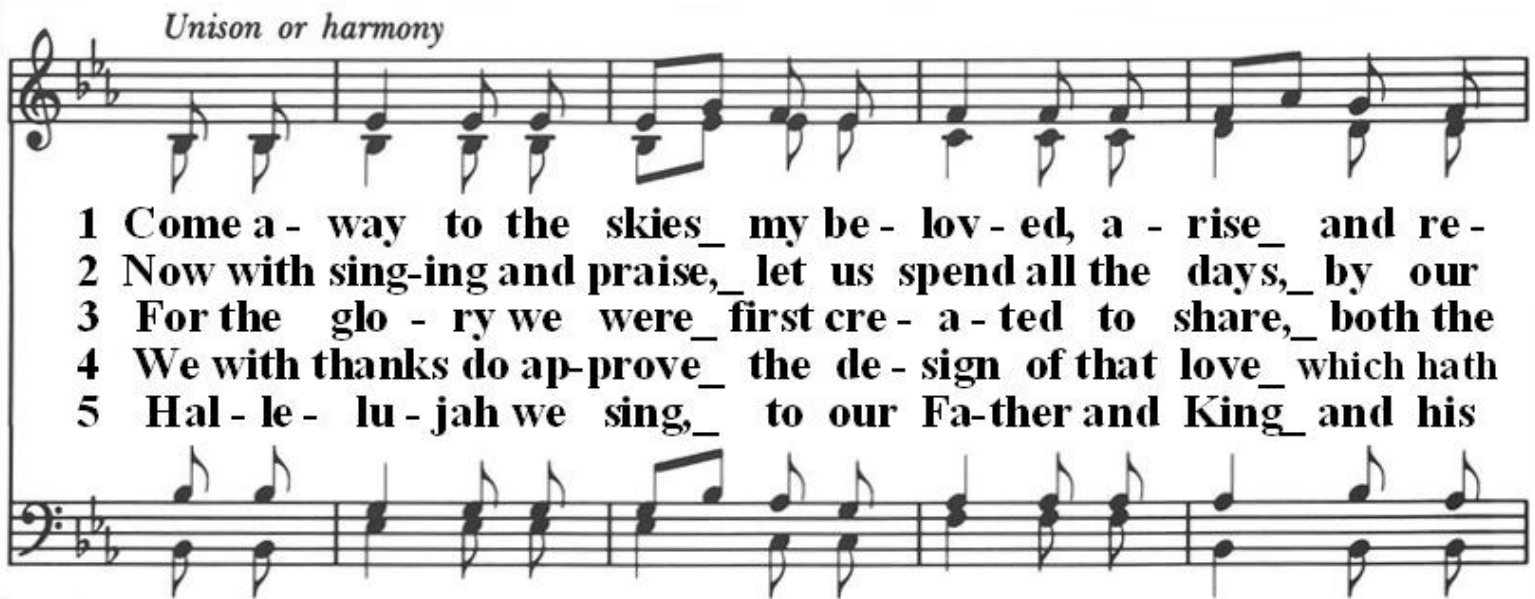
Opening Hymn

Hymnal #213

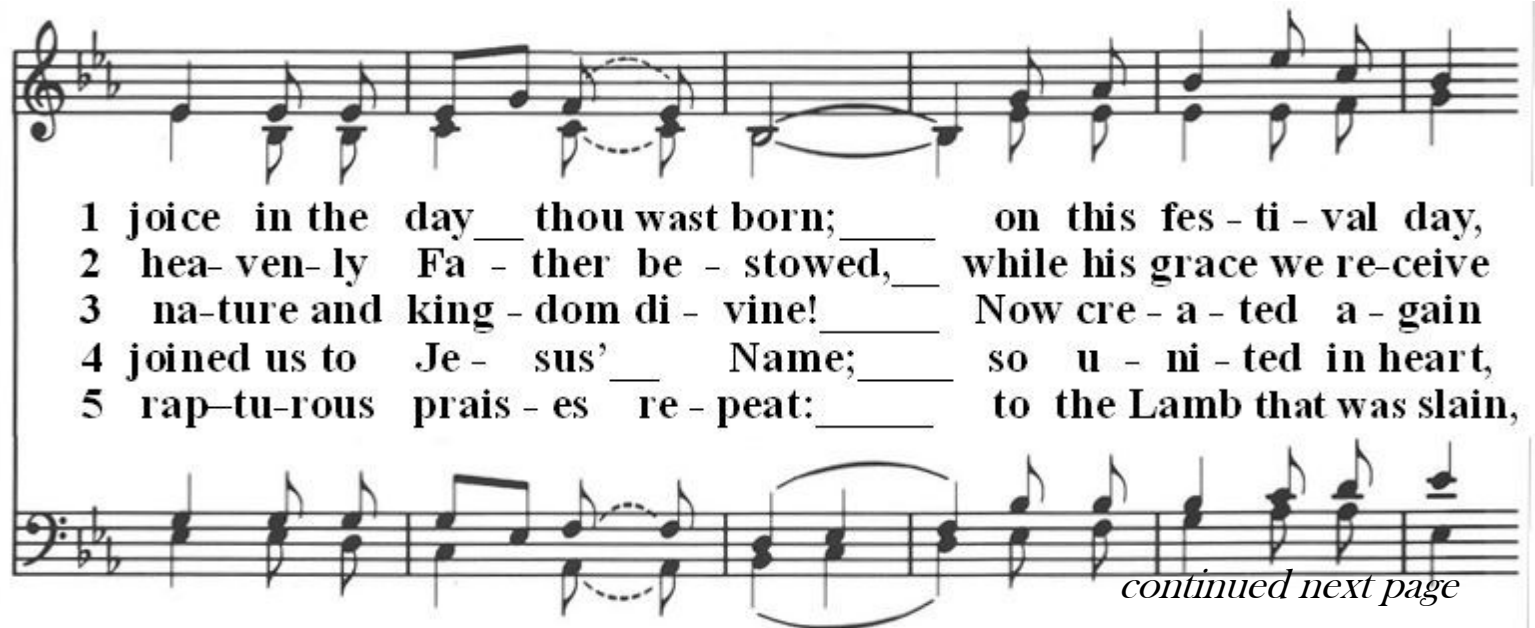
Come Away to the Skies

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

Unison or harmony



1 Come a - way to the skies_ my be - lov - ed, a - rise_ and re -
2 Now with sing - ing and praise,_ let us spend all the days,_ by our
3 For the glo - ry we were_ first cre - a - ted to share,_ both the
4 We with thanks do ap - prove_ the de - sign of that love_ which hath
5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing,_ to our Fa - ther and King_ and his



1 joice in the day__ thou wast born;_____ on this fes - ti - val day,
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed,_____ while his grace we re - ceive
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine!_____ Now cre - a - ted a - gain
4 joined us to Je - sus' _____ Name;_____ so u - ni - ted in heart,
5 rap - tu - rous prais - es re - peat:_____ to the Lamb that was slain,

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1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. __
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. __
 3 that our lives may re - main through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. __
 4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast _ of the Lamb. _
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all hea - ven and fall _ at his feet. __

Words: Anon., *The Southern Harmony*, 1835, alt.

Music: Middlebury, melody from *The Southern Harmony*; harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946)

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The Peace

Officiant: The peace of God be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with a namaste of peace.

The bell tolls and the officiant continues.

Eastertide opening sentence

Enriching Our Worship 1

Officiant: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV

Opening versicle

Officiant: O Lord let our mouths proclaim your praise

People: **And your glory all the day long.**

Doxology

**All: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

Eastertide Antiphon

V. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

R. **O come let us worship. Alleluia.**

Invitatory Psalm: Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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)

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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

Refrain:

You have re - deemed me, O__ Lord__ God__ of truth.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me. *Refrain*


Refrain:

You have re - deemed me, O__ Lord__ God__ of truth.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength. *Refrain*

Refrain:




You have re - deemed me, O__ Lord__ God__ of truth.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

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

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

Refrain:



You have re - deemed me, O__ Lord__ God__ of truth.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,”

he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Lector: A reading from the first letter to Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,

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

People: Thanks be to God

By All Your Saints Still Striving

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



1 By all your saints still_ stri-ving, for all your saints at rest,
 2 All praise, O Lord for_ *Ste-phen*, who mar-tyred saw you stand
 3 Then let us praise the_ Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son



your ho - ly Name, O_ Je - sus, for ev-er - more_ be blessed.
 to help in time of_ tor-ment, to stand at_ God's_ right hand
 and sing to God the_ Spi - rit, e - ter-nal_ three_ in One,



You rose, our King vic- tor - ious, that they might wear the crown,
 Like you, our suff'r-ing Sa-rior, his en - e - mies he blessed
 till all the ran-somed num-ber who stand be-fore the throne



and ev - er shine in_ splen-dor re - flect-ed_ from_ your throne.
 with "Lord, re-ceive my_ spi - rit" his faith in_ death_ con-fessed
 a - scribe all power and_ glo - ry and praise to_ God_ a - bove.

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The Gospel: John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you. Lord Christ

Sermon

There will be a period of silence for meditation.

Anthem

Paul Ritchie

An Easter People

Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Benjamin Belew, accompanist

The Prayers

Officiant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us 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 Apostles' Creed

Celebrant and **People:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

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.
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. Amen.**

The Suffrages

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V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collects

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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!

Officiant adds blessing.

Blessing for Eastertide

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.**

Concluding Sentence

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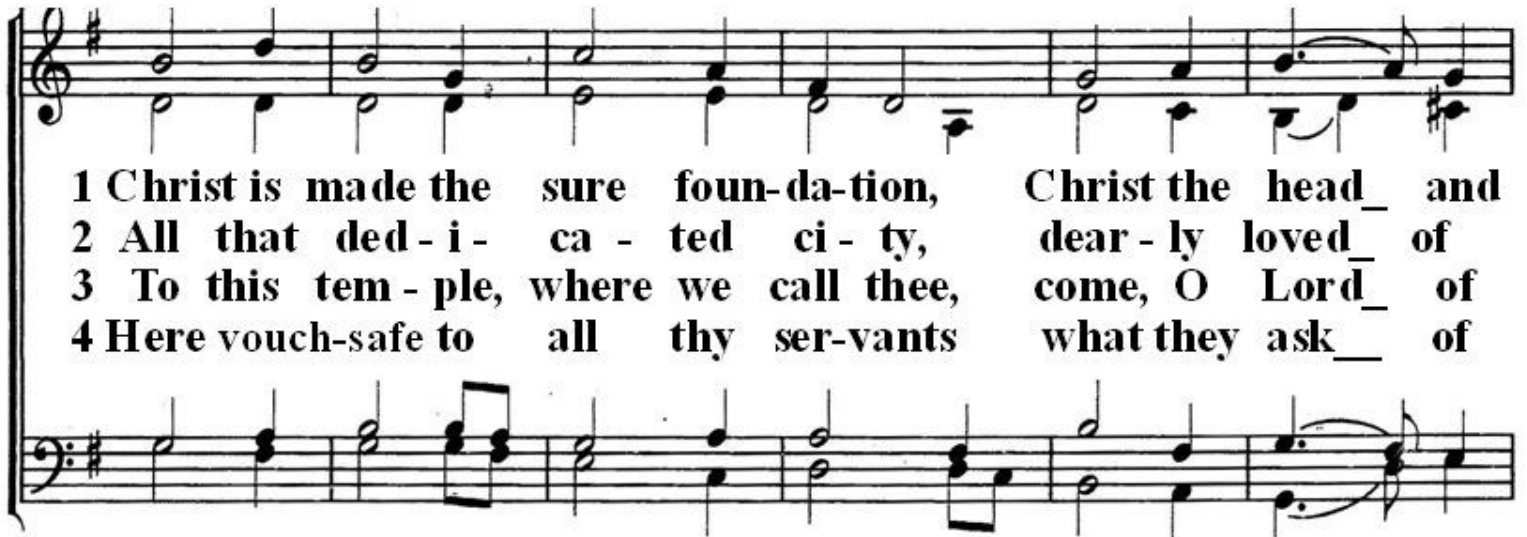
Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

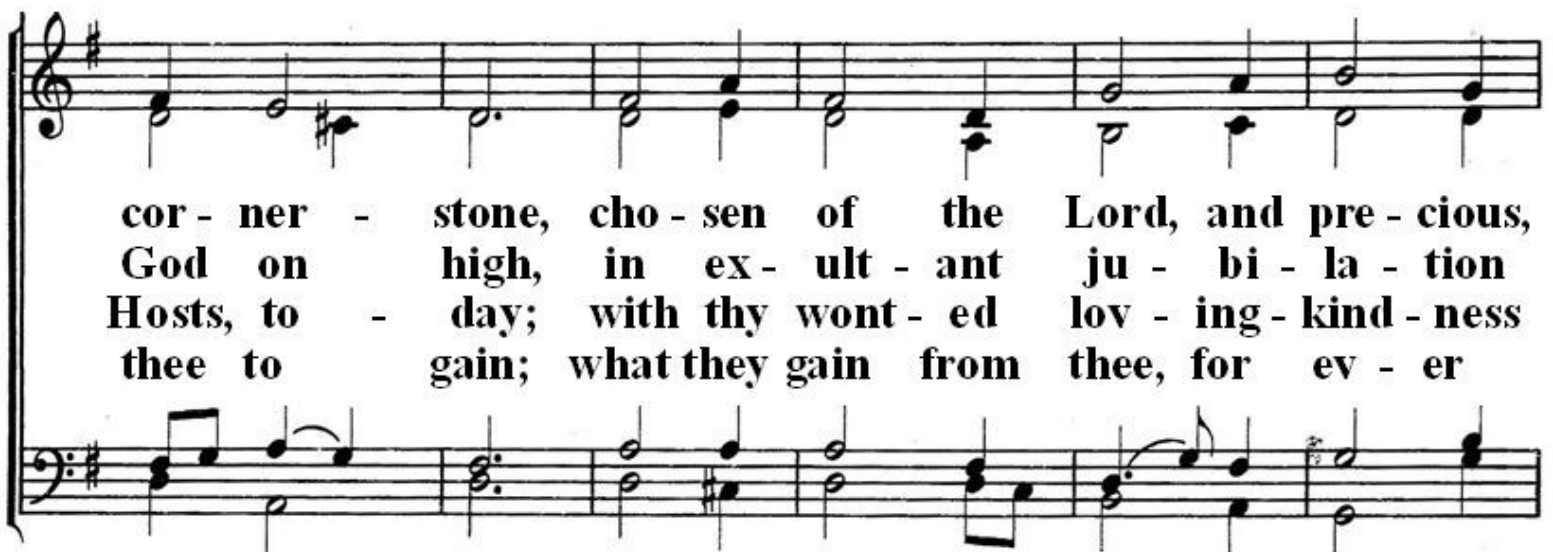
Hymnal #518

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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



1 Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head_ and
2 All that ded-i-ca-ted ci-ti-ty, dear-ly loved_ of
3 To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord_ of
4 Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask_ of



cor-ner - stone, cho-sen of the Lord, and pre-cious,
God on high, in ex-ult-ant ju-bi-la-tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev-er

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bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

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The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Serving us today

Officiant: Lou Poulain, LLP
Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong
Intercessor/Responder: Jim Cobb
Lectors: John Pietrzyk, Patricia Pietrzyk
Cantors: John McVey, Susan McVey
Pianist/Organist: Benjamin Belew
Zoom Host: Aer van de Water
Stream/Tech lead: Steve Williams

Today in the Parish

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

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:

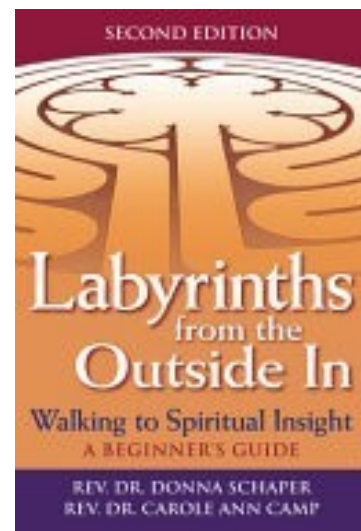
Archives Case

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 May 7

May 6 was World Labyrinth Day. The theme was "Walk as One at 1".

[*Labyrinths from the outside in: walking to spiritual insight*](#)



by the Rev. Donna Schaper

A labyrinth is a circuitous path that people have used as a form of prayer and meditation for thousands of years—a path that is being rediscovered as a spiritual tool in our own day.

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 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
Sunday, June 4 Trinity	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, June 11 2nd Pent. proper 5	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, June 18 3rd Pent. proper 6	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only	Holy Eucharist Rite I Morning Prayer

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/

Agape Circle First Friday of each month (mostly!) at 6:30pm, Cowans Hall (we will observe "mask" protocols as necessary). Next will be June 2. Details to follow.

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 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).

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 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 for the Zoom link.

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

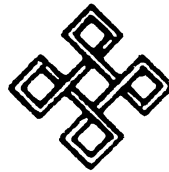
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Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

*Please see website for week-to-week information:
www.stthomas-svale.org*

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.

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!

Rector: The Rev. Salying Wong.....pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us
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Our Daily Bread (ODB) Coordinator: David Barnes.....408-736-4108, odb@stthomas-svale.org

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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

(The hospital does not always automatically notify the parish)

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

Parish Office.....408-736-4155

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

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