

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

Rite II, 10:30am

*I will not leave you orphaned;
I am coming to you*



*...he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you forever.*

John, Chapter 14

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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.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #705

As Those of Old

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

Unison or harmony

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and
*2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv - er of all good, the
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of boun-teous yield; so we to - day our
God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 call - ing us to make the dream come true; a
 us thy - self in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
 world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Words: Frank von Christierson (b. 1900), alt.

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

CMD

Greeting

Celebrant:

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

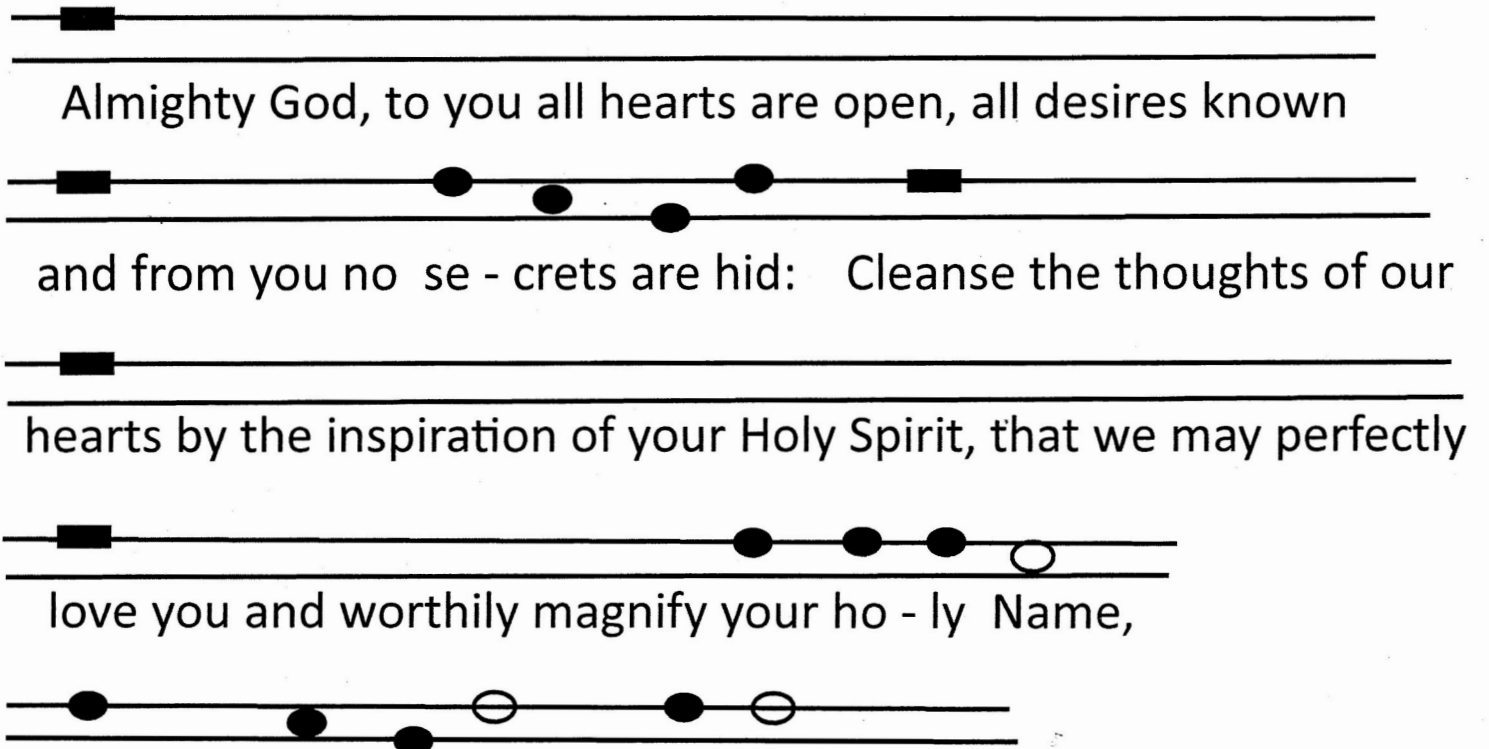
People:

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

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

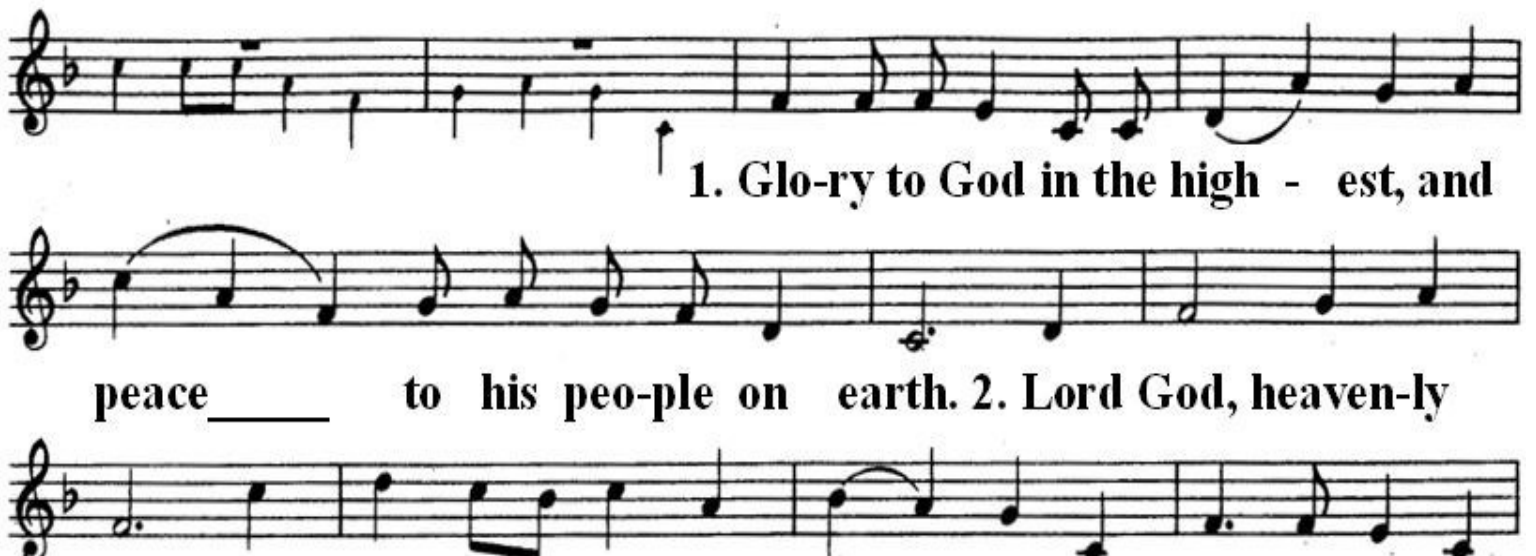


Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known
and from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify your ho - ly Name,
Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

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,_



you a - lone__ are the Lord, 7.you a - lone are the Most_

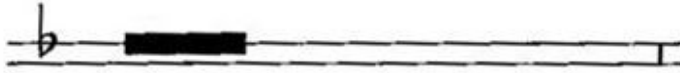


High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God___ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: **And also with you**



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far

from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

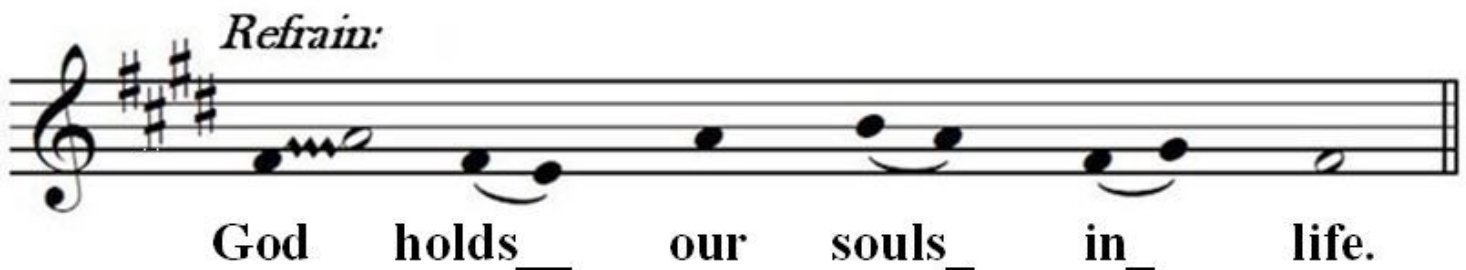
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 66:7-18

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

Refrain:



God holds_ our souls_ in_ life.

Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip. *Refrain (as above)*

For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. *Refrain*

Refrain:

God holds__ our souls_ in_ life.

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I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my
VOWS,
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was
in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. *Refrain*

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Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue. *Refrain*

Refrain:

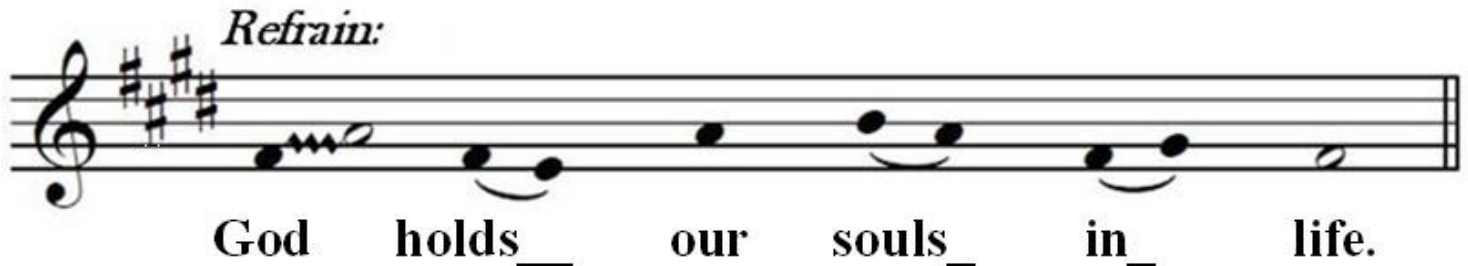
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If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me. *Refrain*



The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--

not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him..

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #455

O Love of God

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



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark-ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know-ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

LM

The Gospel:

John 14:15-21

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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 Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



The Prayers of the People 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

Offertory Anthem

John Rutter

Look At the World

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Benjamin Belew, accompanist

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

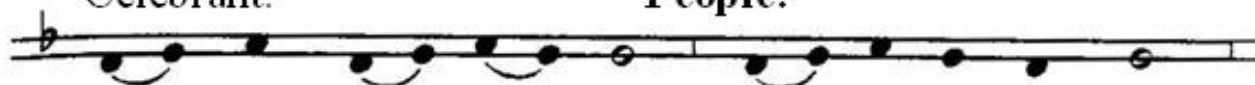
People: **And of your own have we given you.**

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer **EOW2**

Celebrant:

People:



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

Celebrant:

People:



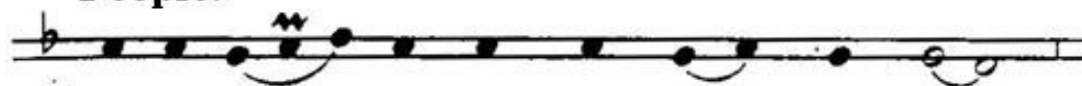
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

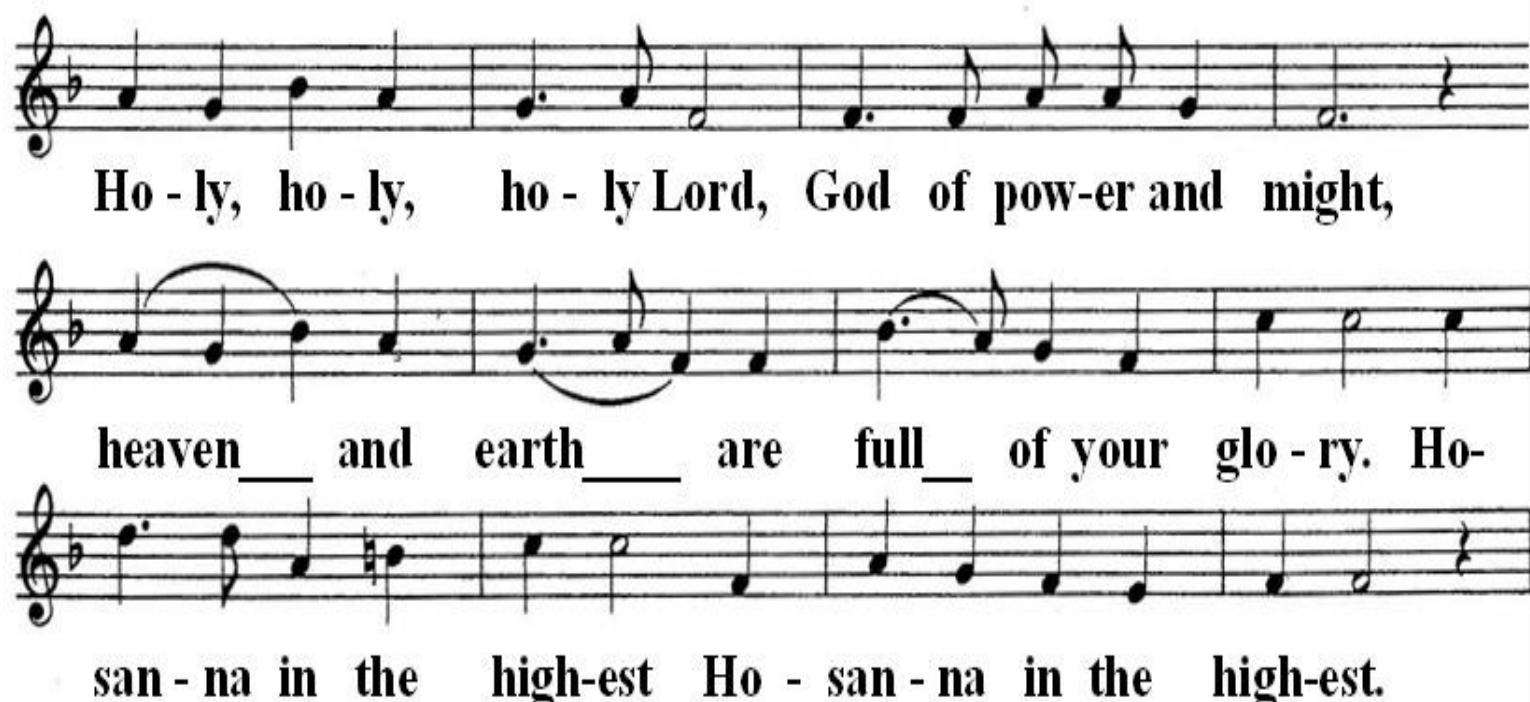
Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
 source of life abundant.
 From before time you made ready the creation.
 Your Spirit moved over the deep
 and brought all things into being:
 sun, moon, and stars;
 earth, winds, and waters;
 and every living thing.
 You made us in your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

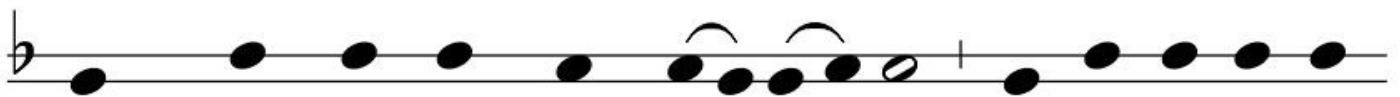
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

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.

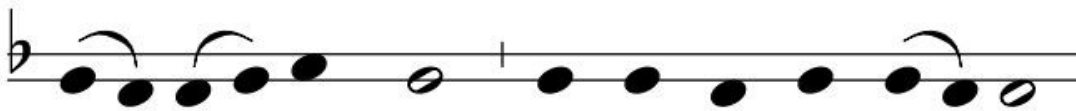
In the fullness of time bring us,
with Thomas and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.



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

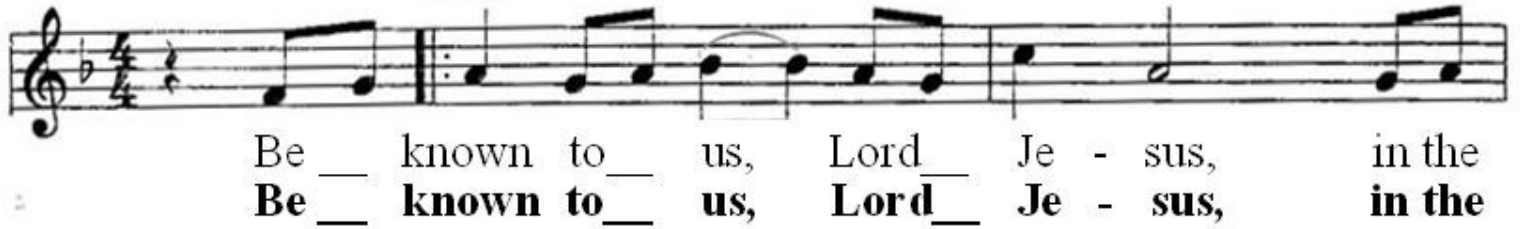
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Be Known to Us

*The Choir will lead the Fraction Anthem. All are invited to sing the responses.
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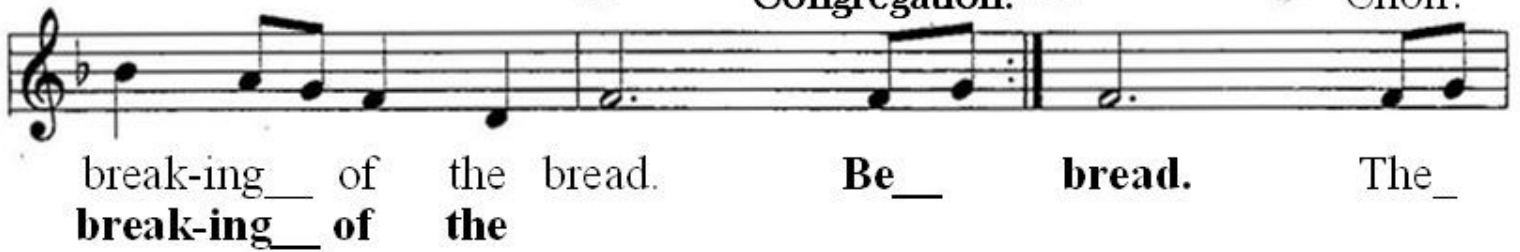
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Choir: (1st time; Congregation repeats)



Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the

1. Congregation: 2. Choir:



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break-ing of the

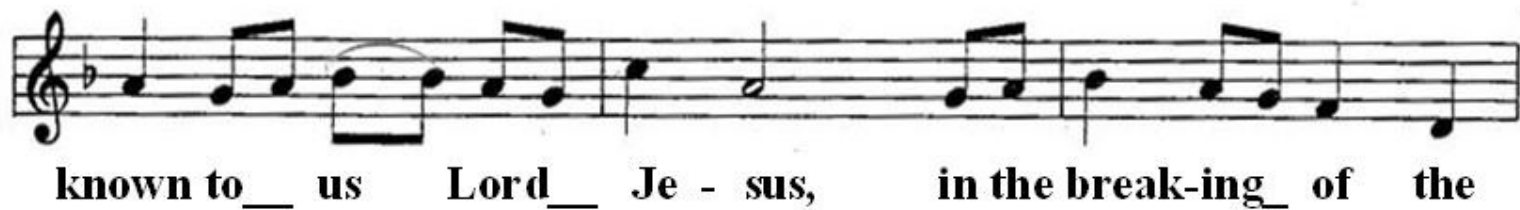


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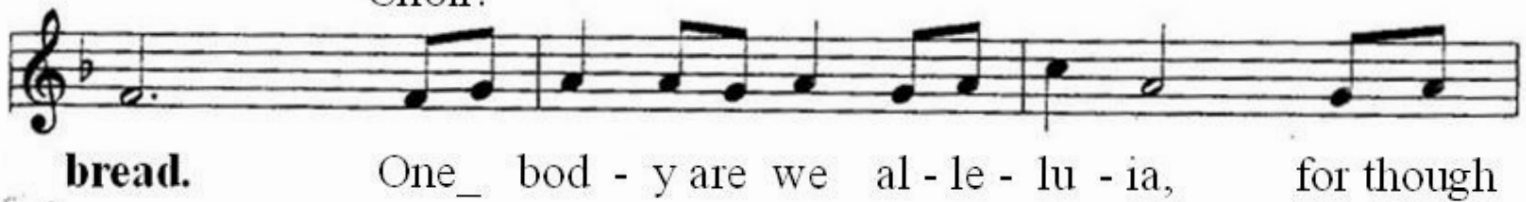


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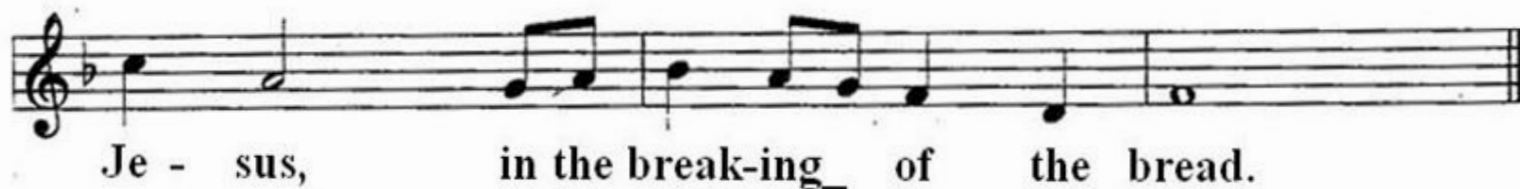
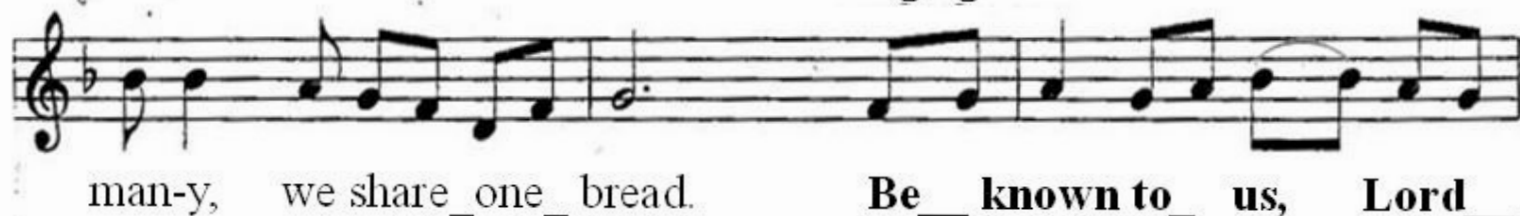
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Congregation:



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 Music

John Pringle Scott

Consider the Lilies
Jean Platner, soprano

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.**

*Come Down, O Love Divine**Zoom participants are invited to sing along. Please stay muted.*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul_ of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth-ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul_ will long,

1 and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor_ glow - ing;
 2 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 3 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man_ tell - ing;

1 O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 2 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 3 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

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1 and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 2 and clothe me round the while my path il - lum - ing.
 3 where - in the Ho - ly Spi-rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.
 Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

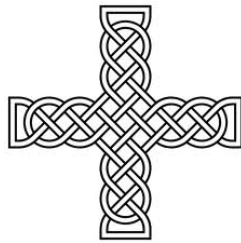
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The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude



Serving us at 10:30 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Salying Wong

Preacher: Angela Rausch, LLP

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kopsischke

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson et al

Lectors: John McVey, Susan McVey

Cantor: Chris Schmidt

Pianist/Organist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host: Aer van de Water

Stream/Tech team: Breno DeMedeiros, Sophia DeMedeiros

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 Display Changed

The Children's Kneelers are the work of the Sunday School Children inspired by Sunday School Bible lessons. John Russell redrew each picture to be suitable for a kneeler, and each sewer made them to scale. John took all the Children's Kneelers as flat pieces to a men's needle craft display in Palo Alto before they were made into kneelers in the fall of 1982. The kneelers are in the chapel and by the Bishop's Chair. submitted by Stephanie Daugherty

Book of the Week May 14

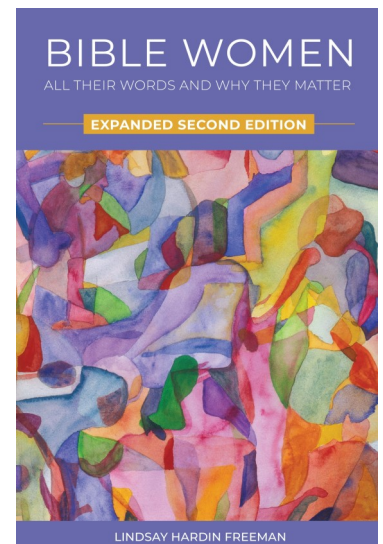
In honor of Mother's Day, we suggest -

Bible Women: all their words and why they matter

by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. Updated 2023.

Forward Movement.

We learn which 93 women speak the most (hint: it's not Mary!) and which books of the Bible have the fewest words from women. We hear the only conversation in the Bible between a mother and



daughter (and it's not pretty), the words of a woman who eats her own child, and the triumphant exclamation of a woman telling the world about the risen Christ.

Step into God's sacred circle of mothers, grandmothers, warriors, prophets, prostitutes, and murderers. You won't come out the same. (publisher)

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 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.

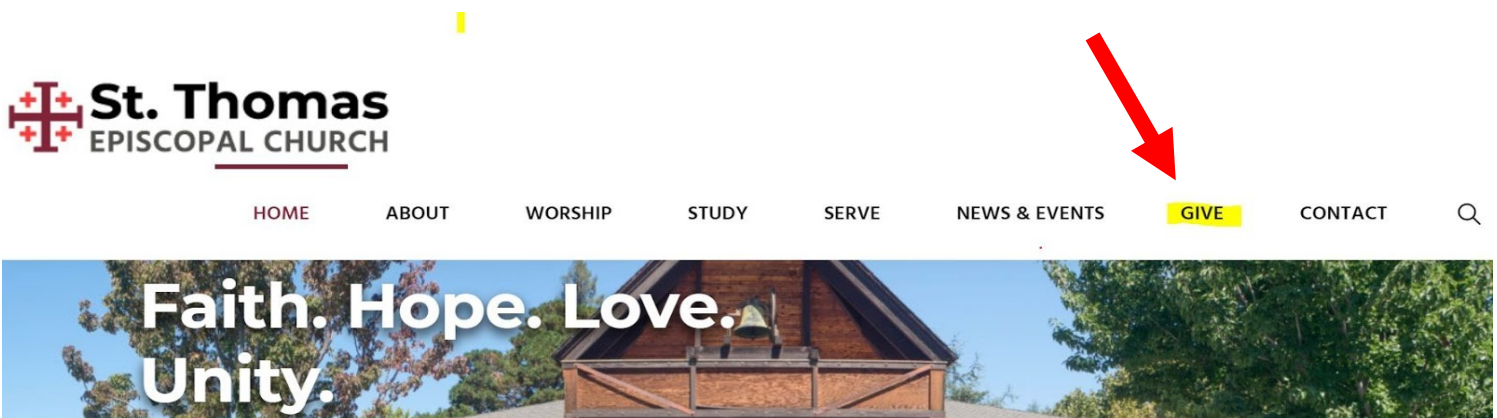
Pledges, Offerings & Donations

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.

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 Carol Campbell.

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 Carol through our website www.stthomas-svale.org/contact for the Zoom link.

An updated **Announcement page** is available on line at
[https://docs.google.com/document/
d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg](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: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09)
[pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89699188717?pwd=dzNuY1VkOWpnbzFvQkpwRnJ0VG1JUT09)
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*

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

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Welcome

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

Rector: The Rev. Salying Wong.....pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.org
or 510-478-3554

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Treasurer: Jim Cobb.....Finance@stthomas-svale.org

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Library and Resource Center Coordinator: Carol Campbellresourcecenter@stthomas-svale.org

Music Director: Patricia Pietrzyk,..... patriciapietrzyk@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor: Anne Buelteman..... office@stthomas-svale.org

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

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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

(The hospital does not always automatically notify the parish)

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

Parish 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