

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 11, 2023

Rite II, 10:30am



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Holy Eucharist

10:30am, Rite II

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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

Mendelssohn

Sweet Remembrance from Song Without Words

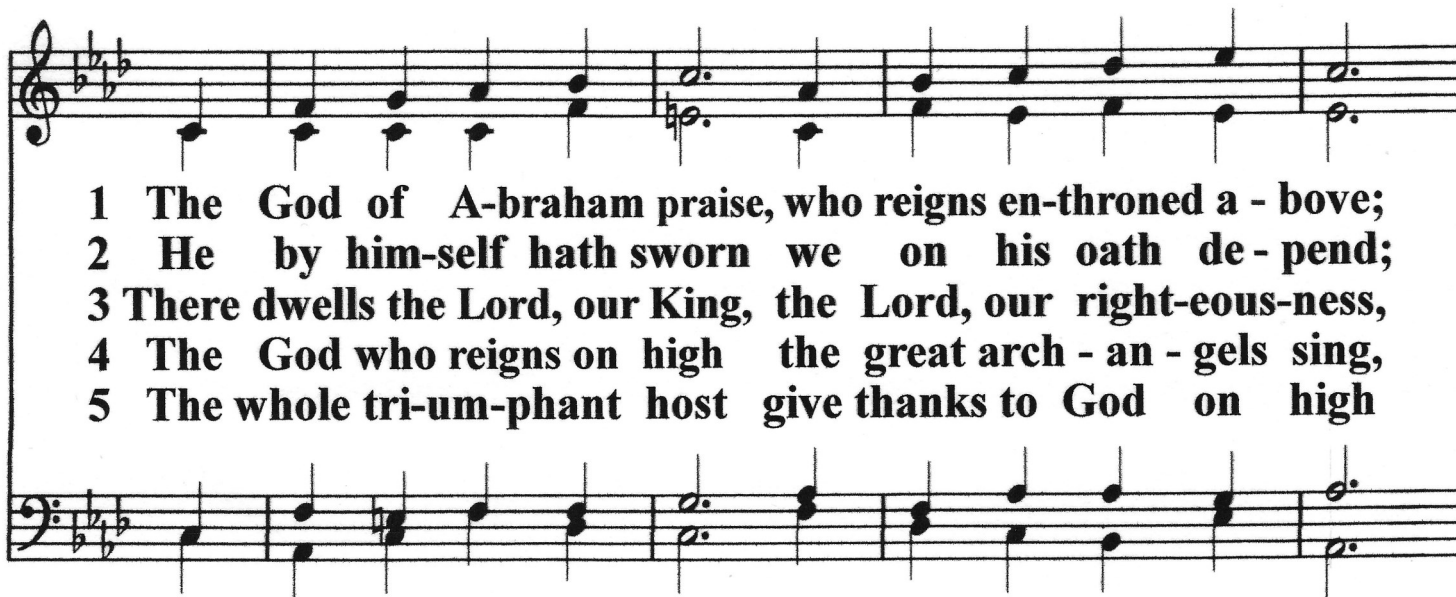
Benjamin Belew, piano

Opening Hymn

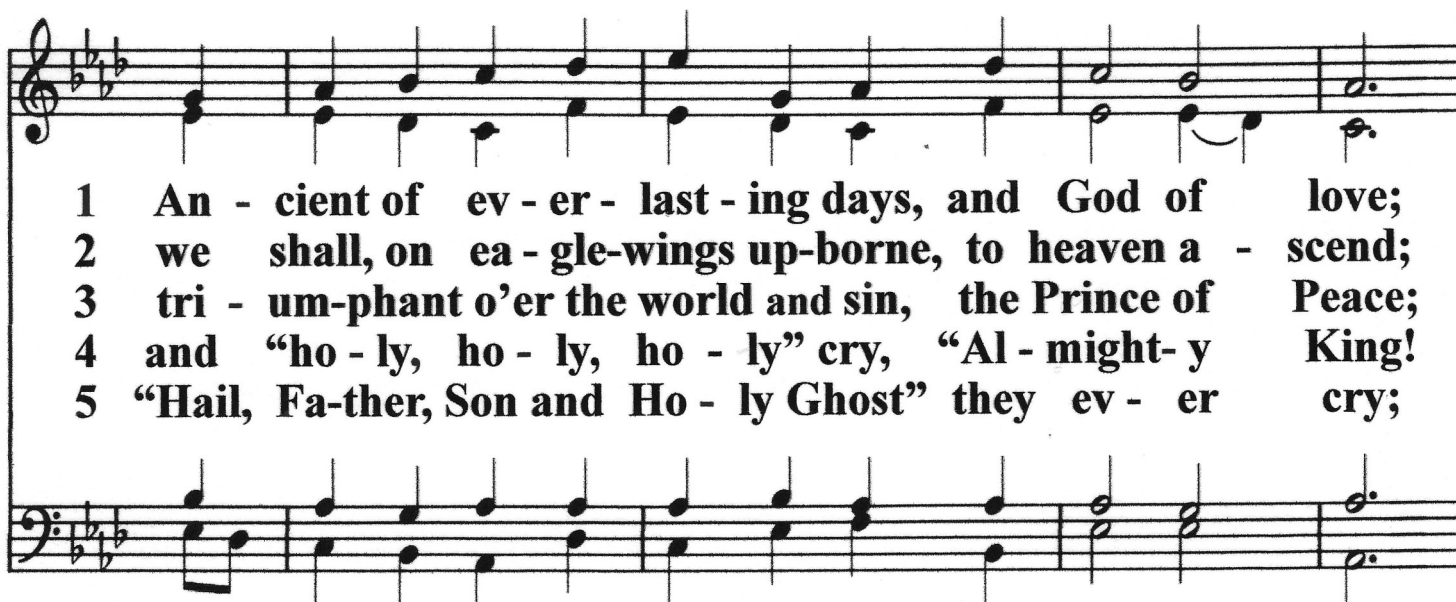
Hymnal #401

The God of Abraham Praise

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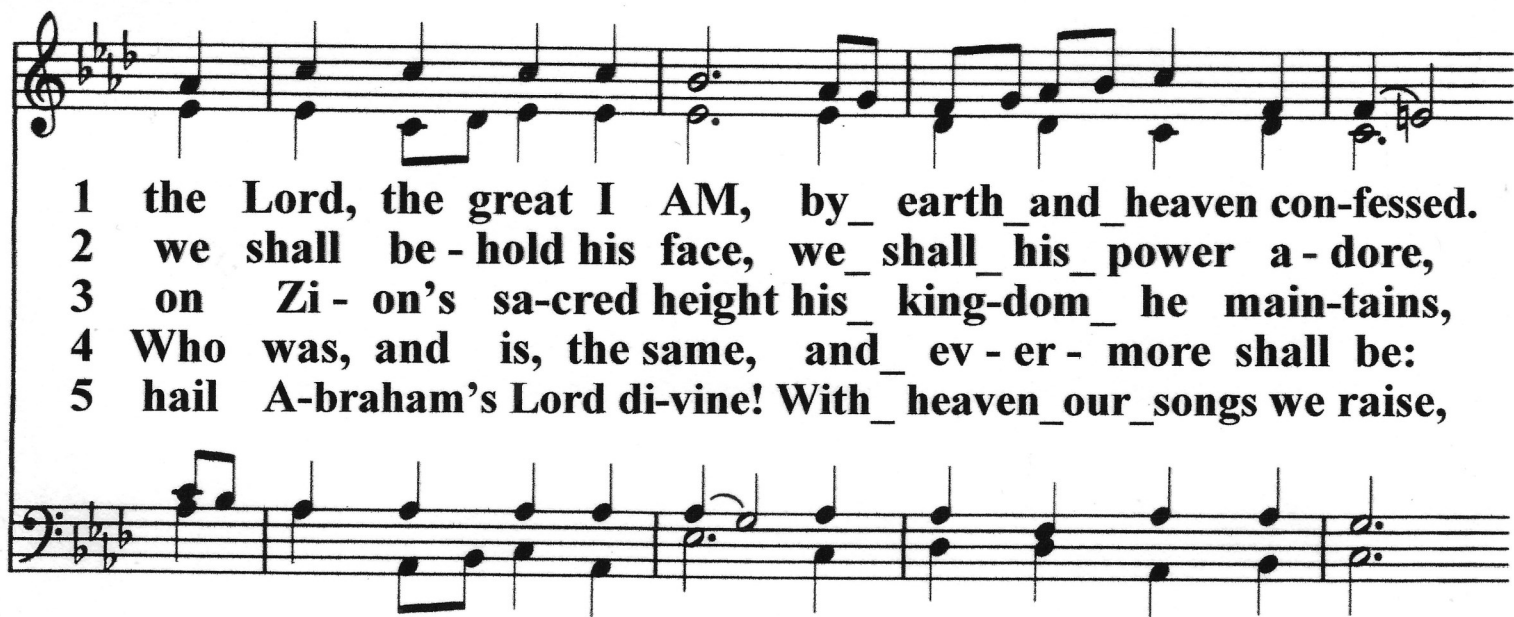


1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 He by him-self hath sworn we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our right-eous-ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri-um-phant host give thanks to God on high

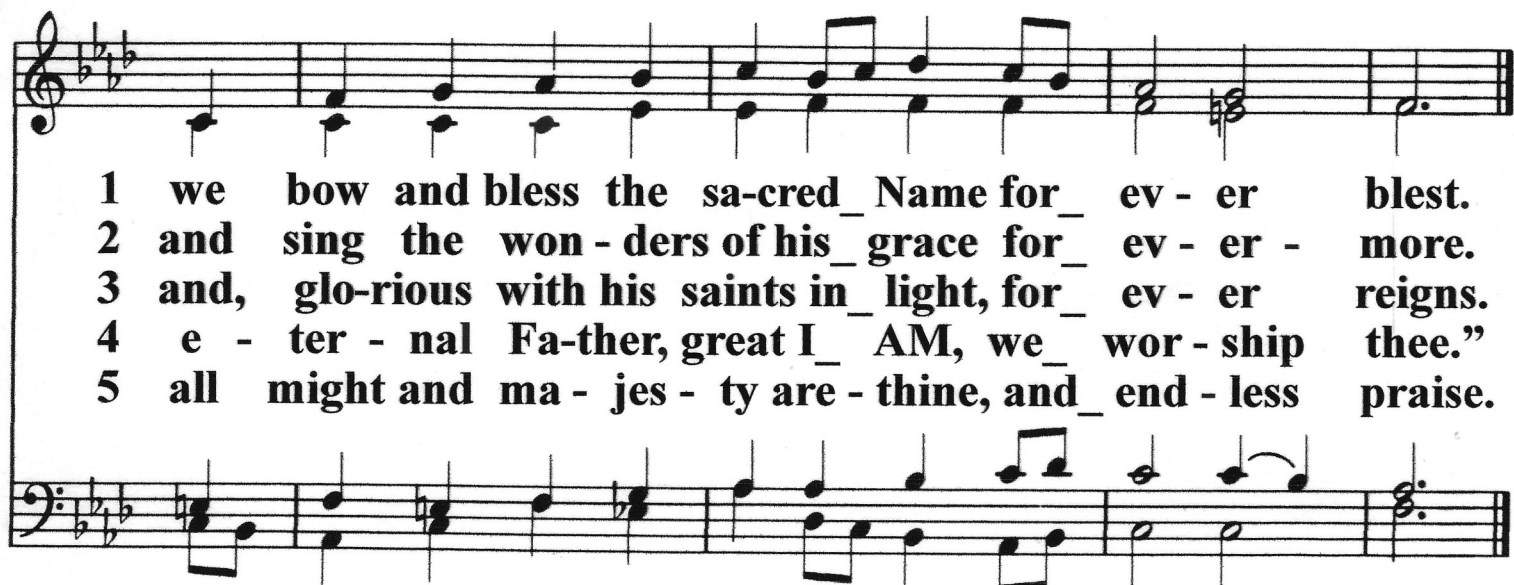


1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle-wings up-borne, to heaven a - scend;
 3 tri - um-phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" cry, "Al - might- y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry;

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1 the Lord, the great I AM, by_ earth_ and_ heaven con-fessed.
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we_ shall_ his_ power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa-cred height his_ king-dom_ he main-tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and_ ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail A-braham's Lord di-vine! With_ heaven_ our_ songs we raise,



1 we bow and bless the sa-cred_ Name for_ ev - er blest.
 2 and sing the won - ders of his_ grace for_ ev - er - more.
 3 and, glo-rious with his saints in_ light, for_ ev - er reigns.
 4 e - ter - nal Fa-ther, great I_ AM, we_ wor - ship thee."
 5 all might and ma - jes - ty are - thine, and_ end - less praise.

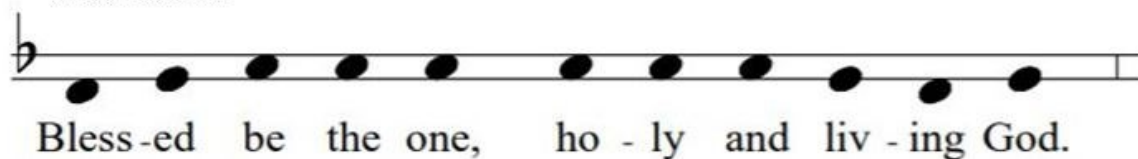
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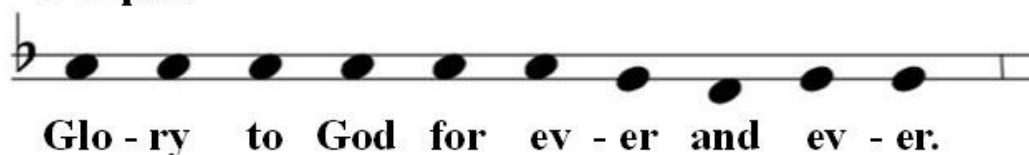
Greeting

Celebrant:



Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

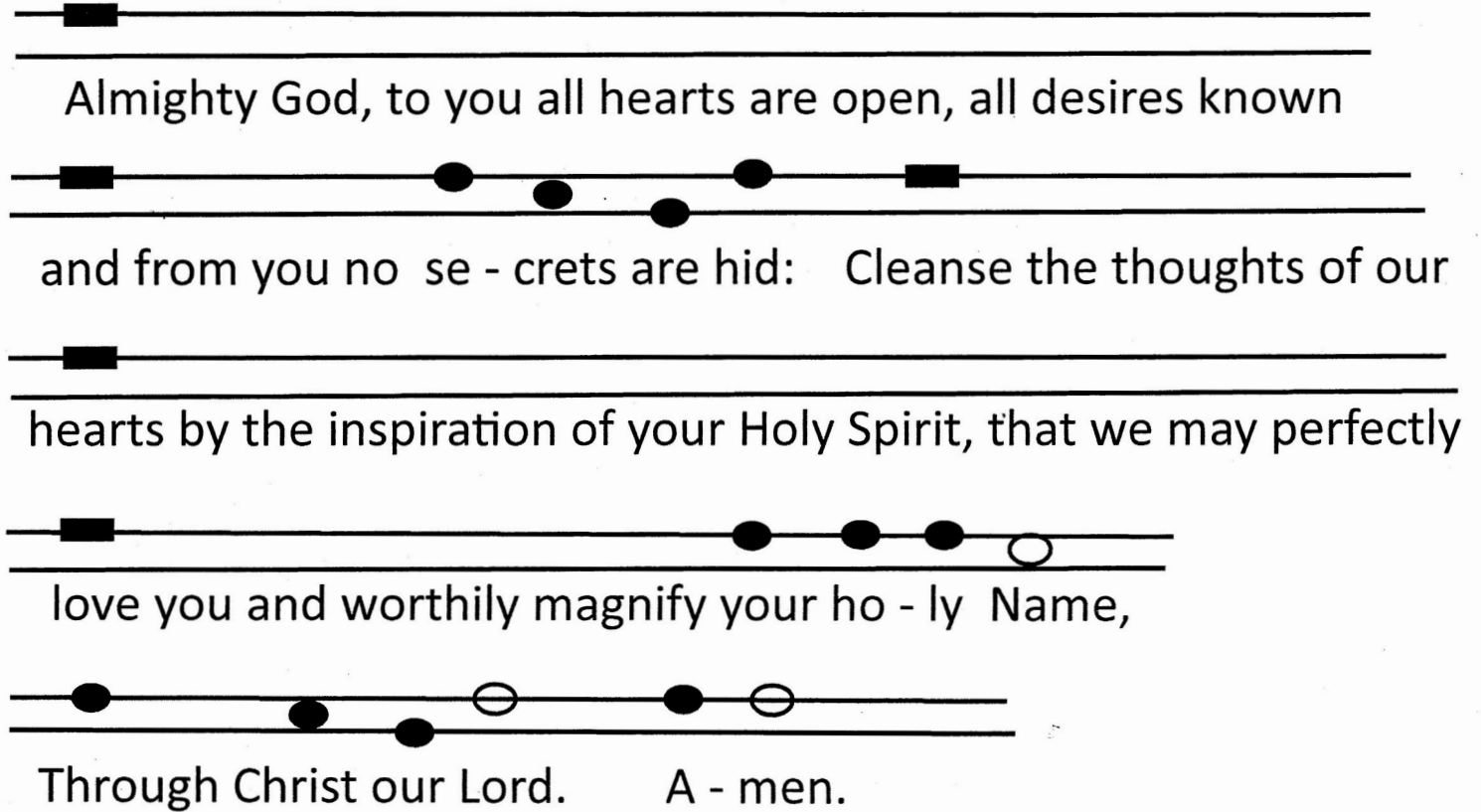
People:



Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

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

WLP #900

*Please join in singing
the Gloria.*

*Zoom participants
please stay muted*

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, _



_ and peace to his peo-ple on earth ___ Lord God,



heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God_ and Fa - ther, _ we wor-ship



you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry

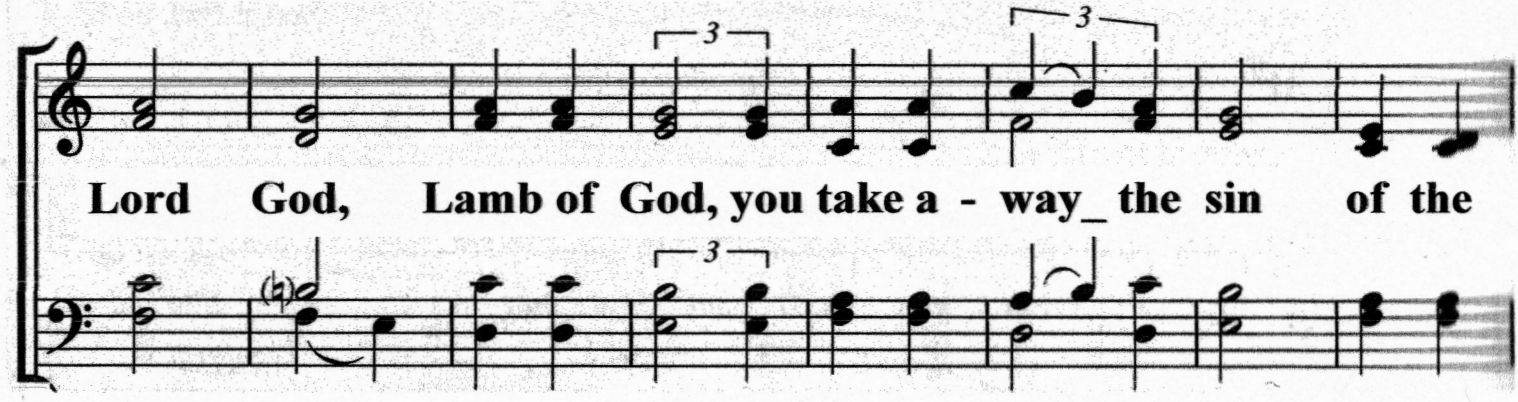
Fa-ther,



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Fa-ther

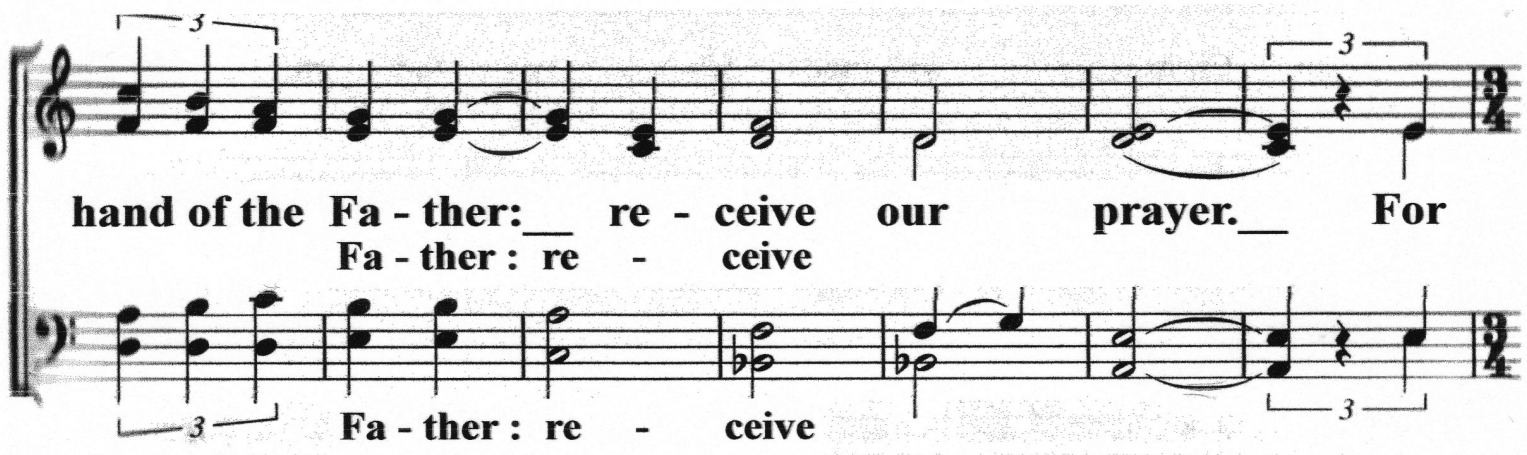
Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

Fa - ther : re - ceive

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you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, 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 Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them;

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: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 33:1-12

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

Refrain



By the word_ of the Lord were the hea-vens made, by the breath_ of his mouth_

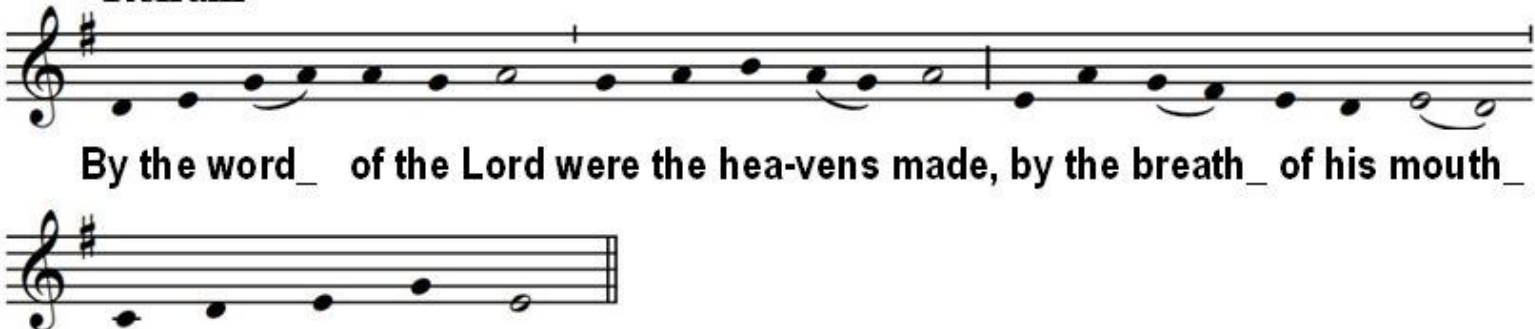
all the heav'n-ly hosts.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet. *Refrain*

Refrain



By the word_ of the Lord were the hea-vens made, by the breath_ of his mouth_

all the heav'n-ly hosts.

For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all his works are sure.

He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth. *Refrain (as above)*

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him. *Refrain*

Refrain

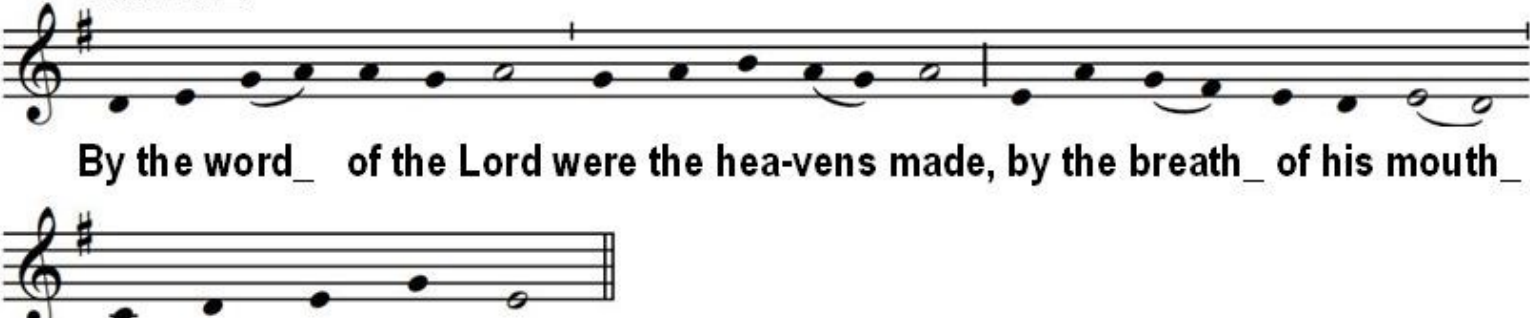


By the word_ of the Lord were the hea-vens made, by the breath_ of his mouth_
all the heav'n-ly hosts.

For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples. *Refrain*

Refrain



By the word_ of the Lord were the hea-vens made, by the breath_ of his mouth_
all the heav'n-ly hosts.

But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own! *Refrain*

Refrain



By the word_ of the Lord were the hea-vens made, by the breath_ of his mouth_

all the heav'n-ly hosts.

The Epistle: Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had

promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

WLP #773

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

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



1. Heal__ me, hands of Je-sus,__ and search__ out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse__ me, blood of Je-sus,__ take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know__ me, mind of Je-sus,__ and show__ me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill__ me, joy of Je-sus,__ anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace_a - gain.
me for-give as one for-given and bring me peace_to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace_with- in.
heaven's se-ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings_me peace!

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The Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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.**

Prayers of the People

Form III

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The people may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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

William Dawson

There Is A Balm in Gilead
Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Benjamin Belew, accompanist

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

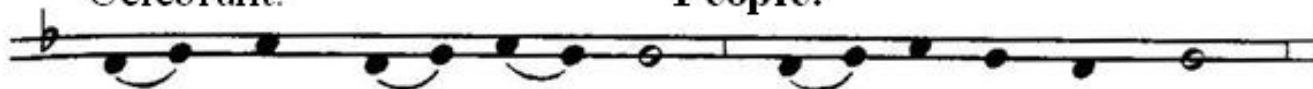
People: And of your own have we given you.

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant:

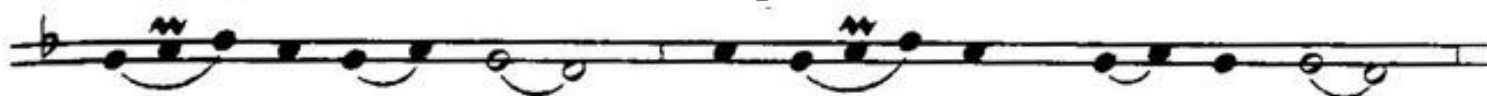
People:



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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

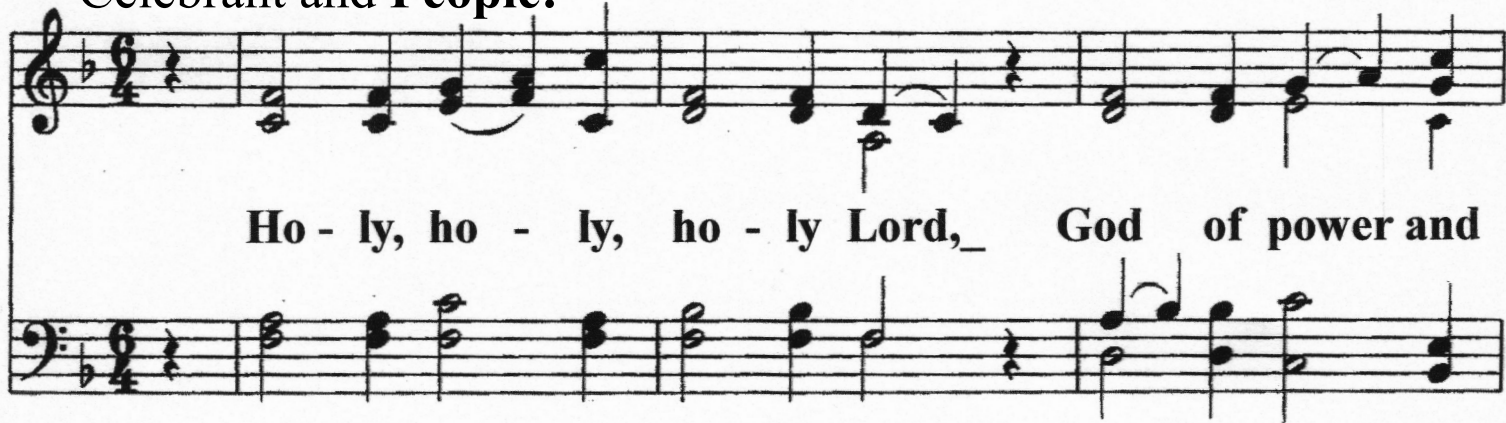
Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

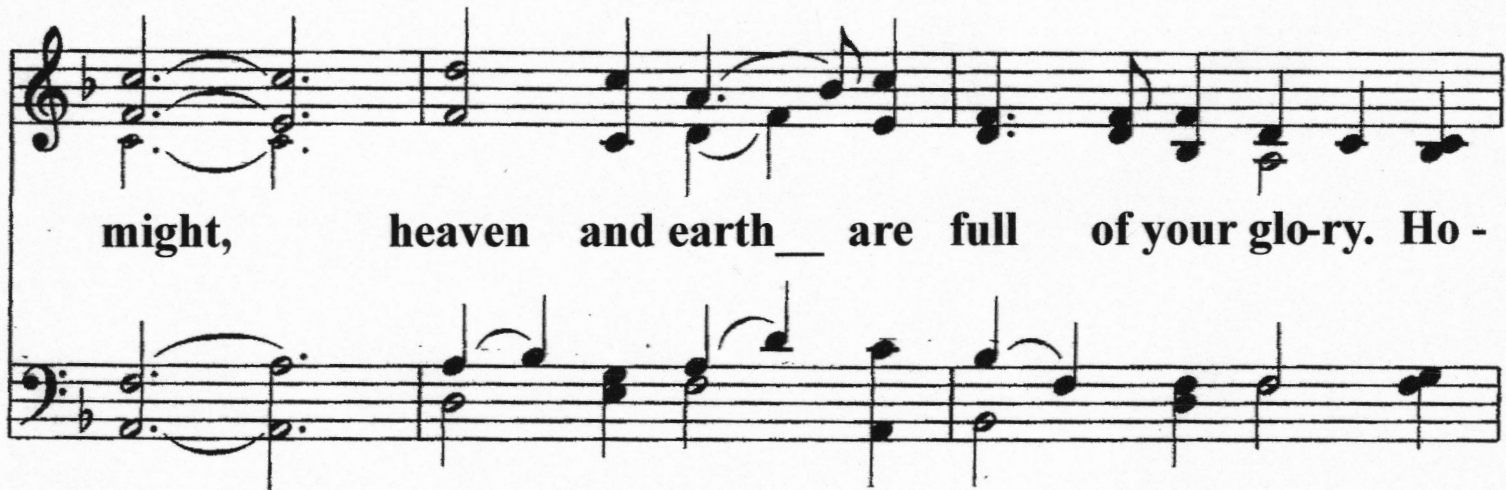
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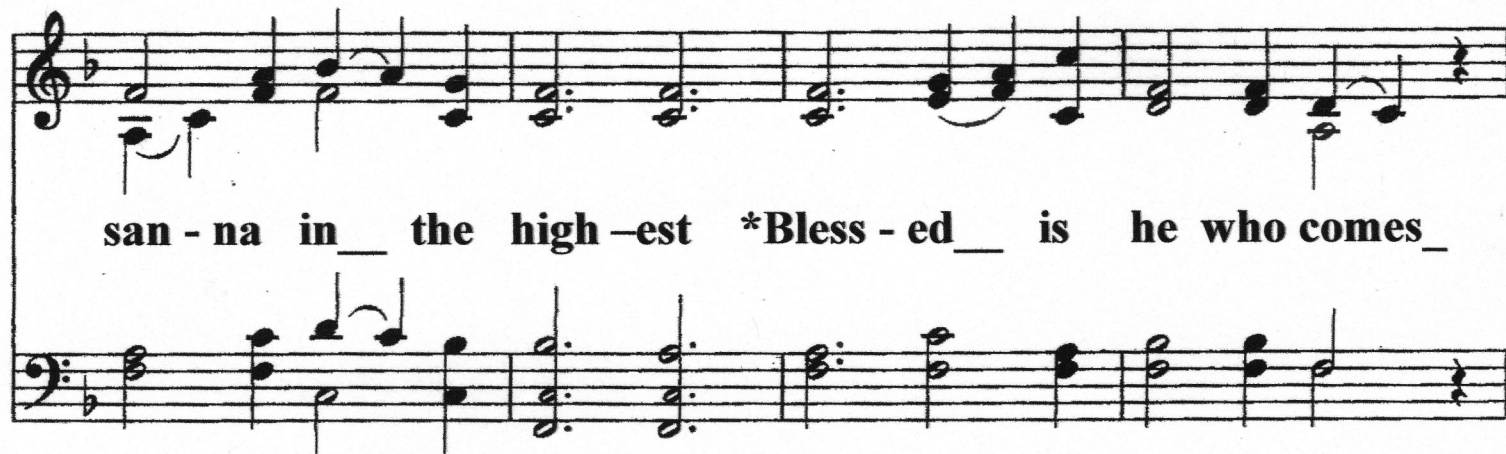
Celebrant and People:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est *Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

High - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are several rests and phrasing slurs throughout the piece.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner;
 harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)
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Celebrant:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,
 as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant:

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, and Jacob;
 Lord God of our Mothers: God of Hagar, Sarah, Rebecca, and Rachel;
 God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of

coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant:

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Celebrant and **People: AMEN**

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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive Communion.

Please come to the rail.

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

Communion hymn

Hymnal #706

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In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me

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

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
3 Now my heart sets none__ a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had
 grace you set me free; for my heart wpi;d
 grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en-thralled me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.
 still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
 if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

Words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855); alt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)
 Music: *Halton Holgate*, William Boyce (1711-1779)

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Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

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

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

WLP #734

You Laid Aside Your Rightful Reputation

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

1. You laid a - side your right - ful rep - u - ta - tion
2. You touched the le - per, ate with those re - ject - ed,
3. Help us to fol - low, Je - sus, where you lead us
4. Draw us to you and with your love trans - form us:

and gave no heed to what the world might say;
re - ceived the wor - ship of a wo - man's tears:
to love, to serve, our own lives lay - ing down:
the love we've seen, the love we've touched and known:

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system covers the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature.

served as a slave and laid a - side your gar - ments
 You shed the pride that keeps us from our free - dom
 to walk your way of hum - ble, cost - ly ser - vice.
 En - large our hearts and with com - pass - ion fill us

to wash the feet of those who walked your way.
 To love our neigh - bor lay - ing down our fears.
 a cross its end, a ring of thorns its crown.
 to love, to serve, to fol - low you a - lone.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Bach

Fantasia in C minor
 Benjamin Belew, piano

Serving us at 10:30 am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Cobb

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson et al

Lectors: John McVey, Susan McVey

Cantor: Ian Fugate

Pianist/Organist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host: Abby O'Connell

Stream/Tech team lead: Tian Zhu



Today in the Parish

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

New directory drafts are on the table in the narthex. Please take a moment to make any corrections/updates. A new directory - for parish distribution ONLY - will be published at the end of the month. You may also send any updates, corrections to office@stthomas-svale.us

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.

Pronoun buttons and map to gender neutral bathroom – St Thomas welcomes all, including transgender and nonbinary siblings

in Christ. To make that visible, pronoun buttons are now available in the rear of the church. You can choose one to show your preferred pronoun in English. As well, it shows our hospitality to those who choose to be identified by less usual pronouns. And did you know we have bathrooms for all genders? By the buttons you'll find a map to guide you.

Library News:

Archives "NEW" Display

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

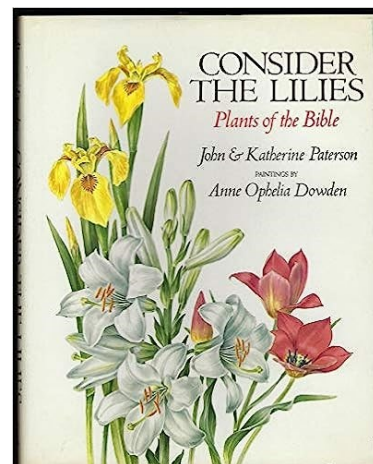
Stephanie Daugherty

Book of the Week June 11

[Consider the Lilies: plants of the Bible](#)

by the Rev. John Barstow Paterson

An exploration of the symbolic significance of the numerous trees, plants, flowers, and fruits of the Bible, illustrated with an array of exquisite paintings by Anne Ophelia Dowden, one of the world's most distinguished botanical artists. Bible passages are followed by full-color paintings and a description of the plants and their use in biblical times.



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 STARTS TODAY

Our theme for 2023 is *Build A Bouquet of Books!*

This annual tradition begins **today** and continues **through Sunday**,



August 13. See the bulletin board at the back of the church to write the book title and your name on a colorful Flower. For those who cannot attend church in person, the Library Committee will be happy to record your information. You may send your name and book title to: Carol at Library@stthomas-svale.us

If you are a visitor and would like to participate in our program, be sure to put your phone number or email address on the back of the Flower.

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

Worship schedule:

Sunday, June 18 3rd Pent. proper 6	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only	Holy Eucharist Rite I Morning Prayer
Sunday, June 25 4th Pent. proper 7	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, July 2 5th Pent. proper 8	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only	Holy Eucharist Rite I Morning Prayer
Sunday, July 9 6th Pent. proper 9	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II

Parish Picnic – June 25, 12:00noon, in Cowans Hall

Our Parish Picnic will be held on June 25, starting at noon, or after the 10:30am Eucharist that morning.

All festivities will be held in Cowans Hall, and on the back patio where we will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie-burgers. We will also provide all the beverages. As part of our agape gathering format, we ask that you bring a side dish such as appetizers, veggie platters, snacks, or dessert to share.

Please do not feel that you need to bring something to come. All are welcome at our tables!

Agape Circle First Friday of each month (mostly!) at 6:30pm, Cowans Hall (we will observe "mask" protocols as necessary). Join us **Friday, July 7, 6:30 pm** in Cowans Hall to share a pot-luck meal and have some fun, theme tba! Please bring a dish to share and serving utensils.

Summer Vacation programs for children

St. Tim's and St. Jude's Vacation Bible Camp –If you would like to be a part of a one week Vacation Bible School program (July 10-14), you can register here: tinyurl.com/VBCJuly2023. \$100/child.

Location: St. Tim's 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA

St. Thomas will have a different sort of program, like we've done in previous years. Be on the lookout for details!

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.

Peace and Justice Report

~ Cal Cornwell

I attended a zoom meeting with State Senator Dave Cortese to talk with him about the housing crisis in California. He has asked the legislature's audit division to look into the funding for housing that was intended for San Jose. He reported that considerable funds have been given to the city but people are reporting to him that they don't

see the additional housing. The audit should spread some light on the what is happening.

He is a supporter of SB 567 The Homelessness Prevention Act which responds to the present-day reality millions of California renters are facing. It provides greater housing stability for more renter households by closing loopholes that allow for rampant abuse of the “no-fault” just causes for eviction. It will remove “substantial renovation” as a cause for a “no fault” eviction.

We were encouraged to call our state senators by Wednesday May 17 to encourage them to vote yes for SB 567. We did make the calls and SB 567 passed in the California Senate. It is now in the hands of the California Assembly.

COVID Protocols update

Masks are recommended at the services. Please maintain six feet distance to keep all comfortable.

Pledges, Offerings & Donations

Your pledges and other donations may always be mailed to the church office and marked to the attention of the Treasurer.

When donating by check, please make the check payable to “St. Thomas Episcopal Church”.

Under our current public health restrictions, we encourage you to mail in your pledges and offerings to the church or use our online donation option.

Online Giving Please look for the “GIVE” option on the main



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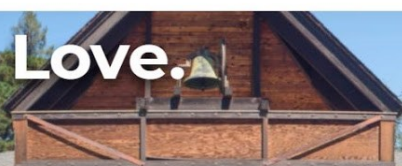
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menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located on the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “GIVE”, you will be taken to a new page where you may donate through PayPal, using a debit or credit card. OR, if you prefer, you may go directly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

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9C43D8TLRQCLU&source=url

If you choose to give online, please be aware that St. Thomas does pay a fee for each transaction.

As always, we want to say “Thank You!”

Peace, Jim Cobb

Welcome to the St. Thomas Library

Library Hours The church library will be open **on Sundays** after the 8 a.m. service, and again after the 10:30 service (on the Sundays when we worship in person). Carol or a member of the Library Committee will be available to answer questions on Fridays from 10-12; after 12:00 our administrator Anne will be available until 4:00 to open the door for you. Call 408-736-4155 for access, or knock loudly! We request that you remember to wear your mask.

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 June 26** and will be hosted by Dorothy Furgerson.

Using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss *Amy and Isabelle* by Elizabeth Strout. Witty and often profound, the novel evokes a teenager's alienation from her distant mother—and a parent's rage at the discovery of her daughter's secrets. Amy's scandal causes Isabelle to suffer from the harsh judgment of their gossip-ridden mill

town, intensifying her shame about her own secret past. Through others' dramas, both confront the fragility of human happiness. Please join us—contact Dorothy through our website www.stthomas-svale.org/contact for the Zoom link.

Parish bulletin board

Offered by Laverne Martin: I have a 32” flat screen Samsung TV that I have no more use for. I am giving it to anyone who could use it. The dimensions are 17”X28”. Since I had it attached to the wall there is no stand. Aside from that it works great. Anyone interested can call my landline. 408 732 8915 ~ *Laverne Martin*

An updated **Announcement page** is available on line at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg and updates of various parish events and activities may also be found on our website at www.stthomas-svale.org



Parish Mission Statement

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!

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

Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

Tuesdays, 6pm Centering Prayer, led by Pastor Salying

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays, 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group on Zoom

led by Deacon Bertram: [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

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Joe Gutierrez, **Junior Warden**

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Abby O’Connell

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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
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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