

# 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25, 2023

Rite II, 10:30am



*More Than Many Sparrows* -Mary Fleson

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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.*

*Color Scheme*  
Benjamin Belew, piano

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #372

*Praise to the Living God*

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

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the  
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

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them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sion tossed,  
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 souls whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row-worn whom Christ doth heal.  
 re-deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise to Christ be - long.

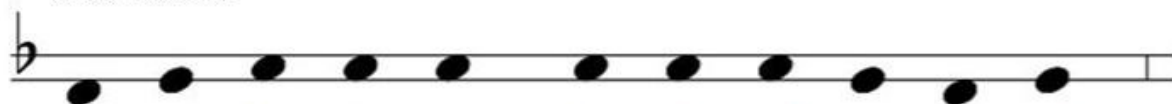
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## Greeting

Celebrant:



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

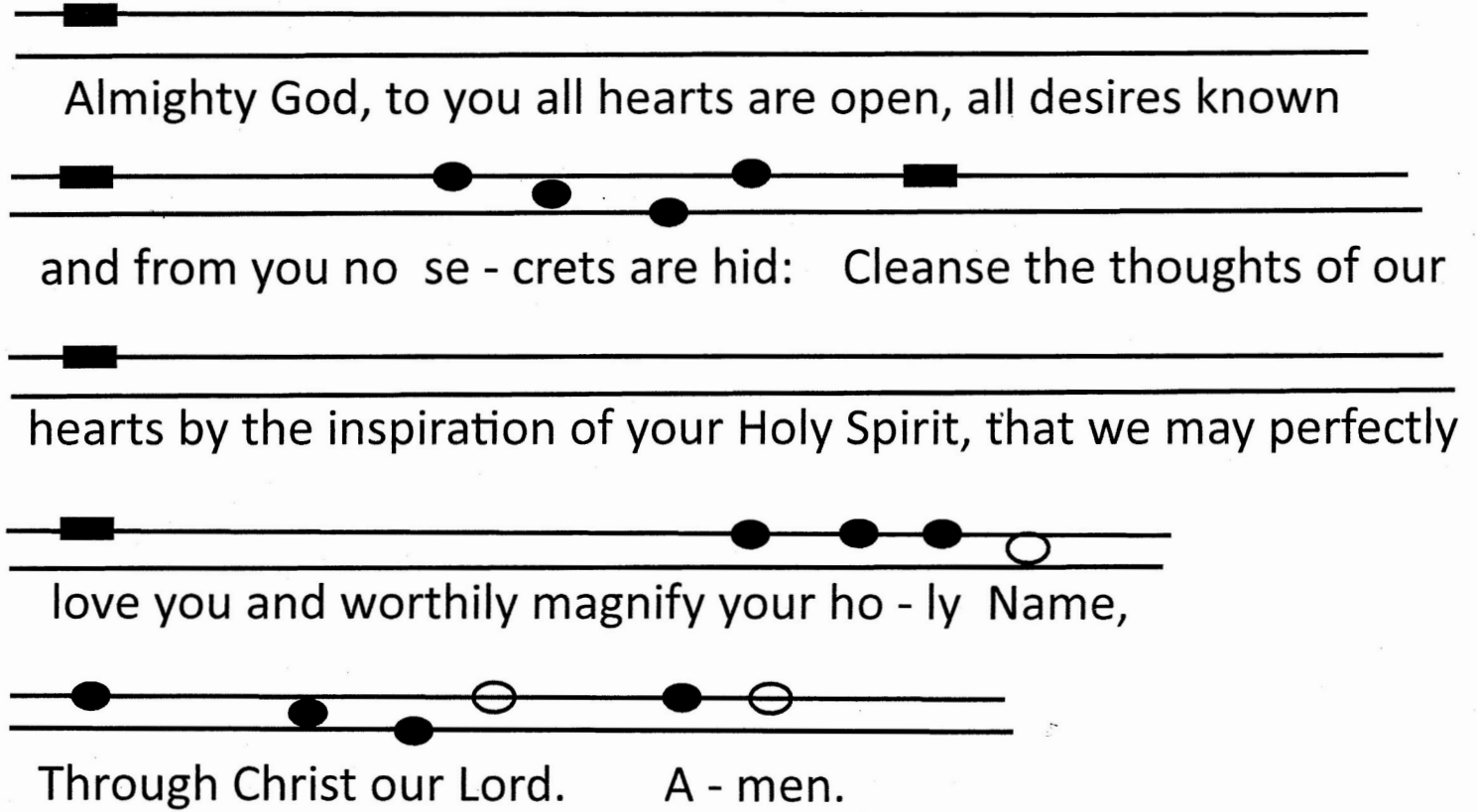
People:



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,

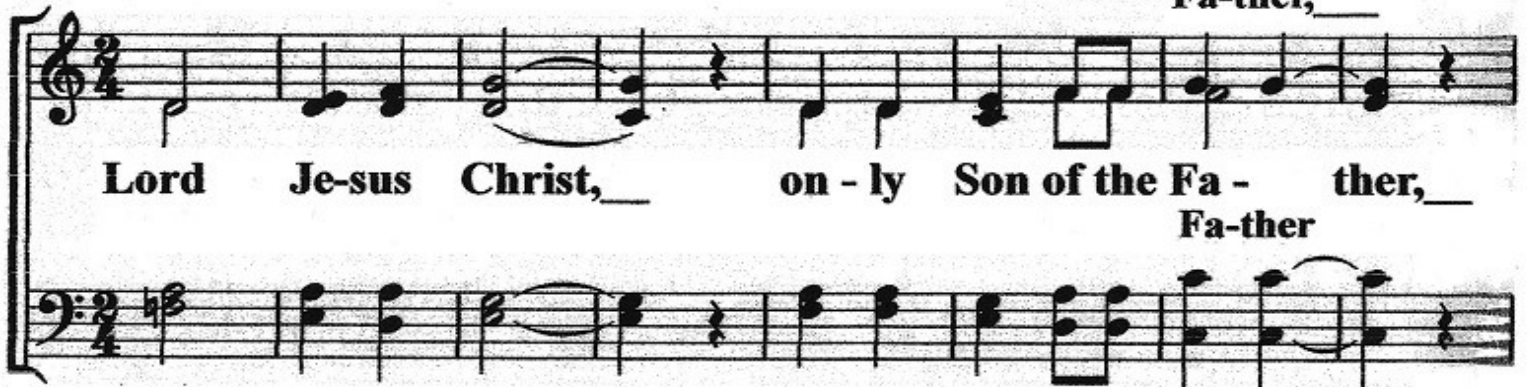


heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God\_ and Fa - ther, \_ we wor-ship



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

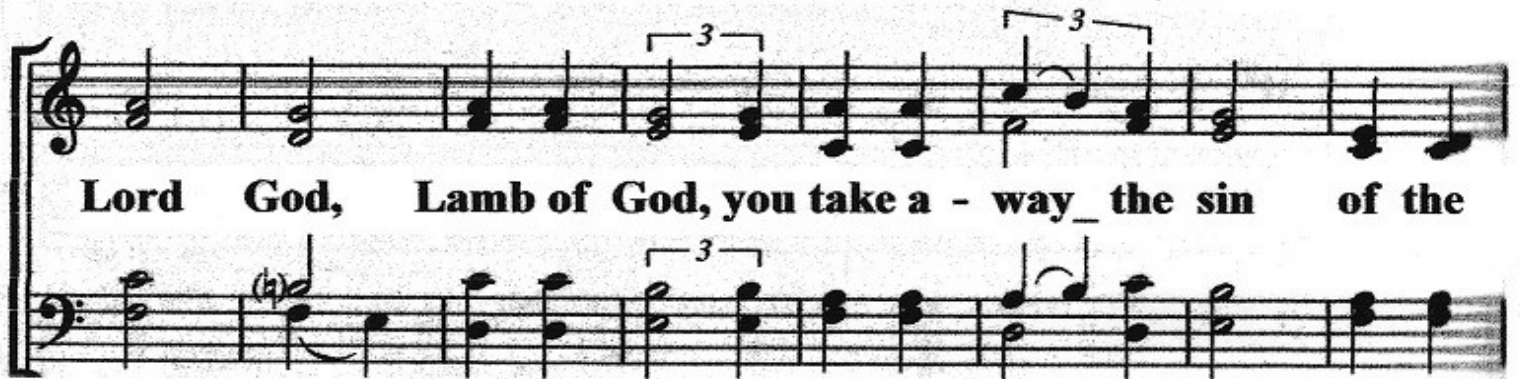
Fa-ther, \_\_



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

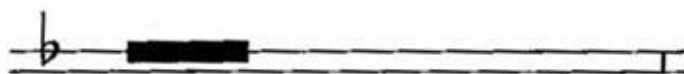
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you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Proper 7



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure

foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 21:8-21**

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.



God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

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

*Zoom participants please stay muted.*

*Refrain*

You, O Lord, are good and for - giv - ing.

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.

Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

You, O Lord, are good and for - giv - ing.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*



You, \_\_\_ O Lord, \_\_\_ are good \_\_\_ and for - giv - ing.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*



You, \_\_\_ O Lord, \_\_\_ are good \_\_\_ and for - giv - ing.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.

For you are great; you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*



You, \_\_\_ O Lord, \_\_\_ are good \_\_\_ and for - giv - ing.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

*Refrain*



### **The Epistle: Romans 6:1b-11**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

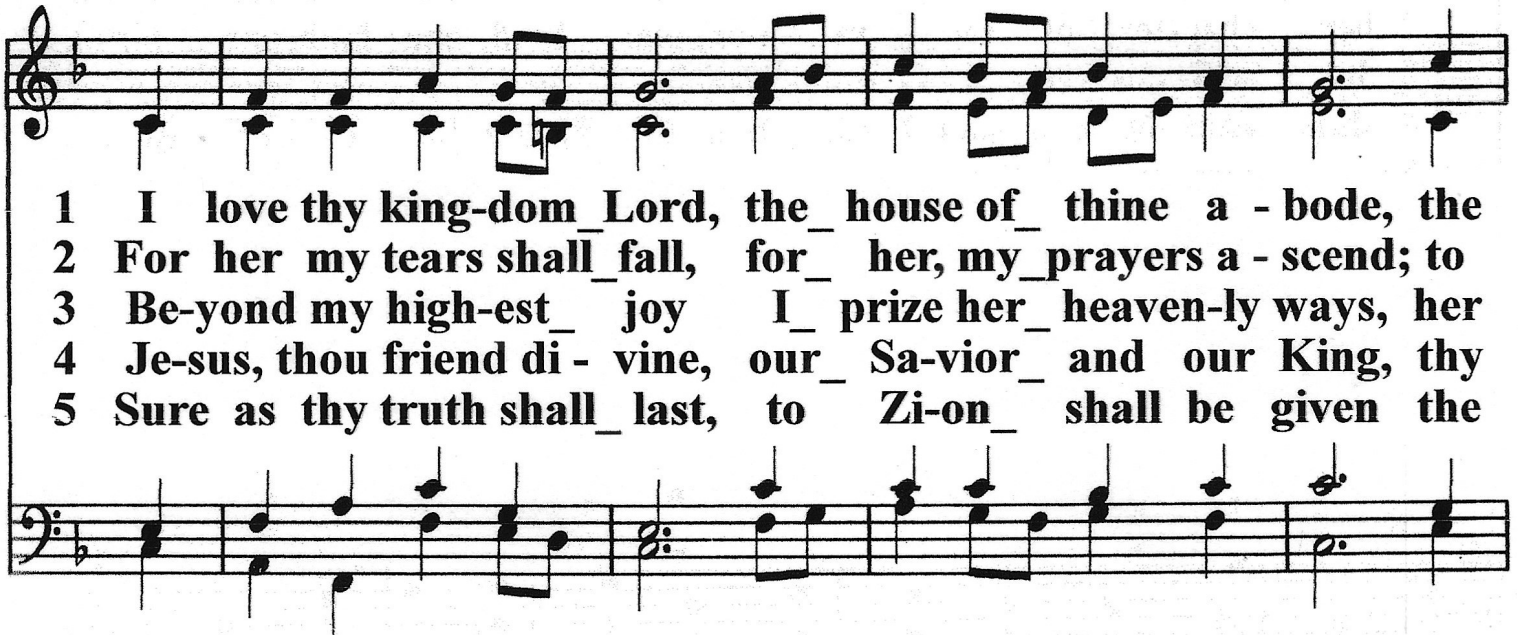
People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

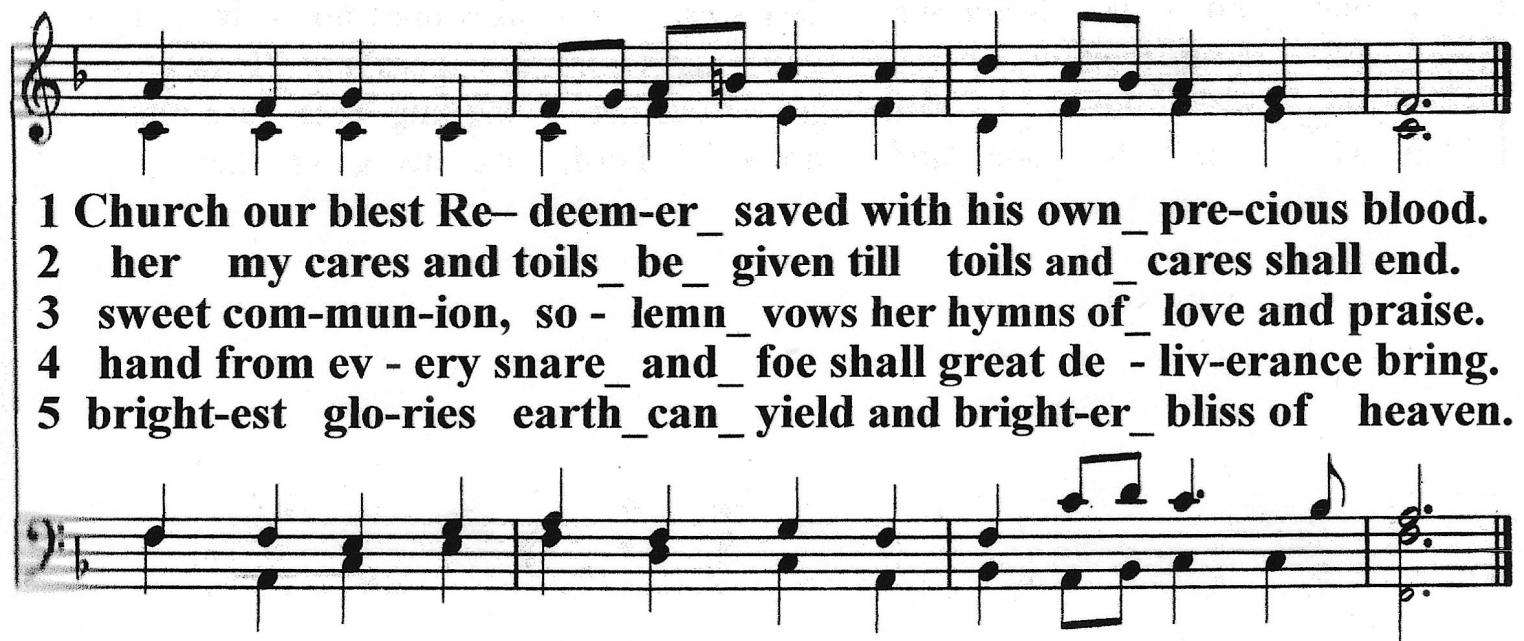
Hymnal #524

*I Love Thy Kingdon, Lord*

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



1 I love thy king-dom Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the  
2 For her my tears shall fall, for her, my prayers a - scend; to  
3 Be-yond my high-est joy I prize her heaven-ly ways, her  
4 Je-sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa-rior and our King, thy  
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi-on shall be given the



1 Church our blest Re-deem-er saved with his own pre-cious blood.  
2 her my cares and toils be given till toils and cares shall end.  
3 sweet com-mun-ion, so - lemn vows her hymns of love and praise.  
4 hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv-erance bring.  
5 bright-est glo-ries earth can yield and bright-er bliss of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817)

Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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## The Gospel

## Matthew 9:35-10:23

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

Michael Joncas

*Be Not Afraid*

Members of the St. Thomas Choir  
Benjamin Belew, accompanist

**Celebrant:** All things come of you, O Lord.

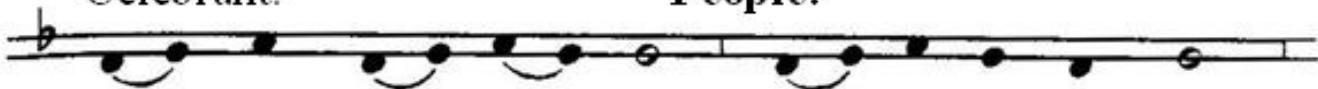
**People:** And of your own have we given you.

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**

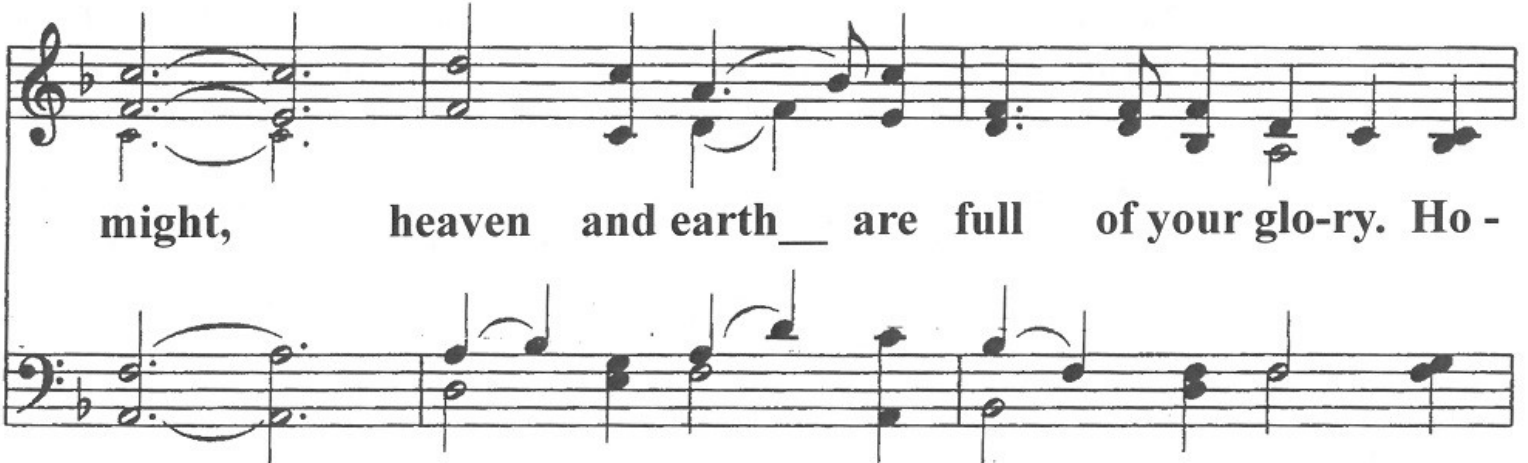
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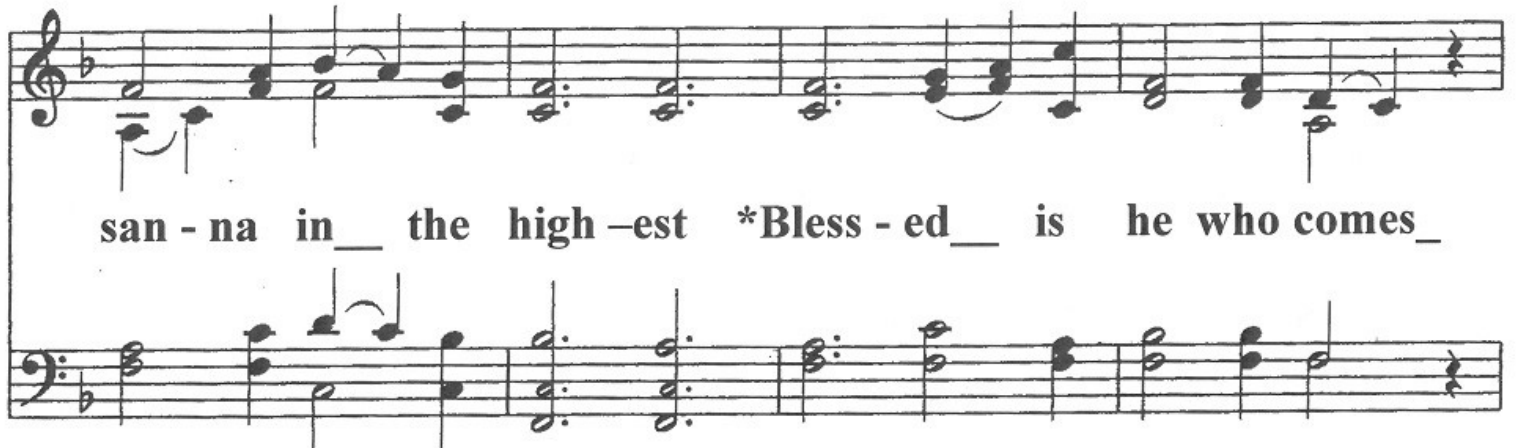
Celebrant and **People:**



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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "High - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is in a simple, folk-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

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 #655

### *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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



- 1 O Je-sus I have\_ prom-ised to serve thee to the
- 2 O let me hear thee\_ speak-ing in ac-cents clear and
- 3 O Je-sus thou hast\_ prom-ised to all who fol - low



end; be now for ev - er\_ near me, my  
still, a - bove the storms of\_ pas - sion, the  
thee that where thou art in\_ glo - ry there



Mas - ter\_ and\_ my Friend. I shall not fear the  
mur murs\_ of\_ self - will. O speak to re - as -  
shall thy\_ ser - vant be. O Je - sus I have



bat - tle if thou art by my side, nor  
sure\_ me, to has - ten or con - trol; and  
pro - mised to serve thee to the end, O



wan - der from the\_ path - way it thou wilt\_ be\_ my guide.  
speak and make me\_ lis - ten, thou Guar - dian\_ of\_ my soul!  
give me grace to\_ fol - low my Mas - ter\_ and\_ my Friend.

## 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

Hymnal #537

### *Christ for the World We Sing*

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



1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to



Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the  
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sion tossed,  
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 souls whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row-worn whom Christ doth heal.  
 re-deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916,  
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## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

J. S. Bach

*Sinfonia No. 3*  
Benjamin Belew, piano



### Serving us at 10:30 am

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Salying Wong

**Preacher:** The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

**Deacon:** The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

**Eucharistic Minister:** Ann Kopischke

**Greeters:** MaryJane Johnson et al

**Lectors:** Fulvia Govetto, Sam Wilhelm-Leen

**Cantor:** Chris Schmidt

**Acolytes:** Joe Wilhelm-Leen, Sam Wilhelm-Leen

**Pianist/Organist:** Benjamin Belew

**Zoom Host:** Abby O'Connell

**Stream/Tech team lead:** Steve Williams

## Today in the Parish

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

**Parish Picnic – TODAY 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!

**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](mailto:office@stthomas-svale.us)

**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.

## **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:

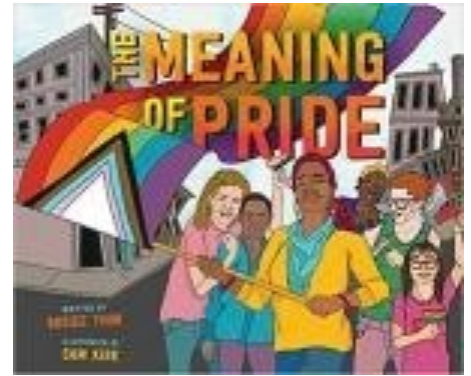
### Book of the Week June 25

*The Meaning of Pride* by Rosiee Thor.

Every year in June, we celebrate Pride! But what does Pride mean? And how do you celebrate it?

This inspiring celebration of the LGBTQ+ community throughout history and today shows young readers that there are many ways to show

your pride and make a difference. Whether you want to be an activist or an athlete, a poet or a politician, a designer or a drag queen, you can show your pride just by being you!



### Summer Reading Program continues!

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

This annual tradition has begun 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](mailto: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.

### Archives “NEW” Display

The Children's Kneelers are the work of the Sunday School Children inspired in 1982 by Bible lessons. Different kneelers were added this week.

Other kneelers are in the chapel and by the Bishop's

Chair. The scrapbook in the case shows photos taken at the time needlepoint was done. Submitted by Stephanie Daugherty

### NEW on Literature Rack – R side of Narthex

The July/August issue of the *UpperRoom* has arrived. The June/July copies of *Forward Movement: Day by Day* are also available.

## Worship schedule:

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
Sunday, July 16 7th Pent. proper 10	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, July 23 8th Pent. proper 11	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Agape Circle** First Friday of each month (mostly!) at 6:30pm, Cowans Hall (we will observe "mask" protocols as necessary). 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](https://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 was sent to the California Assembly, where it was read for the first time on June 1, 2023. It is held at the desk of the 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 menu



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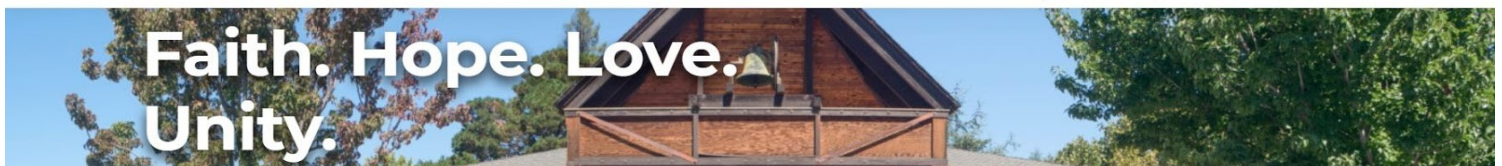
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bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located on the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “GIVE”, you will be taken to a new page where you may donate through PayPal, using a debit or credit card. OR, if you prefer, you may go directly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

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=9C43D8TLRQCLU&source=url](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](mailto:bertramemail@gmail.com)) if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

### **The Prayer Chain and Helping Hands and Hearts**

**Committee.** Anyone who needs prayers or needs pastoral care assistance or would like to join in this ministry, please send an email to: [prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us).

**Family Ministry** Contact Sue Beckham through our website for information: [www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/](http://www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/)

**Senior Ministry** If you are a Senior at Saint Thomas and are not yet receiving our twice weekly Senior Activities Sheets please contact Sue Beckham through our website for information: [www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/](http://www.stthomas-svale.org/contact/)

### **Zooming in Men's Spiritual Growth Group**

Yes! Now you can be there in your pajamas (at least), and therefore sleep a bit longer. But on the other hand we can no longer advertise coffee + if



you arrive a bit early. We are now meeting **weekly** with a standard format, alternating between wondering what the scriptures might be leading us to personally on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (9-10 AM on your computer), and on the other Saturdays, a check-in and just for sanity's sake (starting at 9 AM). Our Zoom meetings are password protected so you'll need to connect with Chris Schmidt (randischris@gmail.com) 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](http://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*

## **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

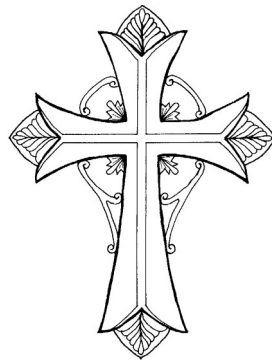
**Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer with Commemoration of a Saint,**  
led by Pastor Salying: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313271549>  
Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 meeting ID# 86313271549

**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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**Sundays: 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I** in the church  
with masks and social distancing protocols  
and  
**10:30am Holy Eucharist (Hybrid) or Morning Prayer (online),**  
led by Pastor Salying, in person in the church or on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>  
Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

*Please see website for week-to-week information:  
[www.stthomas-svale.org](http://www.stthomas-svale.org)*

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



## Parish Mission Statement

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!

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

THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

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

2023  
Pat Dare  
Breno DeMedeiros  
Abby O'Connell

2024  
Nancy Allgeier  
Gage McKinney  
Rita Welsh

2025  
Joe Gutierrez  
Dena Ware  
Emilee Wilhelm-Leen

Gage McKinney, **Clerk**

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty    Hugo Lopez-Laguna    Mabel Cheng    Sherene Nagarajah

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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](mailto:pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.org)  
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**Music Director:** Patricia Pietrzyk,..... [patriciapietrzyk@gmail.com](mailto:patriciapietrzyk@gmail.com)

**Accompanist:** Benjamin Belew.....

**Newsletter Editor:** Anne Buelteman..... [office@stthomas-svale.org](mailto:office@stthomas-svale.org)

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

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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

(The hospital does not always automatically notify the parish)

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

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

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

You may invite prayers online through The Intercessory Prayer Chain  
at [prayerchain@stthomas-svale.org](mailto:prayerchain@stthomas-svale.org)