

# 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 9, 2023

Rite II, 10:30am



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Proper 9

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

W. A. Mozart

*Theme & variations K.460*

Benjamin Belew, piano

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #657

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2. Come al - mighty - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3. Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum-ble dwell - ing all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion, per - fect -

faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

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pure, un - bound-ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem-bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
 Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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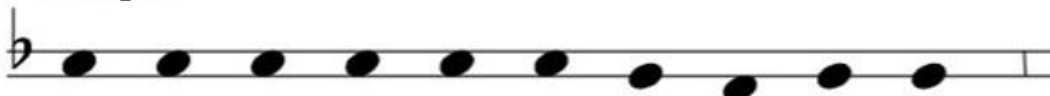
## Greeting

Celebrant:



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

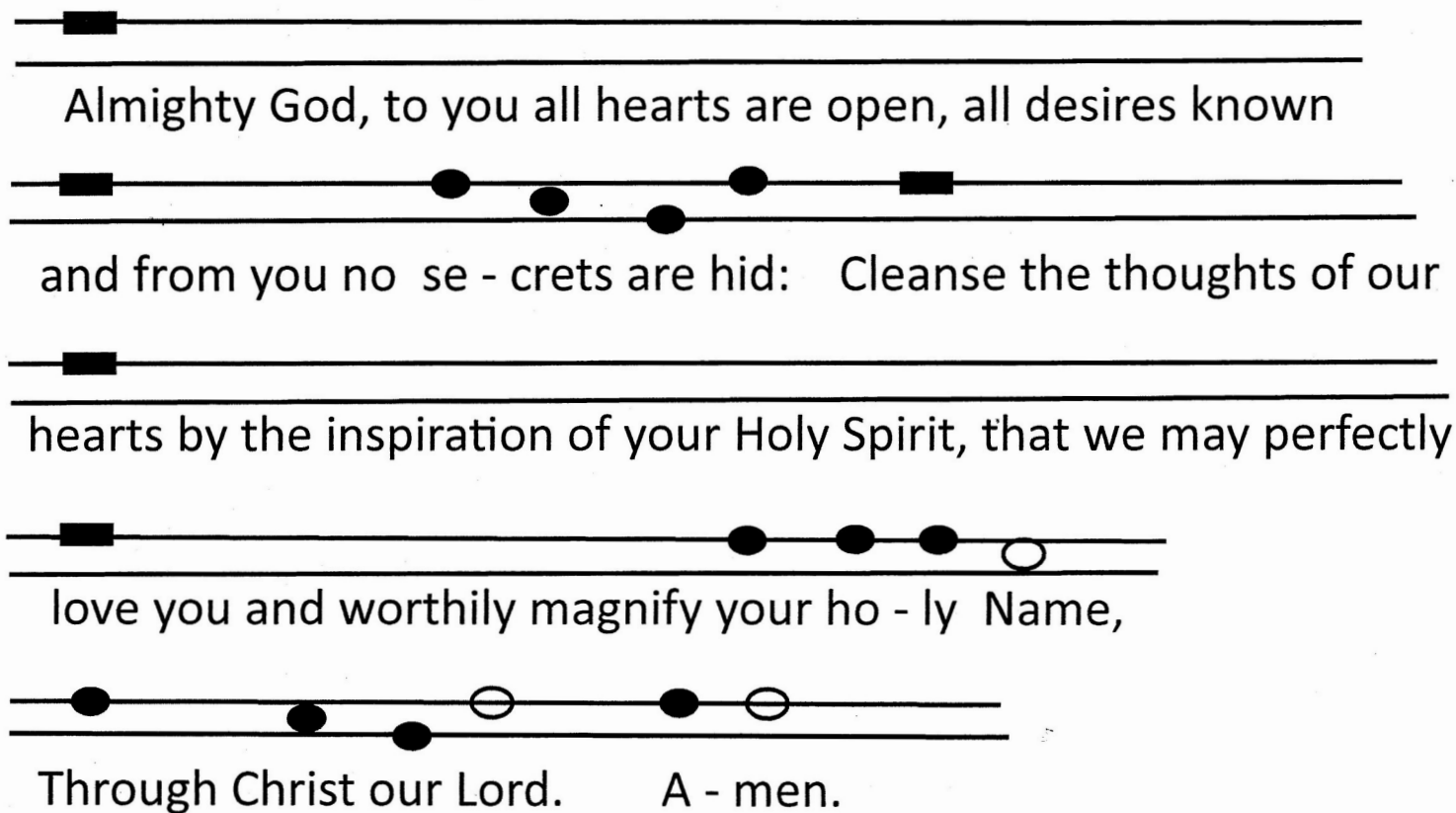
People:



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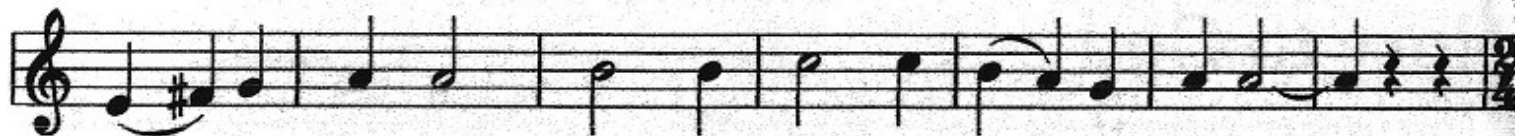
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, \_



\_ 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

Fa - ther: re - ceive

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

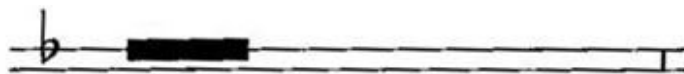
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High

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

in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Proper 9



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may

be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67**

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant.

“The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of



my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes,  
**leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.**

My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
**Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,**

gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.  
**My beloved speaks and says to me:**

"Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;  
**for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.**

The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
**and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.**

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
**Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away."**

## **The Epistle: Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?  
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #11

### *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

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

1 A - wake, my soul, and\_\_ with the sun thy  
2 Lord,\_\_ I my vows to\_\_ thee re - new; dis -  
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
4 Praise\_ God, from whom all\_\_ bless - ings flow; praise

dai - ly stage\_\_ of\_\_ du - ty run; shake\_\_ off dull sloth, and\_\_  
perse my sins\_\_ as\_\_ morn - ing dew; guard\_\_ my first springs of\_\_  
I de - sign,\_\_ or\_\_ do, or say; that\_\_ all my powers, with\_\_  
him, all crea - tures\_\_ here be - low; praise\_\_ him a - bove, ye\_\_

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knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

J. S. Bach

*My Heart Ever Faithful*

Jean Platner, soloist

Benjamin Belew, accompanist

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

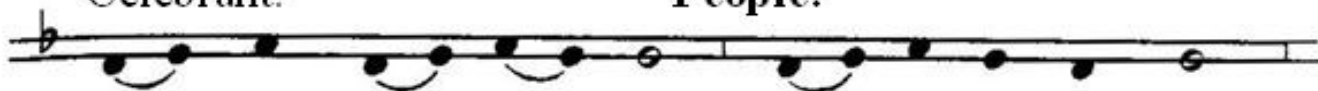
People: **And of your own have we given you.**

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Celebrant:

People:



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

Celebrant:

People:



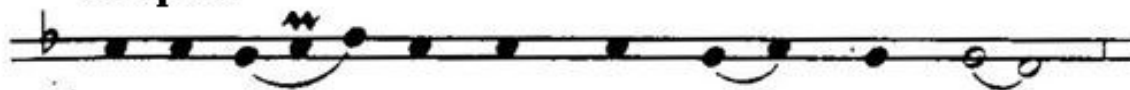
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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**

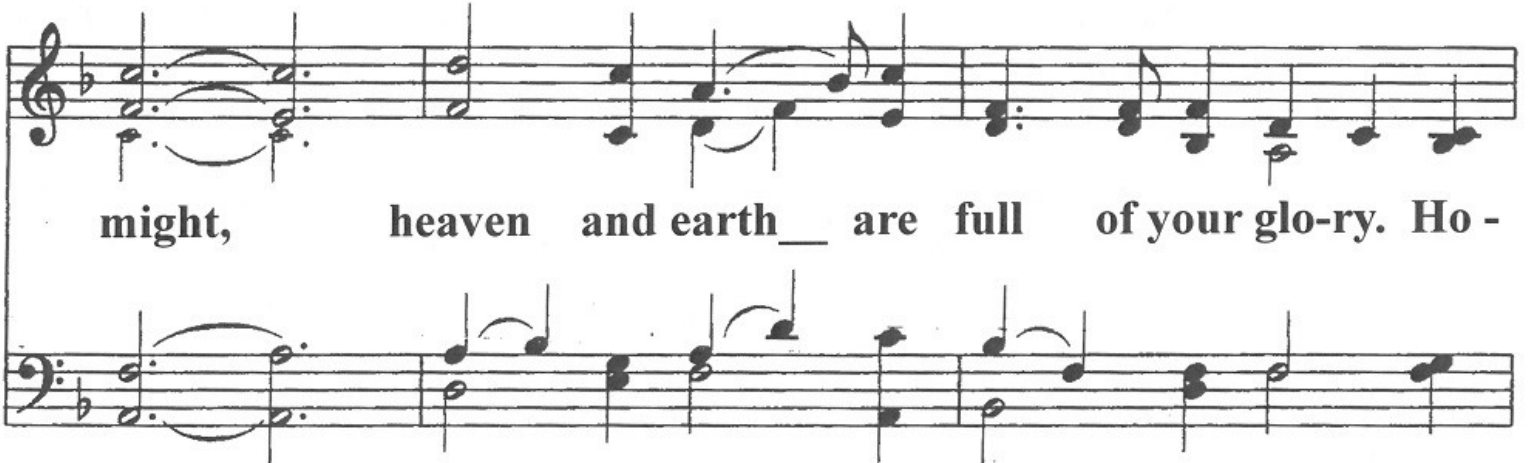
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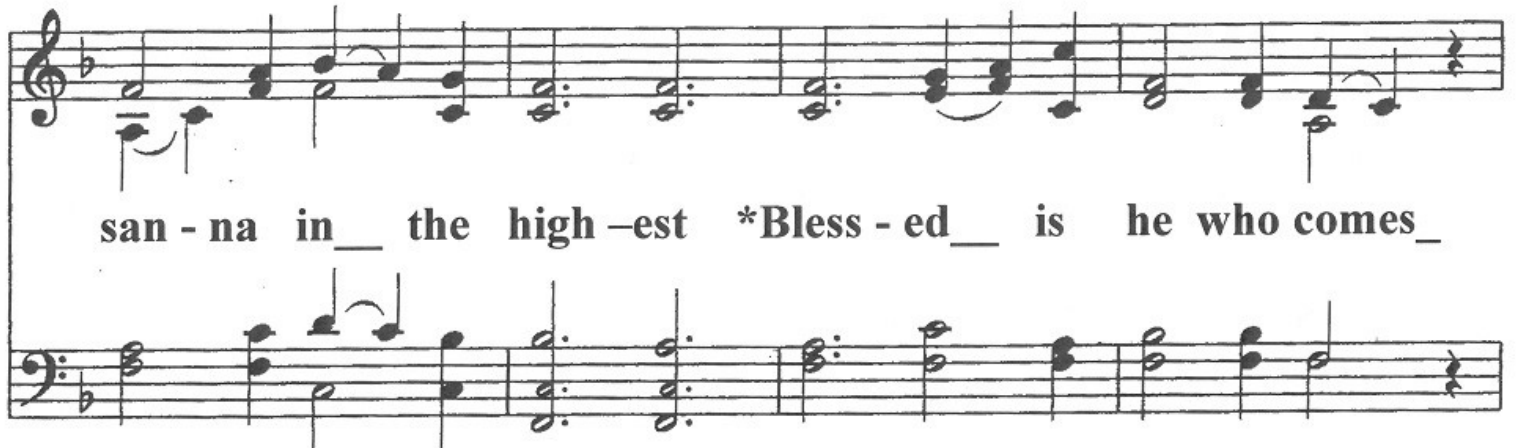
Celebrant and **People:**



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 the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, folk-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "High - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The word "est." is written with a long dash after it, indicating a long note. The word "Ho" is written with a long dash after it, indicating a long note. The word "san" is written with a long dash after it, indicating a long note. The word "na" is written with a long dash after it, indicating a long note. The word "in" is written with a long dash after it, indicating a long note. The word "the" is written with a long dash after it, indicating a long note. The word "high" is written with a long dash after it, indicating a long note. The word "est." is written with a long dash after it, indicating a long note.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner;  
 harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)  
 © Church Pension Fund

**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.*
- *The wine will be served in the chalice and in the small cups. The chalice will precede the cups. If you do not reach for the chalice, it will pass and the cups will follow. (Please place the empty cup on one of the trays near the aisles.)*
- *Please, do not dip the bread in the wine.*
- *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 #302

### *Father, We Thank Thee*

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

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with  
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy save it from e - vil,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Father, We Thank Thee'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with two parts: Part 1 and Part 2. The page number '21' is centered at the bottom.

in our hearts. Know-ledge and faith and life im-mor - tal Je - sus thy  
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con-

Son to us im-parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

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Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.  
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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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

*Go Forth for God*

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



1 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in peace;  
 2 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in love;  
 3 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in strength;  
 4 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in joy;



be of good cour - age, armed with heav'n-ly\_\_ grace,  
 strength-en the faint, give cour - age to the\_\_ weak;  
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the\_\_ right;  
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and\_\_ hour;



in God's good Spi - rit dai - - ly to in - crease,  
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - - ly from a - bove  
 ren - der to no\_\_ one e - - vil; Christ at length  
 and serv - ing Christ, our ev - - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king-dom we \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold his\_\_ face.  
 his love sup - plies the grace \_\_\_\_\_ and\_\_ power we\_\_ seek.  
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness\_\_ with his\_\_ light.  
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly\_\_ Spi - rit's\_\_ power.

Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971) and *English Praise*, 1975, alt.

Music: *Litton*, Erik Routley (1917-1982)

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## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Ravel

*Pavane for a Dead Princess*  
Benjamin Belew, piano



**Serving us at 10:30 am**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Salying Wong

**Deacon:** The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

**Eucharistic Minister:** Ann Kopischke

**Greeters:** MaryJane Johnson et al

**Lectors:** Dorothy Furgerson, John Pietrzyk

**Pianist/Organist:** Benjamin Belew

**Zoom Host:** Lou Poulain

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

## Today in the Parish

**Altar flowers** The altar flowers are given today by Mabel Cheng, in loving memory of her mother Mrs. Leung Lai, Yun-Kwai.

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

**New Directory** A new phone/email directory for the parish is available on the table at the back of the church. You may also request a PDF version by emailing the office at [office@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:office@stthomas-svale.us)

**Wine at communion.** The wine will be served in the chalice and the small cups. The chalice will precede the cups to highlight the symbol of the unity we have in Christ in the single chalice. If you do not reach for the chalice, it will pass and the cups will follow. Please, do not dip the bread in the wine.

**Sermon Discussion Table** will be labeled in the hall. Please join the table if you wish to discuss the sermon. Copies of the sermon will be provided. The rector will join when possible, but will prioritize her duties of welcome and pastoral care after the services.

## 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.

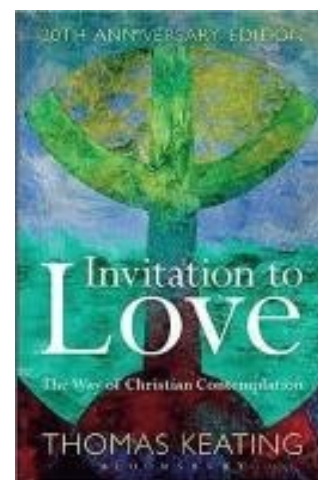
### Library News:

**Book of the Week July 9**

[\*Invitation to love: the way of Christian contemplation\*](#)

by Thomas Keating.

Following on from *Open Mind, Open Heart*, this book establishes a dialogue between the insights of contemporary psychology and the classic Christian spiritual masters, providing a solid conceptual background for the practice of Centering Prayer. This is a practical book, articulating the stages of the process of spiritual growth, and outlining how we might develop a deeper relationship with God and move from contemplation to action.



## 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 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
Sunday, July 30 9th Pent. proper 12	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer
Sunday, August 6 10th Pent. proper 13	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer

## **St Thomas Jail Ministry Presentation**

On **Sunday, July 16** after the 10:30am service at the coffee hour in the parish hall, Ms. Katy Dickinson will present the "Jail Ministry." Since 2015, Ms. Katy Dickinson has been a volunteer chaplain for the Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy (CIC) in Santa Clara County – Elmwood Jail. In 2022, she began working as a part-time CIC Relief Chaplain. Katy is also a doctoral student at the Berkeley School of Theology – Doctor of Ministry program.

Katy's presentation will address "Women of Faith in Jail." Also, to re-energize support and participation in the St Thomas Jail ministry. The program will be kept within an hour.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Salying or Deacon Bertram.

**Agape Circle** First Friday of each month (mostly!) at 6:30pm, Cowans Hall (we will observe "mask" protocols as necessary).

Join us **Friday, August 4**, 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.

**The next Vestry Meeting** will be **August 22 at 7pm**. Please contact Pastor Salying if you wish to attend. All regular business meetings are on Zoom.

## **General Announcements**

**NEW EMAIL FORMAT** You may have noticed that your July/August newsletter and your invitation and bulletin for today's 10:30am service arrived in your inbox with a different look. To facilitate "mass" or "bulk" emails (admittedly, St. Thomas' mass or bulk is hardly vast!) we have shifted to using a company called "mailchimp" for these mailings. In spite of its simian nomenclature,

it's a complex and forward-looking service that we hope to make full use of as we learn it.

**July/August newsletter** was late in arriving in many inboxes and we apologize for the delay. Google's hyperactive security system was preventing its distribution at the end of last week, but we hope the issue has been resolved by the abovementioned new email system. Please feel free to contact the administrator with any questions: [office@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:office@stthomas-svale.us)

### **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.

**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.

### **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 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



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the following link:

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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](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 July 24** and will be hosted by Dorothy Furgerson. Using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss ***Caste: the Origins of our Discontent*** by Isabel Wilkerson. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author explores, through an immersive, deeply researched, and beautifully written narrative and stories about real people, how America throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings, which still defines our lives today. Please join us—contact Dorothy through our website [www.stthomas-svale.org/contact](http://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](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.

## **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](http://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!*

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**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)