

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 2023

Rite II, 10:30am



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Proper 11

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.

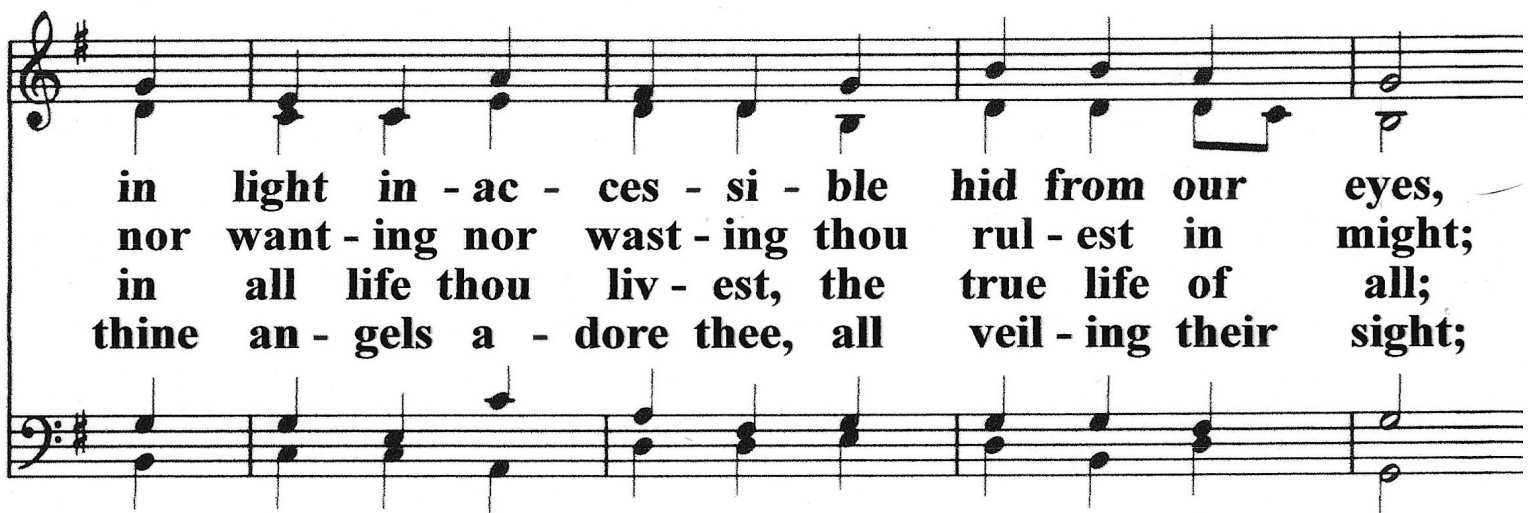
Summer Prelude
Benjamin Belew, piano

Opening Hymn

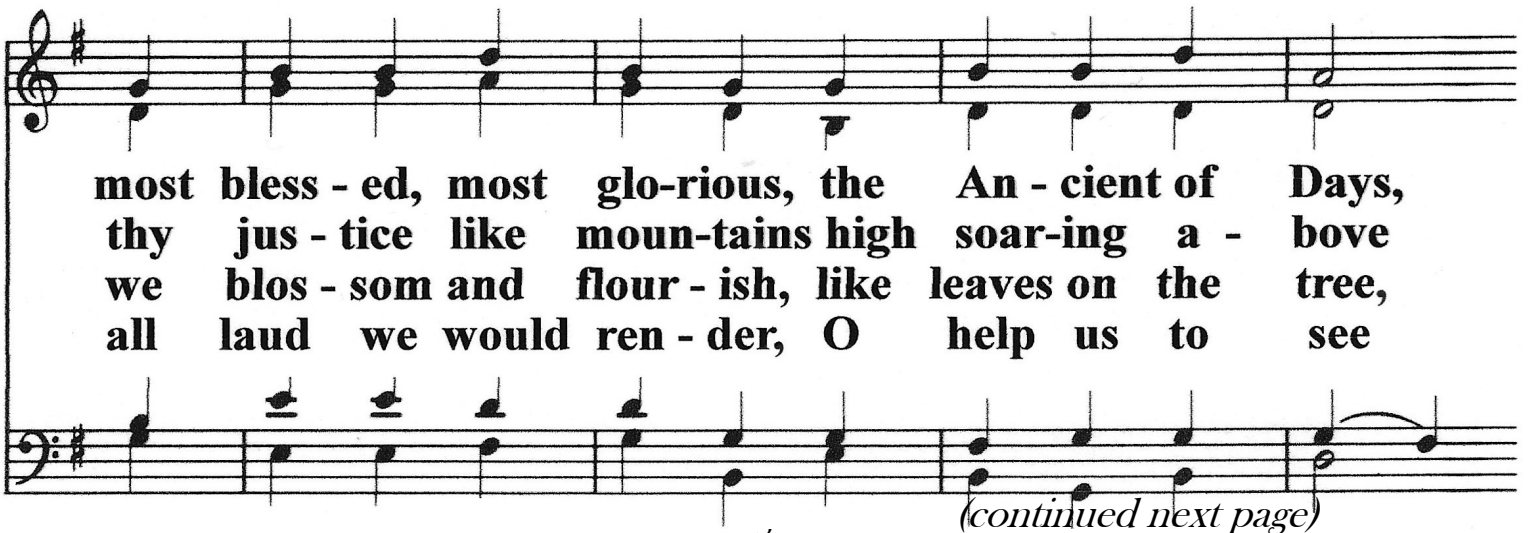
Hymnal #423

*Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise**All are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.*


1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing nor wast - ing thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der, O help us to see

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al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chang-eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877);
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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Greeting

Celebrant:

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

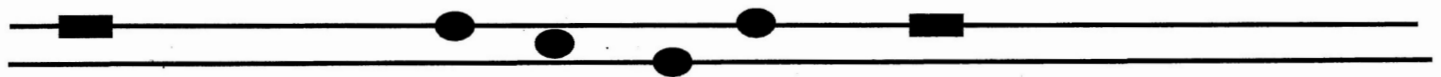
People:

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

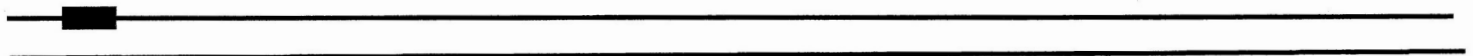
Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

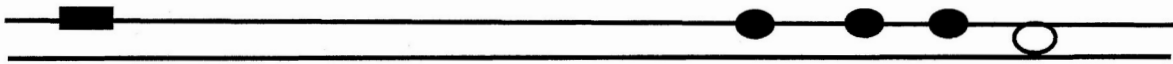
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known



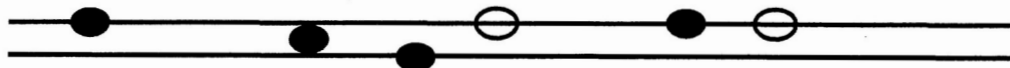
and from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our



hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly



love you and worthily magnify your ho - ly Name,



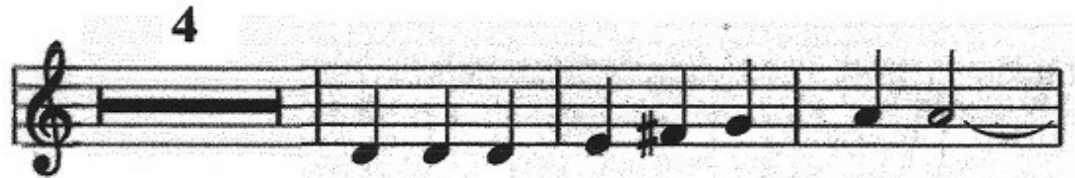
Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

Gloria

WLP #900

*Please join in singing
the Gloria.*

*Zoom participants
please stay muted*



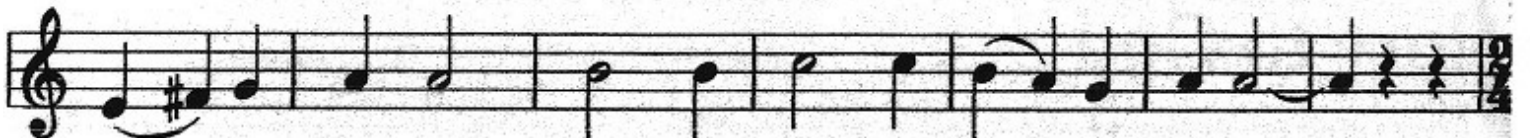
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, _



_ 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 _

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

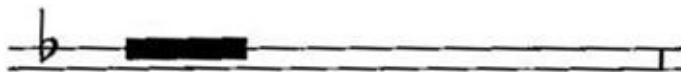
Lord, _____ you a - lone are the Most High

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

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

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 11



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: **And also with you**



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Epistle: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you

will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #542

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Christ Is the World's True Light

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

1 Christ is the world's true light, its Cap-tain of sal-va - tion,
 2 In Christ all ra - ces meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day-star clear and bright of ev-ery race and na - tion;
 the whole round world com-plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting:
 cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra-vailed long in pain;

free-dom her bond-age breaks, and night is turned__ to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing hook__ the spear.
 to heal its an-cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace,__ and reign.

The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus put before the crowd another parable:

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

Aaron Williams/Lowell Mason

A Farmer in a Field

Text: © 2014 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
John McVey, Susan Mcvey, soloists
Benjamin Belew, piano

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

WLP #858

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



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.

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 #541

Come Labor On

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



1	Come,	la - bor on.	Who dares stand i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor on.	The en - e - my is
3	Come,	la - bor on.	A - way with gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor on.	Claim the high call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor on.	No time for rest, till




on the har-vest plain,	while all a - round us
watch-ing night and day,	to sow the tares, to
doubts and faith-less fear!	No arm so weak but
an - gels can - not share—	to young and old the
glows the west-ern sky,	till the long sha - dows

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waves the gol - den grain? And to each ser - vant
snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered ___ not.
- may our God ful - fill his right - eous ___ will.
hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws ___ nigh.
with the set - ting sun, ___ "Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.
Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

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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

Hymnal #665

All My Hope On God Is Founded

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



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good-ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun-teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend - eth, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er
4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand: joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

Benjamin Belew

Air II

Benjamin Belew, piano



Serving us at 10:30 am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Cobb

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson et al

Lectors: Marilyn Winans, Lou Poulain

Pianist/Organist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host: Aer van de Water

Stream/Tech team lead: Andrew Yeh

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. Please contact the office if you would like to receive a copy.

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.

Library News:

Book of the Week July 23

Heartfulness: transformation in Christ

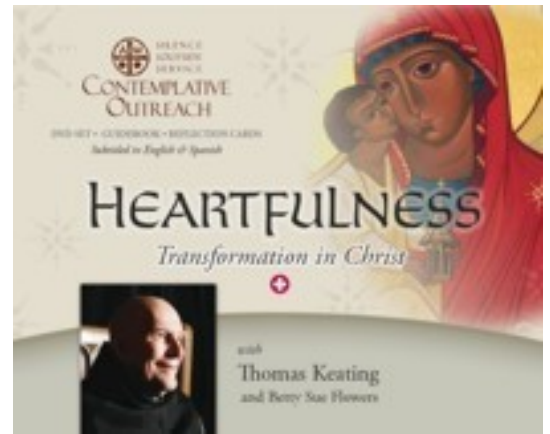
by Thomas Keating

3-DVD Set with guidebook and 10 reflection cards.

DVDs are subtitled in English & Spanish.

(You may be able to locate the video portion on YouTube, done in 4 separate parts. It is all taken from this kit.)

Condenses the accumulated wisdom of Fr. Thomas Keating's many years of teaching and practice into nine essential areas for study, reflection, and spiritual growth for our time. The interviewer, Betty Sue Flowers, draws out of Fr. Thomas the importance of silence and contemplative practice as a means of opening the mind and heart and one's whole being to God, or the Ultimate Reality.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St Thomas at Silicon Valley Pride Interfaith Booth Silicon Valley Pride in San Jose will be held during the last weekend of August (**August 26-27**), with a fair on Sunday afternoon. Several churches and synagogues band together each year to rent some booths and create a small oasis—where kids can color and craft, and where queer people can tell their stories to listening volunteers, leave prayers at the ofrenda. They will also point people towards welcoming faith organizations. St Thomas and several other Episcopal churches are joining that team this year. If you would like to be involved in the planning, by helping in advance or by volunteering on the day, please let Lou Poulain or Aer van de Water know – arikevdw@hotmail.com.

Staff vacations Just an announcement to make you aware of the following vacation dates:

Pastor Salying will be away **July 24—August 11.**

Parish Administrator Anne B will be away **August 10—23.**

Centering Prayer will be canceled for the Tuesdays Pastor Salying will be on vacation: **July 25, August 1, August 8.**

You are encouraged to go to a CP meeting led by Angela Rausch here:

<https://stillpointca.org/interior-chapel> at 5pm

Or, go to meditation chapel for CP for a 6pm group:

<https://meditationchapel.org/calendar/>

Worship schedule:

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
Sunday, August 13 11th Pent. proper 14	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, August 20 12th Pent. proper 15	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II

Summer Reading Program continues!

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

This annual tradition 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.

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

St. Thomas Weekly E-News is a new publication. Our e-news will now include the sermon from the previous Sunday, a preview of upcoming events for the week and a review of information we believe can be useful for you. Deadlines for submissions to the enews are Mondays by 5pm. You may submit to office@stthomas-svale.us. *Sermons will no longer be sent out in a separate email.*

Education for Ministry

Our diocese offers the Education for Ministry class for people interested in going deeper with their faith. The first year participants reading the Old Testament, the second year the New Testament, the third year Church history and the fourth year more generally about the church. People from all four years meet in weekly discussions from September through May that deepen their understanding of what they believe and what their calling is. This coming year will have groups meeting in person and on zoom.

If you'd like to know more, please email course coordinator Katy Dickinson - katy.dickinson@gmail.com

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.

Archives 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

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.

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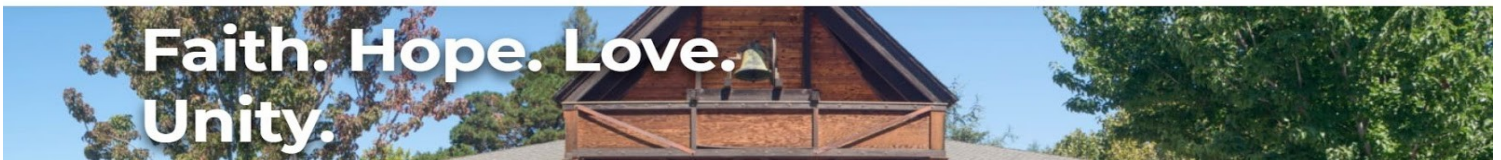
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menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located on the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “GIVE”, you will be taken to a new page where you may donate through PayPal, using a debit or credit card. OR, if you prefer, you may go directly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

St. Thomas Library 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.

St. Thomas offers English Language Classes. A class for Chinese speakers meets most Fridays at 10:00am in the Disciples room. A class for Japanese speakers meets Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Disciples room.

Please note: The class for Japanese speakers is going on hiatus after May 31, and will begin again mid-August.

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 for the Zoom link.

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

Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

Tuesdays, 6pm Centering Prayer, led by Pastor Salying
On hiatus through August 8, resuming August 15
See notes under Upcoming Events for alternate offerings.

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



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

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Stephanie Daugherty

Hugo Lopez-Laguna

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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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Accompanist: Benjamin Belew.....

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

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

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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

(The hospital does not always automatically notify the parish)

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

Parish Office408-736-4155

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

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