

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 2023

Rite II, 10:30am



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Proper 15

Holy Eucharist

10:30am, Rite II

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We are so happy you are here today, in-person and online.

For those of you coming to church in-person, please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe during this pandemic:

INDOOR - Masking is now recommended at church services. For those who have vulnerable health issues, our 10:30am services always offer an option to worship from the safety of home. Please stay home if you feel sick.

When the priest celebrates communion, she will always thoroughly wash her hands. She will be unmasked while celebrating communion. She will re-mask to distribute communion, since she will come closer than six feet and want to make everyone as comfortable receiving. **Thank you** for your continued patience as we try to provide the greatest level of safety for all of us!

OUTDOOR - Please be aware of those around you who may be vulnerable and try to maintain a distance. Our coffee hour will be on the Alpha-Omega patio.

For those attending remotely, you may connect in either of two ways:

1. by computer or smartphone (video and audio):

You may access our ZOOM meeting on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

2. by telephone (audio only):

Dial +1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

When prompted for a participant number, touch the pound key (#).

*Please follow the usual procedures for muting and unmuting (*6) and raising a hand (*9). For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.*

*Please note: Regarding joining us on Zoom, we welcome newcomers and appreciate your **on-time** attendance. If you arrive more than 15 minutes after the service begins, our Zoom protocols may not permit your joining the service.*

Equally important, please be sure that your zoom account ID includes your first and last name. We look forward to seeing you.

After worship today please join us for coffee hour in Cowans Hall across the courtyard.

Prelude

Benjamin Belew, piano

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #380

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies Lord, and
3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re-deem-er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.;
harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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Greeting

Celebrant:

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

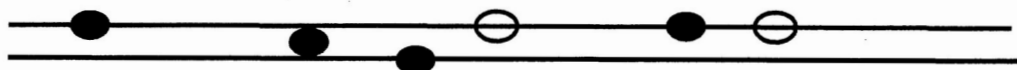
People:

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,



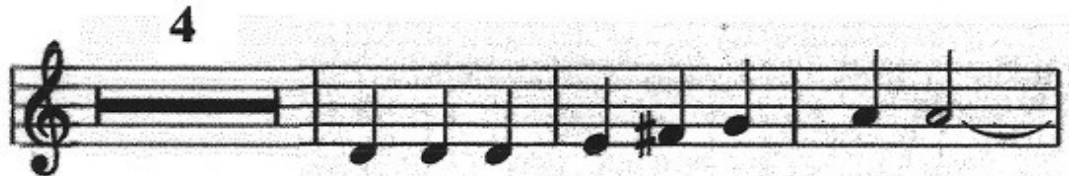
Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

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_

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

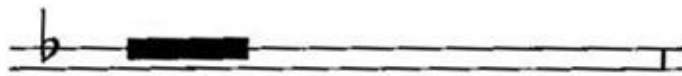
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

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

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 music is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The word 'Amen' is written with a long dash after it, indicating a long note. There is a fermata over the final note of 'men'.

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 15



Celebrant:

God be with you.



People:

And also with you



Celebrant:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his

brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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People: Thanks be to God

In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me

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

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
 2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
 3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

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

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

Words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855); alt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)

Music: Halton Holgate, William Boyce (1711-1779)

The Gospel:

Matthew 15: 10-28

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

EVENTIDE/William Henry Monk

She Came to Jesus

Text: © 2002 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Chris Schmidt, Emilee Wilhelm-Leen, soloists

Benjamin Belew, piano

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

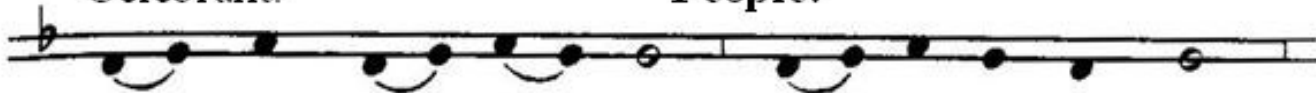
People: And of your own have we given you.

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant:

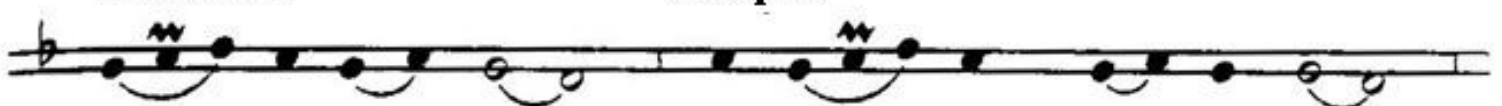
People:



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:

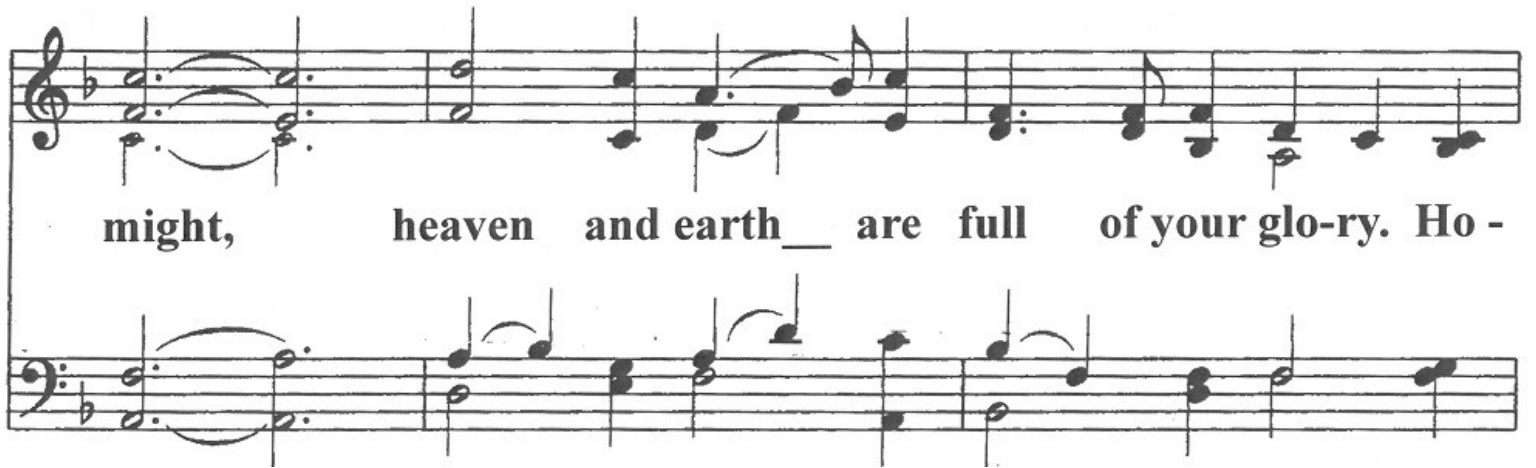
Sanctus

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "High - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties. The bass line provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

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 #321

My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

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



1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

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1 love doth o - ver - flow_ be all thy chil - dren
 2 well with joy - ful guests, and may each soul sal -
 3 num - bers let_ them come_ and gath - er from their
 4 world thy truth_ has run, till with this Bread shall

1 thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 2 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 3 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond_ the tomb.
 4 all be blessed who see the light or feel_ the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
 Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780;
 adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

LM

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 #470

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There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

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

1 There's a wide-ness in God's_ mer - cy like the wide-ness of the_ sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in_ heaven;
3 For the love of God is_ broad - er than the mea-sure of the_ mind;

there's a kind-ness in his_ jus-tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment_ given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won-der-ful - ly__ kind.

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There is wel-come for the_ sin - ner, and more gra-ces for the_ good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been_ shed;
 If our love were but more_ faith-ful we should take him at his_ word;

there is mer-cy with the_ Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his_ blood.
 there is joy for all the_ mem-bers in the sor - rows of the_ Head.
 and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the_ Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.

Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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: John McVey, Marilyn Winans

Pianist/Organist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom Host: Lou Poulain

Stream/Tech team lead: Steve Williams

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

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.

Special collection today for Canterbury Bridge The Rev. Deacon Kathleen Crowe, who was to preach last Sunday, had a death in the family and was unable to come to us. We ask your continuing prayers for Deacon Kathey and her family.

A special collection of articles detailed below is taking place on behalf of Canterbury Bridge Episcopal Campus Ministry at San Jose State University, where Deacon Kathey is Chaplain.

Five Episcopal parishes in the Santa Clara Deanery partner with deacon Kathey to collect hygiene products for the Spartan Pantry. The website for this ministry is www.canterburybridge.org.

A box has been placed at the church entrance to collect items for the SJSU pantry. Most-needed items include toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, bar soap, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes. The collection box will remain at the church **until Monday, August 21**. You are encouraged to bring your contributions and add them to the box. The collected items will be sent to the SJSU

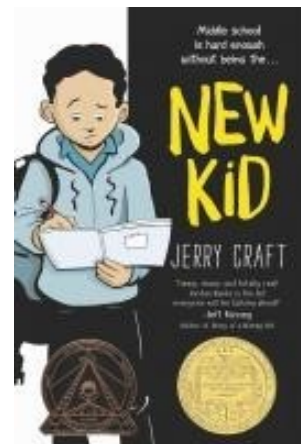
pantry through Deacon Kathey. Your attention to this need and collection will be much appreciated.

Library News:

Book of the Week August 20

[New Kid](#) by Jerry Craft

7th grader Jordan Banks is now attending a new school known for its academics. He would rather be attending an art school. He finds himself torn between two worlds, and not fitting into either one. 2020 Newbery Winner. See also companion book, [Class Act](#) by Jerry Craft.



NEW on Literature Rack – R side of Narthex

Copies of *Forward Movement: Day by Day* are available. The August portion has been removed, but Sept. and October remain. We were alerted to an August writer that Forward removed from their files. The September/October issue of *The Upper Room* is also available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff vacations Reminder:

Parish Administrator Anne B is away **August 10—23.**

Worship schedule:

Sunday, August 27 13th Pent. proper 16	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, September 3 14th Pent. proper 17	8am - in person 10:30am - Zoom only	Holy Eucharist Rite I Morning Prayer
Sunday, September 10 15th Pent. proper 18	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, September 10 15th Pent. proper 18	8am - in person 10:30am - Hybrid	Holy Eucharist Rite I Morning Prayer

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.

CONCERT Benjamin Belew will present a concert on **Saturday, August 26**.

PROTOTYPE of Auditory Sceneries

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VOLUME II

Piano Concert of Original, Known, and Popular Works

August 26 Saturday 6:00 pm Doors Open
(Concert may be held outdoors depending on the temperature of that day.)



Family Ministry Ice Cream Social This annual event will take place on **Sunday August 27** following 10:30am worship.

St Thomas at Silicon Valley Pride Interfaith Booth

Sign up for a shift at our interfaith booth August 26-27!

Silicon Valley Pride is coming up! Our congregation is part of an informal group of faith organizations that organize an interfaith welcome booth at the festival each year. We need volunteers!

Sign up to help set up or break down the booth or take a shift during the festival itself, which will take place in Cesar Chavez Park in San Jose.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F49AAAC2AA6FB6-svpride2>

Questions? Contact Aer van de Water, arikevdw@hotmail.com

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

Join us **Friday, September 8 at 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.

Patronal Feast and Fall Follies Revue

Sunday, September 10

The Patronal Feast and the Fall Follies Revue will be held on Sunday, September 10. It will be a day dedicated to our patron saint, Thomas the Apostle, as his official feast day of Dec 21 is often overlooked during the busy Christmas season. It is also due time for another Follies Revue show since our Spring Follies had been canceled. Our follies revue program allows everyone, including our Zoom participants, to connect and share their talents in a fun way! We are inviting volunteers to participate by singing a song, playing some music, reading poetry, doing dramatic readings, or any other activity that can be shared both live and on Zoom for entertainment. The theme for the Fall Follies Revue will focus either on our patron, St. Thomas, or on current and seasonal issues. Please contact Pat Dare at pdare5@comcast.net to provide information about your performance. If your performance is pre-recorded, we will also need the on-line link to access it. And as part of the program, we will also be putting together another session of Improv Theater. If you are interested in that, please contact Dena Ware at denaware@gmail.com. You are also welcome to participate by just being part of the audience and share by showing your appreciation to the performers.

General Announcements

Summer Reading Program winners!

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

This annual tradition concluded **Sunday, August 13.**

Gift certificates were awarded in both adult and child categories.

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 “New” Display —coming soon Watch for a display from the music department.

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.

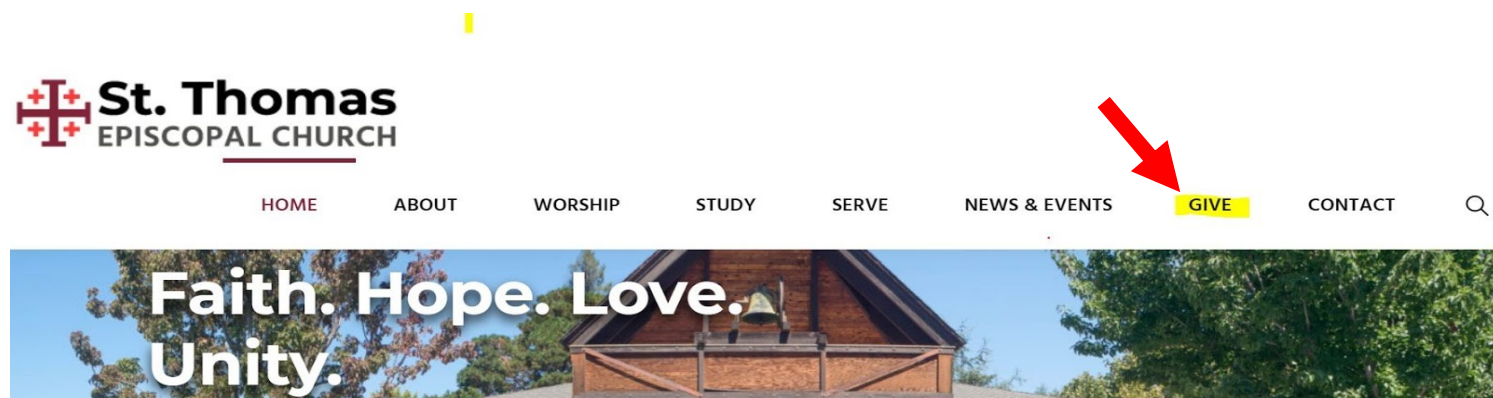
Pledges, Offerings & Donations

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 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 on hiatus, and will begin again in September.

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 August 28: *Under the Whispering Door*** by TJ Klune and Kirt Graves. Charon's Crossing: where the tea is hot, the scones are fresh, and the dead are just passing through. When Wallace is given one week to cross over, he sets about living a lifetime in seven days. Hilarious, haunting, and kind, this is an uplifting story about a life spent at the office and a death spent building a home. Please join us—contact Dorothy through our website www.stthomas-svale.org/contact for the Zoom link.

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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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

An updated **Announcement page** is available on line at
[https://docs.google.com/document/
d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg)

and updates of various parish events and activities may also be
found on our website at www.stthomas-svale.org



Parish Mission Statement
St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!
We are becoming whom Jesus calls us to be: a spiritually-centered
community dedicated to creating connections with God, each other,
and our neighbors, so that we might walk together with love
toward justice, compassion, and hope.

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

St. Thomas website: www.stthomas-svale.org

Welcome

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

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

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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