

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2024

Rite II, 10:30am



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Welcome to worship this morning.

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.

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.

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):

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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.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #126

The People Who In Darkness Walked

Please join in singing the hymn; zoom participants stay muted.



- 1 The peo - ple who in dark-ness walked have seen a glo-rious light;
- 2 To hail thy ris-ing, Sun of life, the gath-ering na-tions come,
- 3 To us the prom-ised Child is born to us the Son is given;
- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er-more a-dored,
- 5 His power in-creas-ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;



- 1 on them broke forth the heaven-ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
- 2 joy - ous as when the reap-ers bear their har-vest trea-sures home.
- 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
- 4 the Won-der-ful, the Coun-se-lor, the might-y God and Lord.
- 5 jus-tice shall guard his throne a-bove and peace a - bound be - low.




Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7

Music: Dundee, melody *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.


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Celebrant:



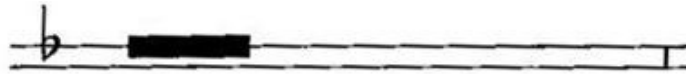
Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.


People:



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

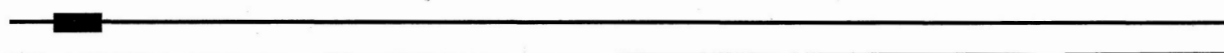
Greeting and Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 
God be with you.

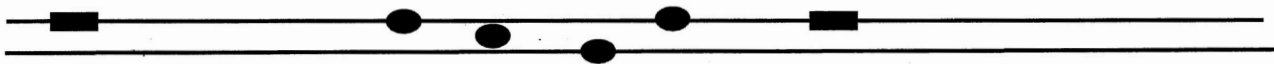
People: 
And also with you

Celebrant: 
Let us pray.

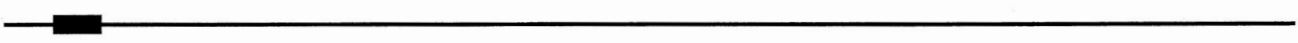
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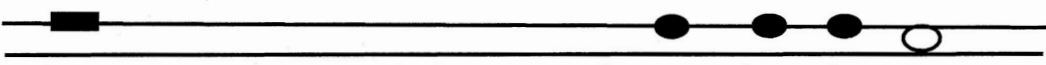
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known



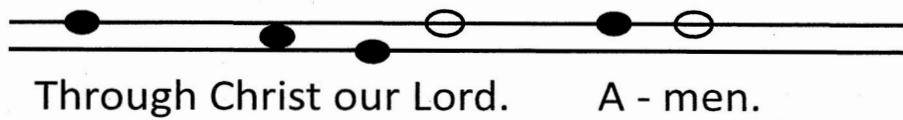
and from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our



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



love you and worthily magnify your ho - ly Name,



Gloria

Please join in singing the Gloria; zoom participants stay muted.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Collect for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

The congregation joins the choir in singing the refrain.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

Refrain:


Lord__ you have searched__ me out__ and__ known me.

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. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Lord__ you have searched_ me out__ and__ known me.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a sequence of notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter).

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. *Refrain*

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For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well. *Refrain*

Refrain:



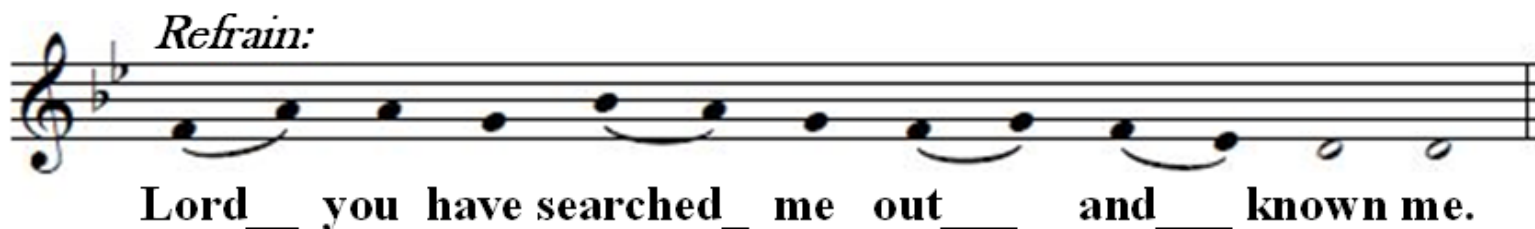
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My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth. *Refrain*



Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them. *Refrain*



How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Refrain (as above)

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial.
“All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by
anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,”
and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not
for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God
raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know
that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the
members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!
Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one

body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #536

God Has Spoken to His People

Please join in singing the hymn; zoom participants stay muted.



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
 2 They_ who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
 3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
 4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



O - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
 they_ who have ears, then let them hear. They_ who would learn the
 Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From_ east and west the
 O - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest-hood, God has come_ to_ you.
 way of wis - dom, let them hear_ God's_ word.
 peo - ples trav - el, he will show_ the_ way.
 roy - al priest-hood, God has come_ to_ you.

Fine

God has spo-ken to his peo-ple, Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo-ken to his peo-ple,
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - jah! _____ And his words are
To - rah o - ra,

words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - - - jah!
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - - - jah! *Da Capo*

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

Words: Willard F. Jabusch (b. 1930), alt.

Music: *Torah Song [Yisrael Voraita]*, Hasidic melody; arr. Richard Proulx, (b. 1937)

98. 95 with Refrain

The Gospel John 1:43-51

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

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and

Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Martyr Haugen
See next page.

Please join in singing the response. Zoom participants stay muted.

All: repeat continuously (under Leader)

A

(Hmmm)

Response

All:

B

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader:

A **B** Response (as above)

1. In peace, in peace, we pray_ to you:

Leader:

A **B** Response (as above)

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A**

3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:

Response

All: **B**

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B** *Response above*

4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer-cy:

Leader:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

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All:

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

The image shows a musical score for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics 'Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.' are written below the top staff, with horizontal lines indicating the placement of the notes. The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together.

The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

All: **God of all mercy,**
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.

Announcements

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Offertory sentence

The Offertory Anthem

John Foley

One Bread, One Body

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Benjamin Belew, accompanist

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

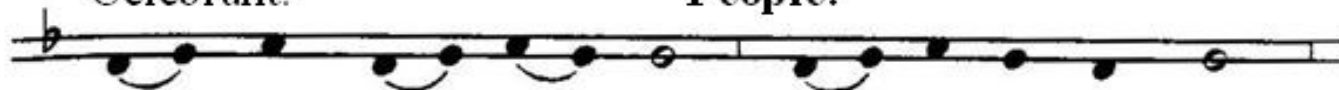
People: **And of your own have we given you.**

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer 3. *Enriching Our Worship 1*

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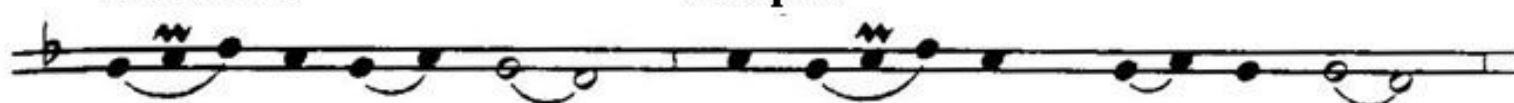
People:



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

Celebrant:

People:



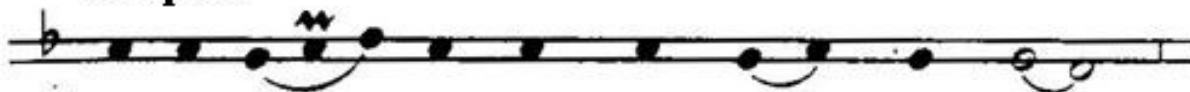
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

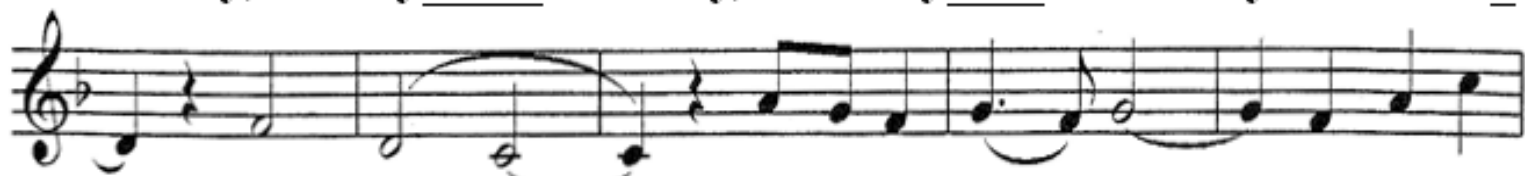
LEVAS #255

Celebrant and People:

Please join in singing. Zoom participants please stay muted.



Ho-ly, ho - ly _____ ho-ly, ho - ly _____ ho-ly Lord God _____



_____ of hosts _____ Hea-ven and earth _____ are _____ filled with your



glo - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est _____

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the
 Lord, of the Lord Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
 your Word has never been silent;
 you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
 you delivered them from bondage
 and led them to a land of promise.
 Of your grace, you gave Jesus
 to be human, to share our life,
 to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
 and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
 you have freed us from sin,
 brought us into your life,
 reconciled us to you,
 and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
 Jesus took bread,
 and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
 gave it to his friends and said:
 "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and **People:**

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with blessed Thomas, and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and **People:**

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant: 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 Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Communion

Everyone is invited to come to the altar railing during Communion.

- *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.*

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

You are invited to join in singing the hymn.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

Unison



1	I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my
2	I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my
3	I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the



peo - ple cry.	All who dwell in deep - est sin	My hand will
peo-ple's pain	I have wept for love of them.	They turn a -
poor and lame	I will set a feast for them.	My hand will



save.	I who made the stars of night,
way.	I will break their hearts of stone
save.	Fin-est bread I will pro-vide



I will make their dark-ness bright.	Who will bear my
give them hearts for love a - lone.	I will speak my
till their hearts be sat - is - fied.	I will give my



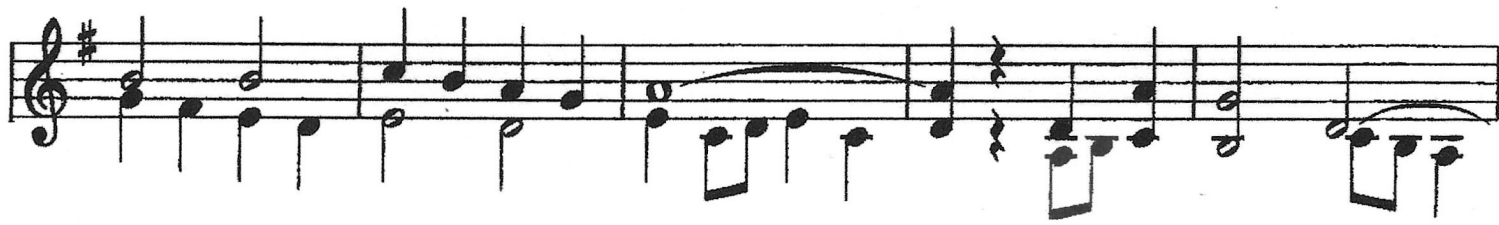
light to them?	Whom shall I send?	_____
word to them?	Whom shall I send?	_____
life to them?	Whom shall I send?	_____

Refrain



Here I am, Lord _____	Is it I, Lord? _____	I have _____
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heard you call-ing in the night_____ I will go, Lord,___



_____ if you lead me,_____ I will hold your peo-ple in my



heart._____ heart._____

Words: Daniel L. Schutte

Music:: Daniel L. Schutte

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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.

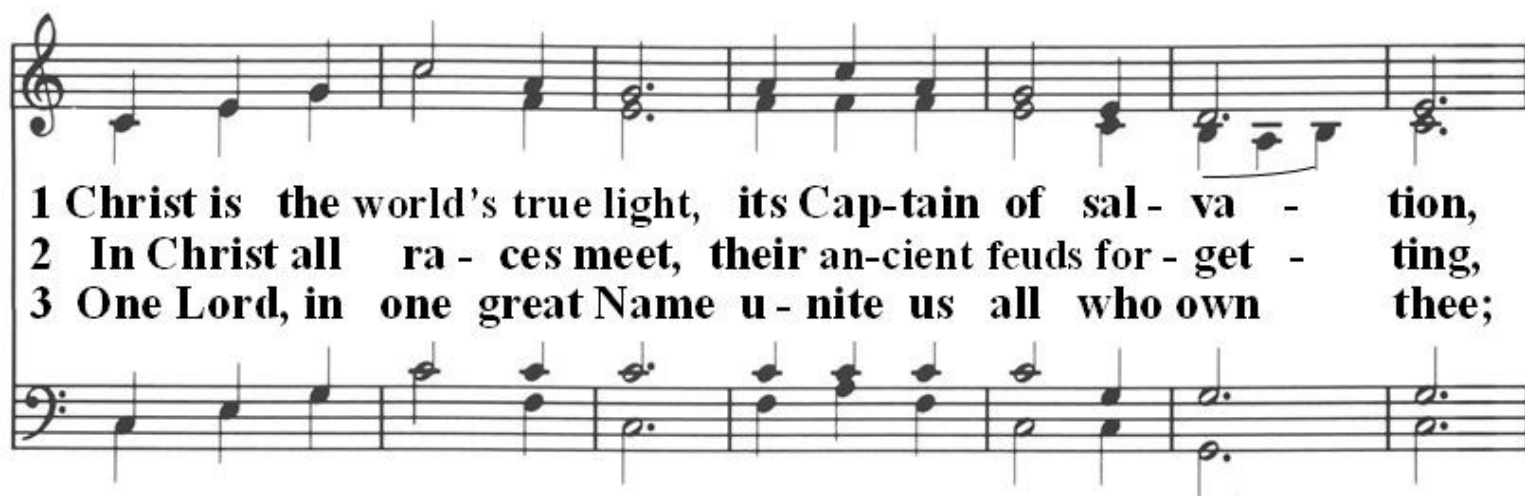
The Blessing

Closing Hymn

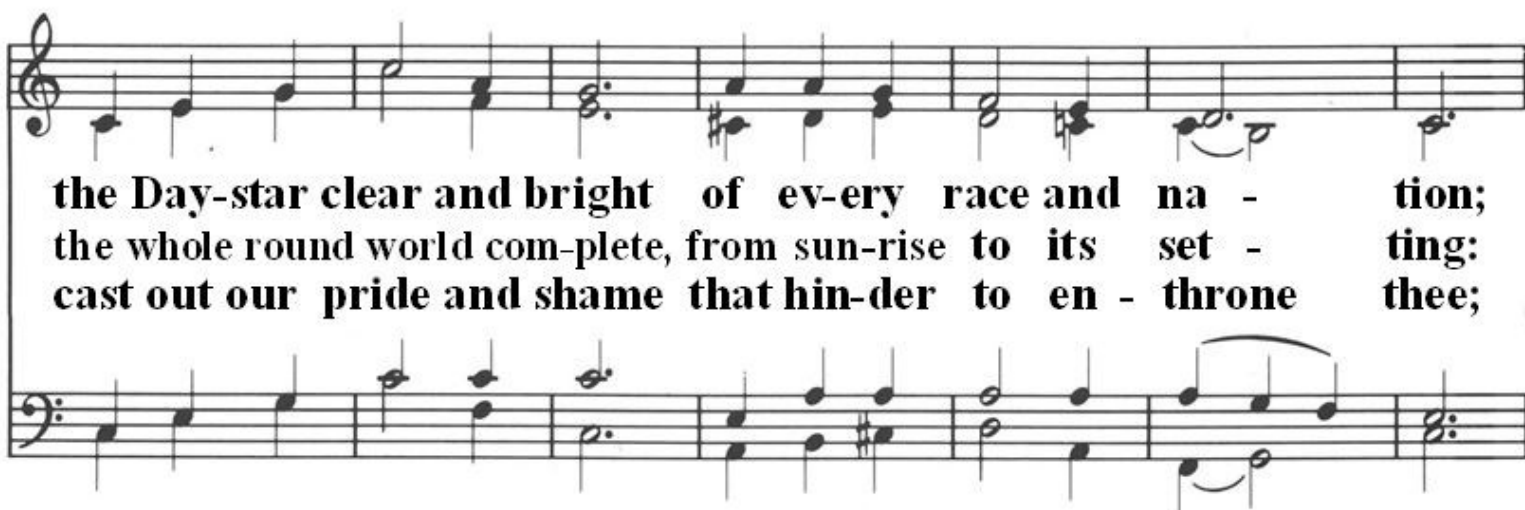
Hymnal #542

Christ Is the World's True Light

Please join in singing the hymn; zoom participants 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;

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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.

Words George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.
 Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Collier (b. 1895)

67. 67. 66. 66

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
 Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude



Serving us at 10:30 am

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Gutierrez

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson et al

Lectors: John Pietrzyk, Lou Poulain

Cantor: Abby O'Connell

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Zoom host: Abby O'Connell **Tech lead:** Tian Zhu

Today in the Parish

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

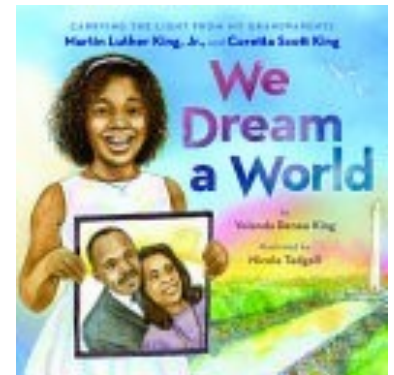
Library News:

Book of the Week January 14

We Dream a World by Yolanda Renee King. 2024

"The only granddaughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King delivers a stirring tribute to her grandparents that speaks to children everywhere about her hopes for a new future"

- publisher



UPCOMING EVENTS

No more weekly reminders will be sent out for weekday services. We want to reduce the amount of email you are receiving. You may find the weekday services schedule with their zoom links in the weekly e-news which will still be sent on Tuesdays, OR you may find this information on our website: <https://stthomas-svale.org/worship-schedule/>.

Related to this: Noonday Prayer is cancelled this week, Wednesday January 17.

Annual Meeting Sunday January 28, 2024 At the Annual Meeting, the Annual Report for 2023 will be presented along with important announcements about St. Thomas as we go forward in 2023, There will be a **single worship service that morning** to facilitate attendance by all. Please put this date on your calendar! This year, the meeting will move into Cowans Hall at the conclusion of 10:30am worship. Lunch will be provided, including a deli-lunch setup with all the fixings for “Make it Yourself” sandwiches. Chips, fruit salad, and beverages will also be provided.

The Annual Report consists of budget information from the Treasurer and Finance group, as well as individual summations of the 2022 activities of all the groups at St. Thomas. Please submit your individual reports **no later than Friday January 19, 2024** for inclusion in the report! Thank you!

New Vestry members have been nominated. They will be confirmed at the Annual meeting later this month. Here they are, to introduce themselves:

For a three-year term:

• **Jeannie Battagin**

Two years ago, when I moved to Santa Clara, I prayed to be led to a church community that would be a place of welcome to All and where relationship to God and Jesus is truly nurtured.

Finding St Thomas Episcopal Church was like coming home in a new way, and a very hopeful and joyful experience. Additionally, I’ve enjoyed the fun and laughter we share at different times! After a year and

a half of participating in various ways, I was Received as an Episcopalian on Sunday, December 17th, 2023. I’ve also been learning how to be a Lay Eucharistic Minister, thanks to the mentoring of Joe Gutierrez and Pastor Salying. I hope that being on the Vestry will help serve this wonderful community.



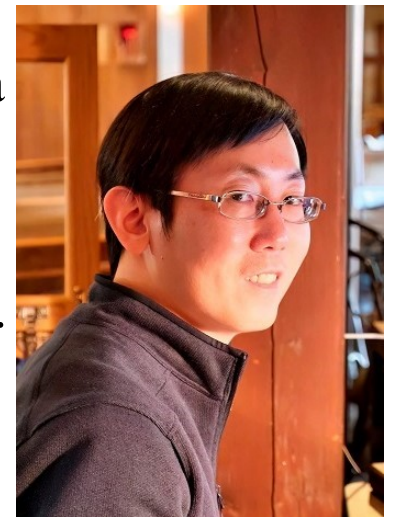
- **Naveen Prasad Raja Durairaj**

I moved from Portland, Oregon in March 2016 for my work. I came to St. Thomas to attend Good Friday service and have been coming to St Thomas since then. This community has very much helped me in my spiritual journey. I am taking Education for Ministry class along with other members of our church and enjoy the fellowship. The prayer chain ministry has helped me walk through the toughest of times. I had great milestones to cherish here including the blessing of my twin daughters and my recent reception to the church. This community is an extended family and I greatly appreciate the love and friendship we have here. I have been serving in the Altar guild for the past year and I am honored to be considered for the vestry.



- **Tian Zhu**

I was born and grew up in Shanghai and spent the first 28 years of my life until I moved to the US as a software engineer recruited by my company. I've been living in Sunnyvale almost the whole time since then. I joined St Thomas during COVID in order to get more connected to the local community. I regard St Thomas as my home, just as I regard Sunnyvale as my hometown. So as a member, I want St Thomas to be continuously an inclusive community for the locals and reach out to more people in future.



For a one-year term:

- **Ann Kopischke.**

Ann is experienced on vestry, having served multiple times and as Sr. Warden. She is taking the last year of a term vacated by Nancy Allgeier. Ann will be able to hit the ground running, as she knows the work of the vestry well. She loves St. Thomas and is always willing to help our community thrive.



Food, Friendship and Fun—Agape Circle! Join us for the next potluck dinner on **February 2** at 6:30pm in Cowans Hall for a candle exchange in commemoration of Candlemas. Bring a candle to share and go home with something unexpected. We will also bless the candles with a short liturgy from *The Book of Occasional Services*.

General Announcements

Gift bags and tissue for Boutique '24

Something to keep in mind as you tidy up in the aftermath of Christmas: in preparation for the annual Boutique & Bake Sale, we will need your recycled medium, large, and extra-large Christmas gift bags. Please, no small bags or liquor bags. We had bags at the Boutique this year and were able to package most items and send buyers off with a gift bag. They loved it. Leftover tissue paper is also needed.

Do you have Christmas cards you would be willing to part with? We would love to have them. You may leave bags, tissue paper and cards in the Library Return box in the narthex or the Return Box in the Library or give to Carol Campbell.

Literature Rack – R side of Narthex

The January *Upper Room* and *Forward Day by Day* copies have arrived. They are available in the literature rack found in the Narthex of the church. The *Upper Room* also includes large print copies.

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

Stewardship update: Pledges Gratefully Accepted

Through January 7th, we have received **54** pledges towards our goal of **60** pledges. If you have already submitted a pledge for 2024, **THANK YOU!**

If you are considering pledging to our annual budget for 2023, you can still do so. You may submit a pledge card by mail, by email at finance@stthomas-svale.org, and by hand-delivery to Jim Cobb.

Also, if you choose to donate securities, please contact the Treasurer, Jim Cobb, if you need the account number and transfer information. It is important to notify us when the transaction is submitted to ensure our prompt attention to your donation!

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. 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. You can participate by becoming a pen-pal and/or visiting people in jail (requires special training).

Marilyn Winans and Naveen Prasad are the liaison to this ministry. Please request their contact information through the office.

The Prayer Chain 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.

Children's and Youth Ministry Pam Storrer is leading our children's Sunday School. Pastor Salying leads our youth ministry and is organizing a confirmation class for those who will be 14 years old by the time of confirmation. Please contact them through the church office.

Senior Ministry Pam Storrer and Carol Campbell lead our senior ministry, which means getting a weekly senior activity over email and an annual luncheon. If you wish to be included, please contact them through the office.

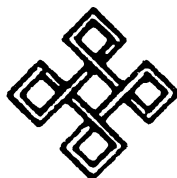
Zooming in Men's Spiritual Growth Group

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 chapel. A class for Japanese speakers meets Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the chapel. Note: Japanese ESL is on hiatus, resuming January 10, 2024.

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 January 29, 2024**, when we meet to discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson, based on interviews with more than a thousand people, the story of America's Great Migration through the lives of three unique individuals: Ida Mae Gladney, who in 1937 left sharecropping and prejudice in Mississippi for Chicago; sharp and quick-tempered George Starling, who in 1945 fled Florida for Harlem; and Robert Foster, who left Louisiana in 1953 to pursue a medical career. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author brilliantly captures their first treacherous and exhausting cross-country journeys, as well as how they changed their new homes forever.

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



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

[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)

Note: Zoom address may change.

Sundays: 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the church
and

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the church
(Hybrid format: with simultaneous livestream on Zoom)

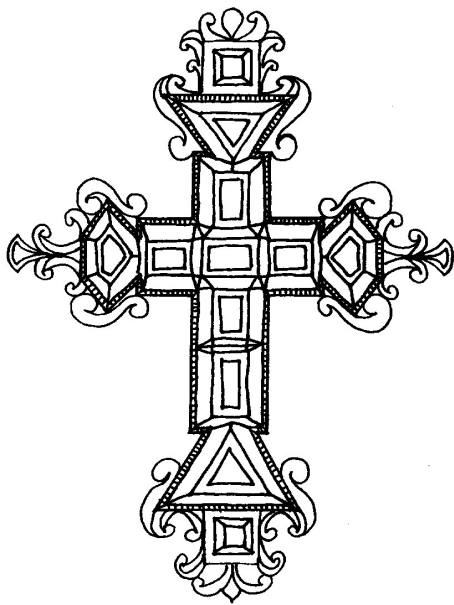
Zoom link for livestream: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

Both Sunday services led by Pastor Salying

Please see website for week-to-week information:

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!

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

Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah.....bertramemail@gmail.com

Treasurer: Jim Cobb.....Finance@stthomas-svale.org

Parish Administrator: Anne Buelteman.....office@stthomas-svale.org

Family Ministry Director.: Susan Beckham.....family_ministry@stthomas-svale.org

Library and Resource Center Coordinator: Carol Campbellresourcecenter@stthomas-svale.org

Music Director: Patricia Pietrzyk,..... patriciapietrzyk@gmail.com

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

Accompanist (organ/piano): Benjamin Belew

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 Office.....408-736-4155

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

You may invite prayers online through The Intercessory Prayer Chain