

# *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

January 21, 2024

Rite II, 10:30am

## **COMMITMENT**

1. Meditate daily on the teachings and life of Jesus.
2. Remember always that the non-violent movement seeks justice and reconciliation — not victory.
3. Walk and talk in the manner of love, for God is love.
4. Pray daily to be used by God in order that all men might be free.
5. Sacrifice personal wishes in order that all men might be free.
6. Observe with both friend and foe the ordinary rules of courtesy.
7. Seek to perform regular service for others and for the world.
8. Refrain from the violence of fist, tongue, or heart.
9. Strive to be in good spiritual and bodily health.
10. Follow the directions of the movement and of the captain on a demonstration.

signed \_\_\_\_\_

*Every volunteer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was required to sign a Commitment Card with the above agreement.*

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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):*

*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.*

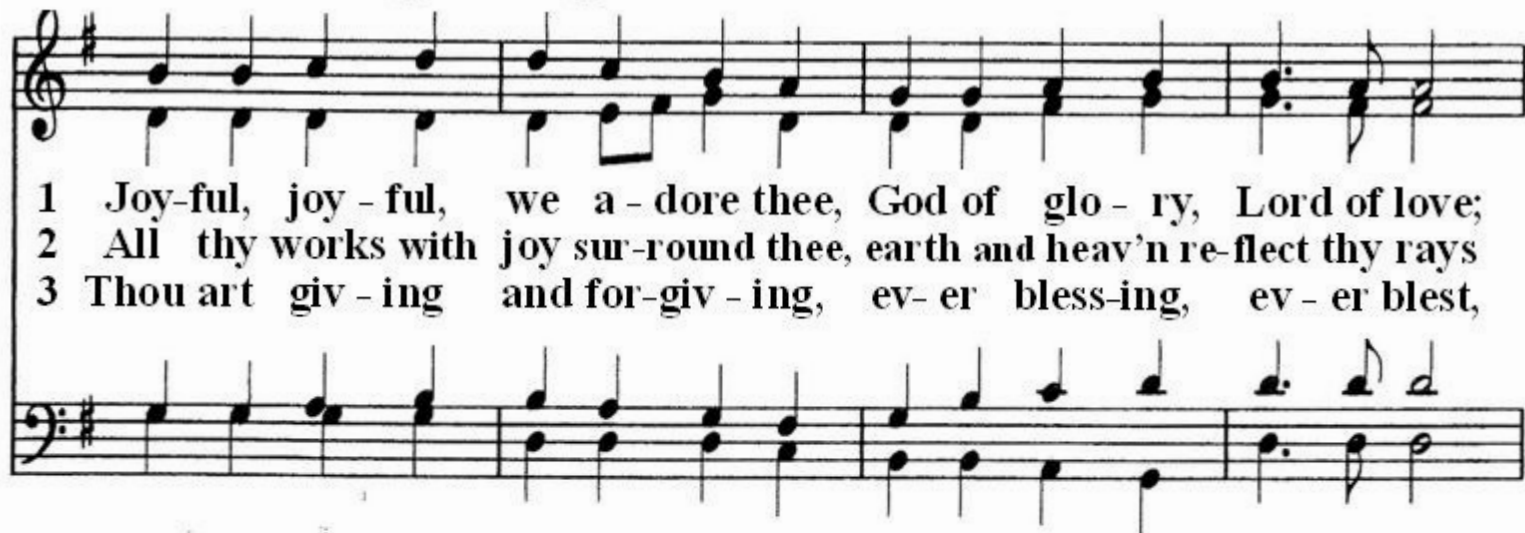
# Prelude

## Opening Hymn

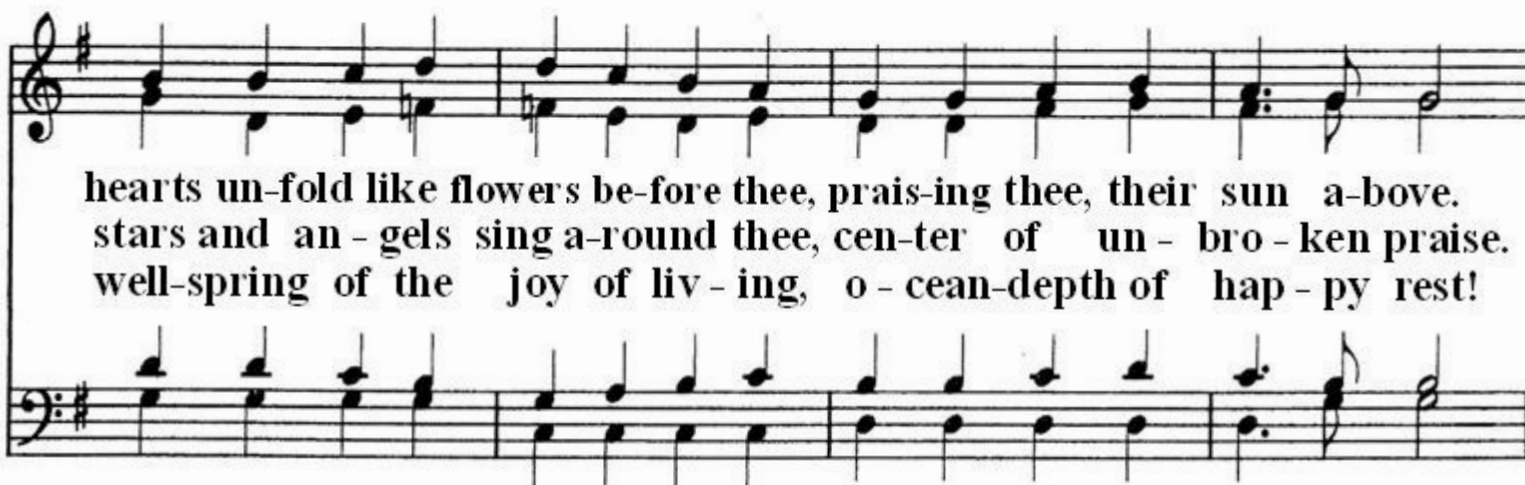
Hymnal #376

### *Joyful, Joyful*

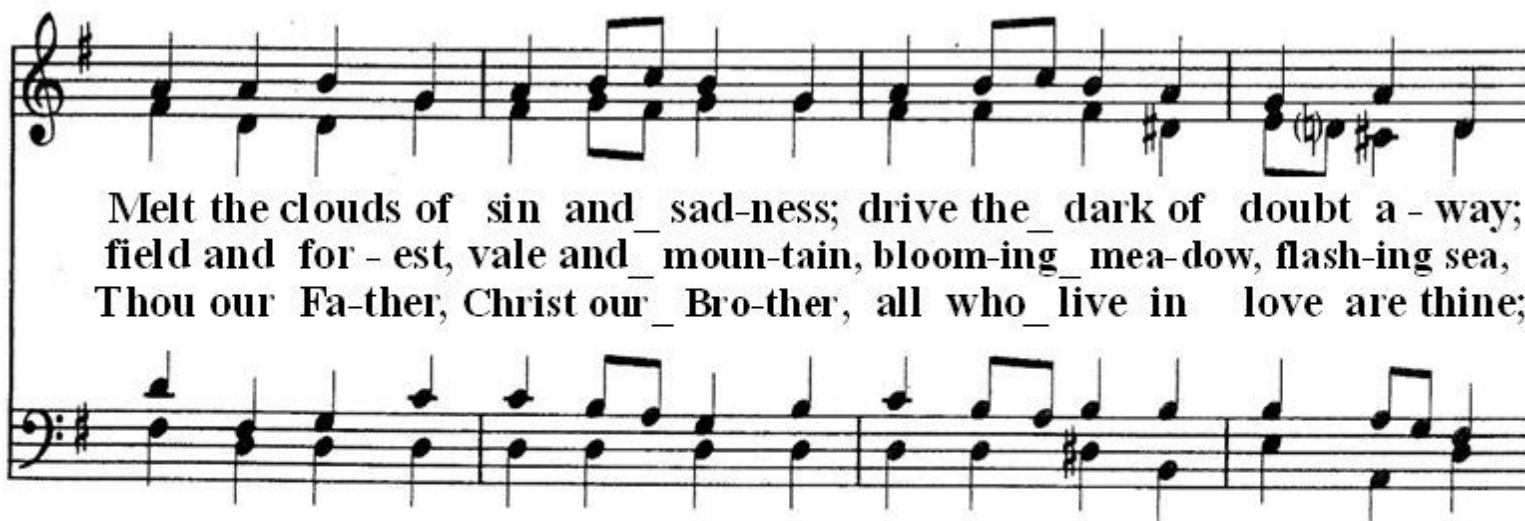
*Please join in singing the hymn; zoom participants stay muted.*



1 Joy-ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re-lect thy rays  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a-bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,  
Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther, all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach\_\_ us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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## Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant:



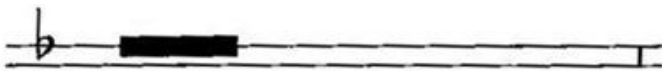
Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

People:



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


## Greeting and Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 

God be with you.

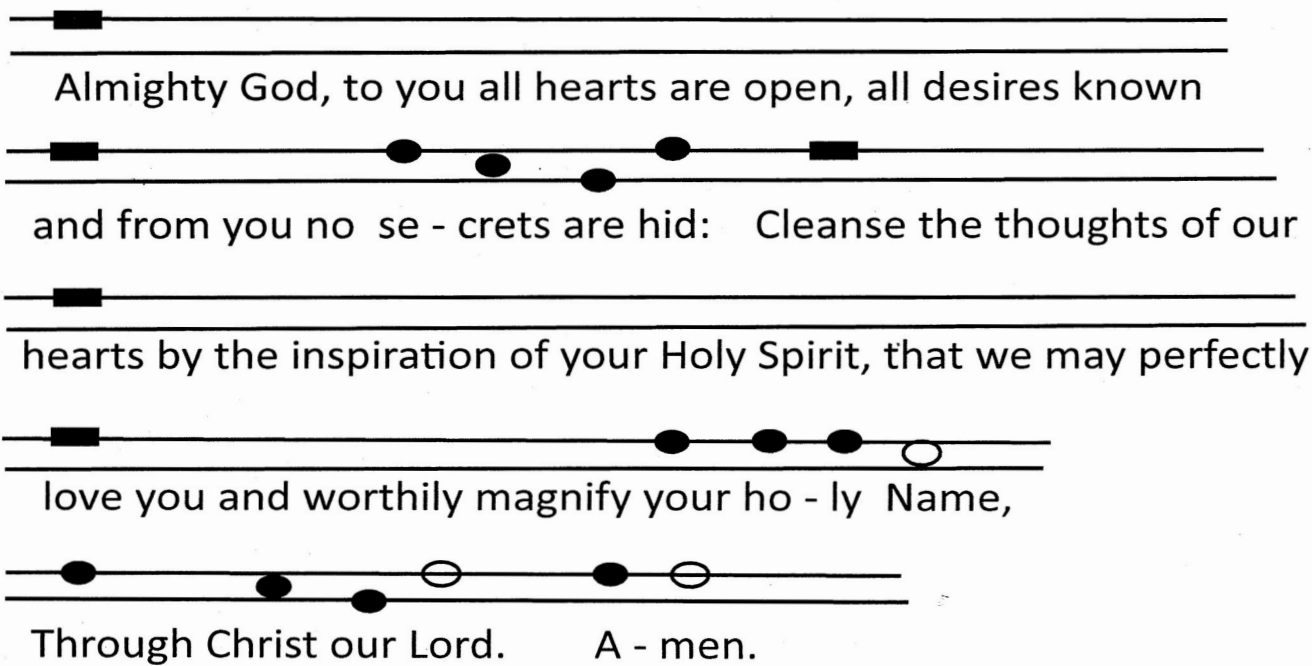
People: 

And also with you

Celebrant: 

Let us pray. 4

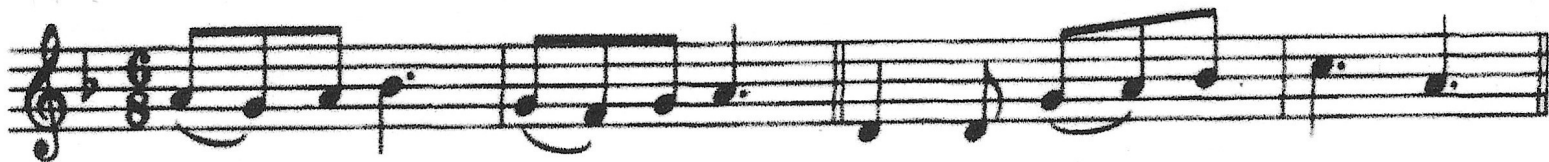
Celebrant:



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

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



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.



Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

## Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

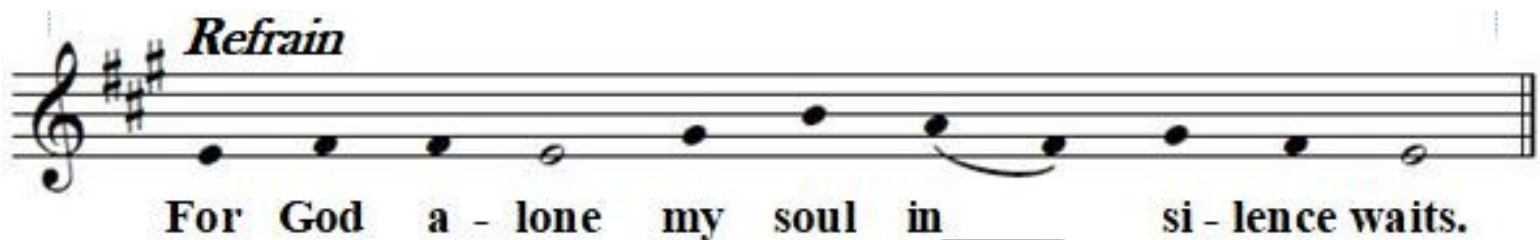
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 62:6-14

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*Refrain*

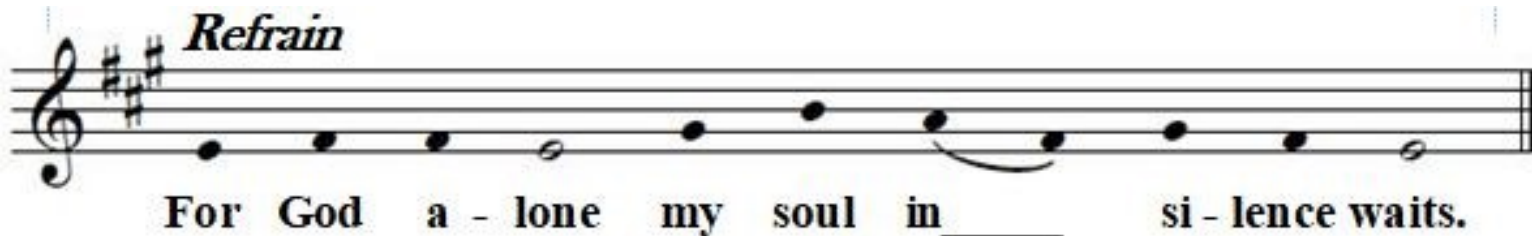


For God a - lone my soul in \_\_\_\_\_ si - lence waits.

For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

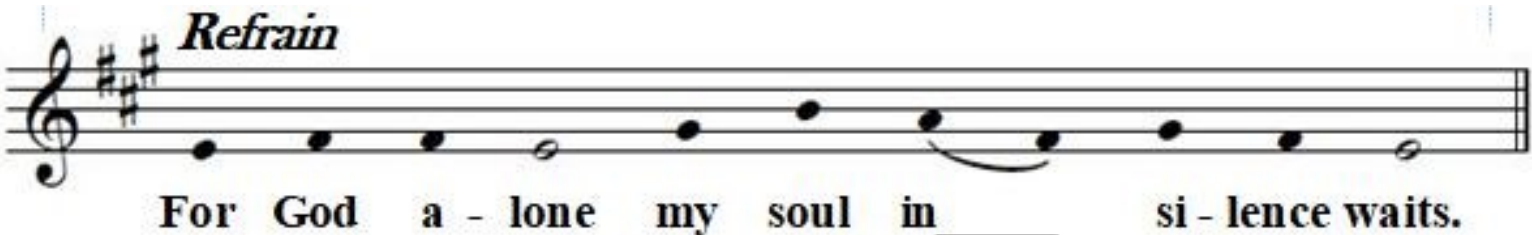


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The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. A horizontal line is drawn under the word 'in'.

In God is my safety and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge. *Refrain*

*Refrain*



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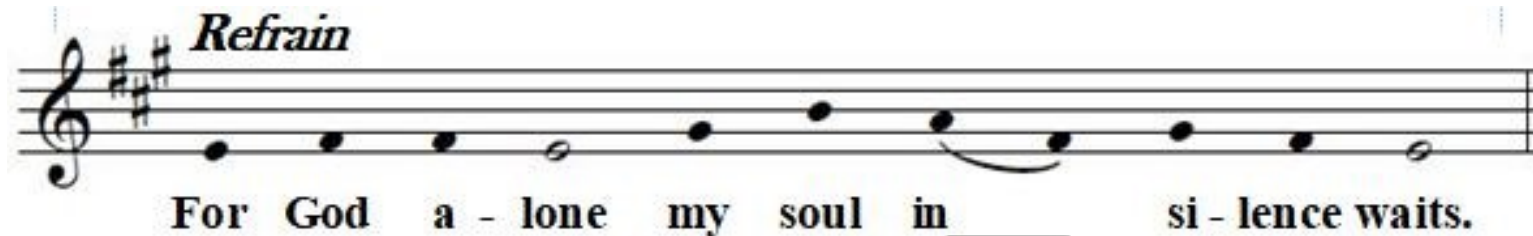
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Put your trust in him always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath,  
all of them together. *Refrain*

*Refrain*



For God a - lone my soul in \_\_\_\_\_ si - lence waits.

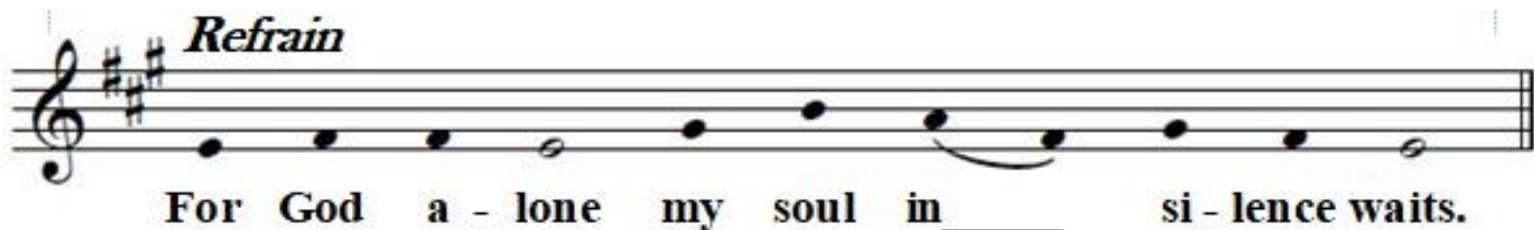
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Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds. *Refrain*

*Refrain*



For God a - lone my soul in \_\_\_\_\_ si - lence waits.

## The Epistle      1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #538

### *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

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



1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy  
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

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face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy  
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy\_ sav - ing health ex -  
to their Sa - vior King; let all\_ be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.  
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.  
Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874-1948)

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## The Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

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

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the

kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Marty Haugen

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

*All: repeat continuously (under Leader)*

**A**

(Hmmm)

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The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 6/8. It begins with a repeat sign and a box containing the letter 'A'. The melody consists of a series of notes: a half note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It also begins with a repeat sign. The melody consists of a half note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, and a quarter note G1. A large slur covers both staves, indicating they are to be played together. The text '(Hmmm)' is written below the first few notes of the top staff. The text 'continued next page' is written to the right of the bottom staff.

*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-vation, 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.

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Leader: A B *Response*

4. For us who are gathered to worship and praise you:
5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel:
6. For all those who govern, that justice might guide them:
7. For all those who labor in service to others:
8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:
10. For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:

Leader:

Help us, comfort us, all of our days:

All:

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

## 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**

Thomas Atwood

*O God, Who By the Leading of a Star*

Members of the St. Thomas Choir



Benjamin Belew, accompanist

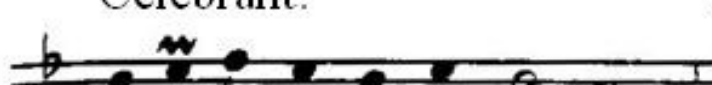

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.


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

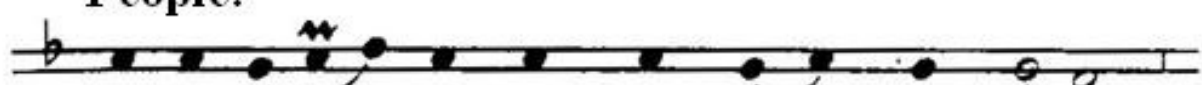
**Sursum Corda**

Eucharistic Prayer 3. *Enriching Our Worship 1*

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:  
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

*Please join in singing. Zoom participants please stay muted.*

Celebrant and **People**:

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.*

## **Communion Hymn**

Hymnal #321

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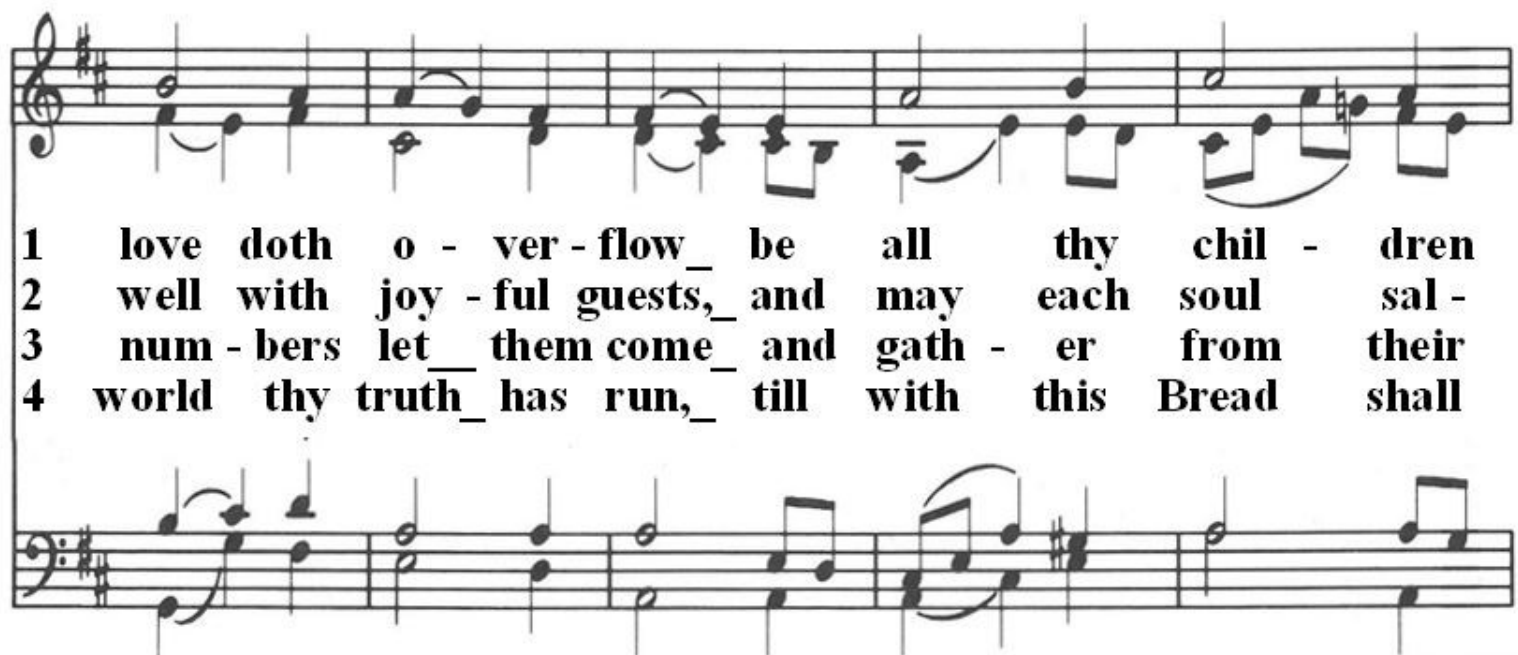
*My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread*

*You are invited to join in singing the hymn.*

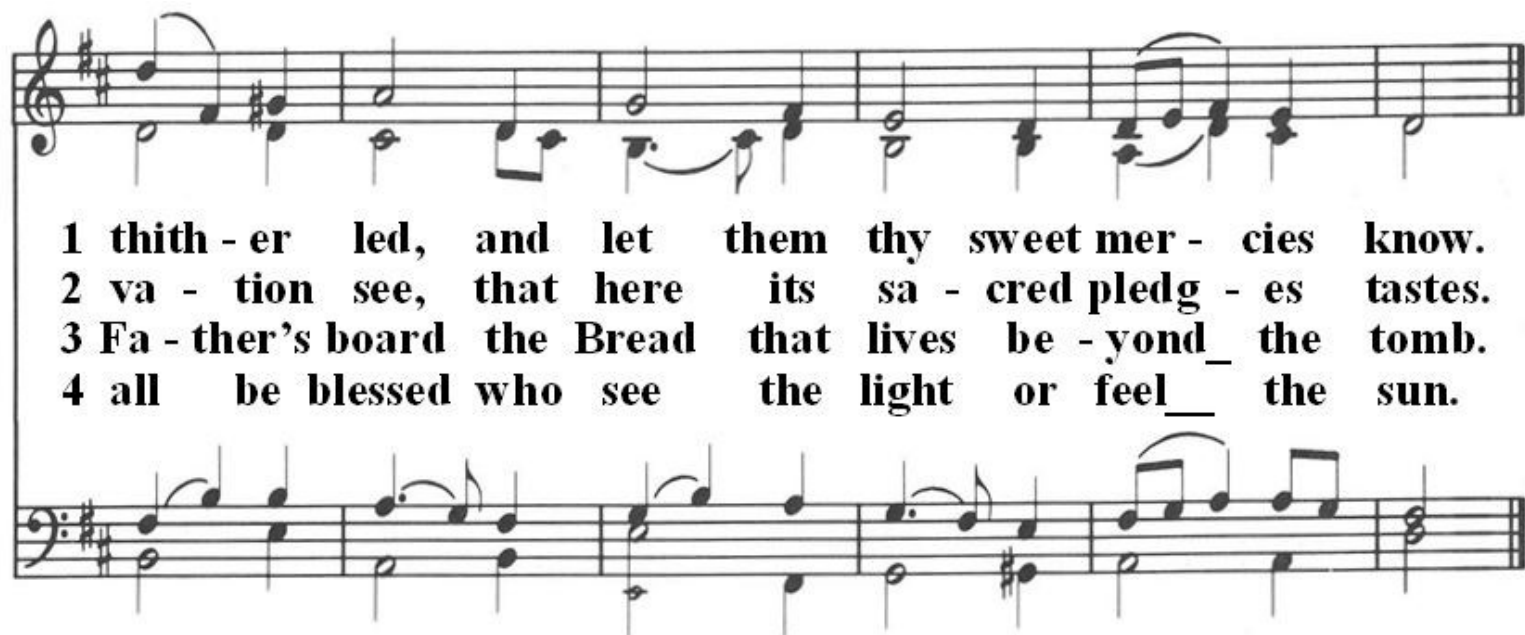
*Zoom participants please stay muted.*



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



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.

## 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 #550

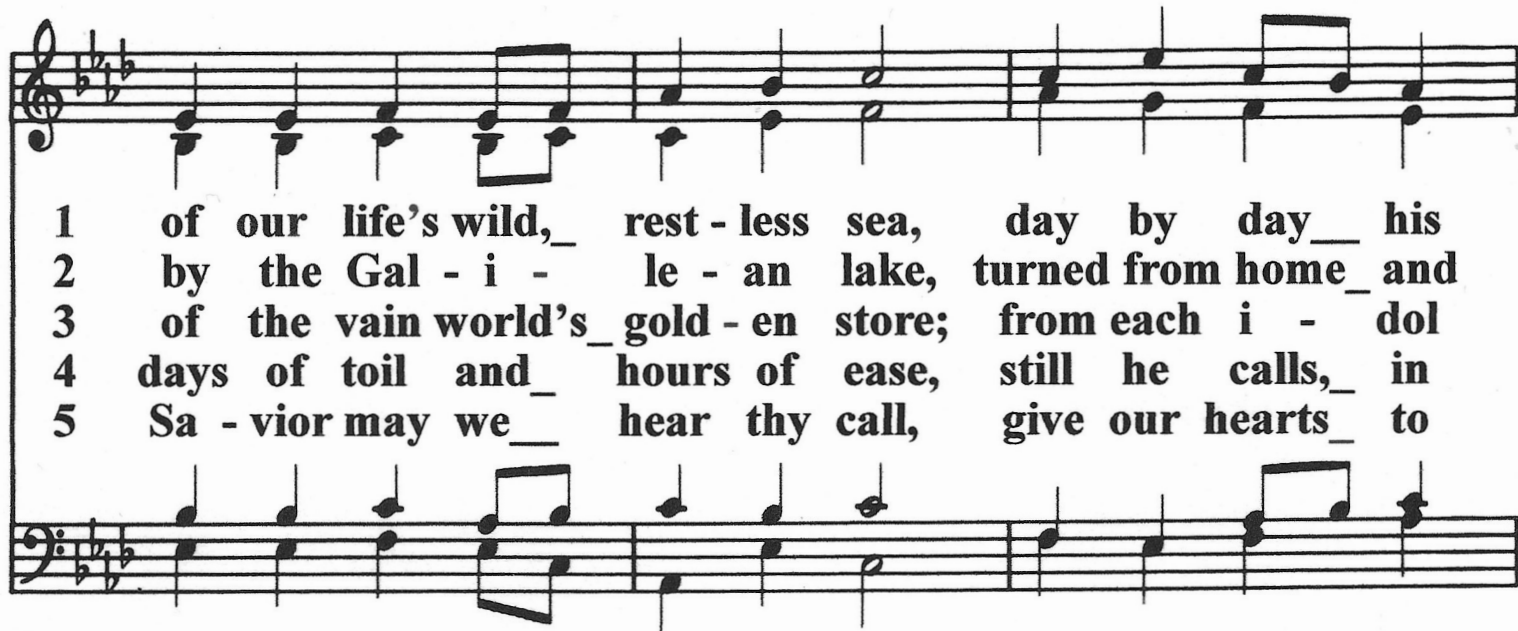
### *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

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

*Unison or harmony*

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult  
2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,  
5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

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1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his  
 2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and  
 3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol  
 4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in  
 5 Sa - vior may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



1 clear voice sound-eth, say - ing "Chris-tian, fol - low me;"  
 2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 3 that would keep us, say - ing "Chris-tian, love me more."  
 4 cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."  
 5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Music: *Restoration*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. *Hymnal* 1982,  
 after *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## 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:** The Rev. Salying Wong

**Preacher:** Angela Rausch

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jim Cobb

**Greeters:** MaryJane Johnson et al

**Lectors:** Dorothy Furgerson, Abby O'Connell

**Cantors:** Susan McVey, John McVey

**Accompanist:** Benjamin Belew

**Zoom host:** The Rev. Salying Wong

## **Today in the Parish**

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

### **Library News:**

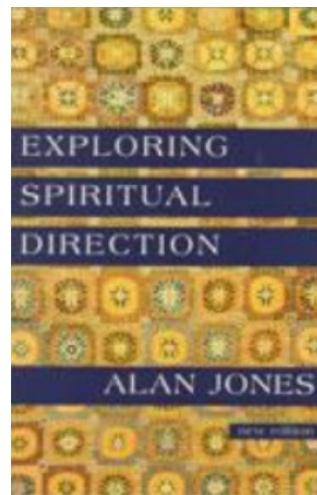
#### **Book of the Week January 21, 2024**

The Very Rev. Alan William Jones (March 5, 1940 - January 14, 2024) died last Sunday in San Francisco. He had been Dean of Grace Cathedral for nearly 25 years.

Please see our catalog for this and other books he authored.

*Exploring Spiritual Direction* by Alan Jones.

This edition explores spiritual direction in the wider context of Christian friendship. Insisting on the need to undertake spiritual direction as an act of worship within a faith community, Jones goes on to look at the part that spiritual warfare, vulnerability, imagination, contemplation, and sacrifice all play in the work of spiritual guidance.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Annual Meeting Next 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. Individual reports **are now due!** 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*.

### **Transfiguration/Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast**

Please put **Sunday, February 11** on your calendar for this (nearly-) annual event!

## **General Announcements**

### **Literature Rack** – R side of Narthex

The current *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 Friday, January 19th, 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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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](http://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**

[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)

*Note: Zoom address may change.*

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

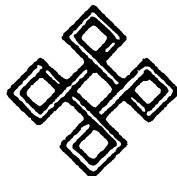
**10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II** in the church  
**(Hybrid format: with simultaneous livestream on Zoom)**

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



An updated **Announcement page** is available on line at  
**[https://docs.google.com/document/  
d/1M\\_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg)**  
and updates of various parish events and activities may also be  
found on our website at **[www.stthomas-svale.org](http://www.stthomas-svale.org)**



**Parish Mission Statement**

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

THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

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

2023  
Pat Dare  
Breno DeMedeiros  
Abby O’Connell

2024  
Nancy Allgeier  
Gage McKinney  
Rita Welsh

2025  
Joe Gutierrez  
Dena Ware  
Emilee Wilhelm-Leen

Gage McKinney, **Clerk**

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Stephanie Daugherty    Hugo Lopez-Laguna    Mabel Cheng    Sherene Nagarajah

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## Welcome

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

**Rector:** The Rev. Salying Wong.....[pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us)  
or 510-478-3554

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**Accompanist (organ/piano):** Benjamin Belew .....

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

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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

(The hospital does not always automatically notify the parish)

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

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

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

You may invite prayers online through The Intercessory Prayer Chain