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February 18, 2024

Holy Eucharist

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*

# THE WORD OF GOD

*The service begins in silence.*

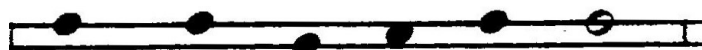
*Please stand.*

## The Great Litany

*The Litanist will lead. The congregation may sing the responses.*

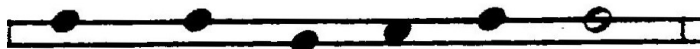
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Litanist: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,



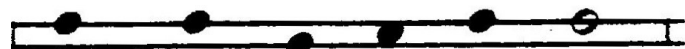
People: Have mer-cy up-on us.

Litanist: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,



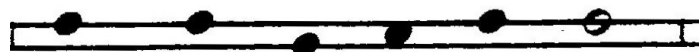
People: Have mer-cy up-on us.

Litanist: O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,



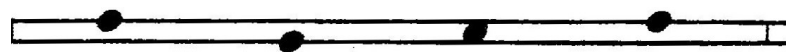
People: Have mer-cy up-on us.

Litanist: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,



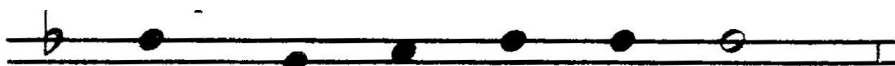
People: Have mer-cy up-on us.

Litanist: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.



People: Spare us, good Lord.

Litanist: From all evil and wickedness; from sin;  
from the crafts and assaults of the devil;  
and from everlasting damnation,



**People:** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

Litanist: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory,  
and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and  
from all want of charity,



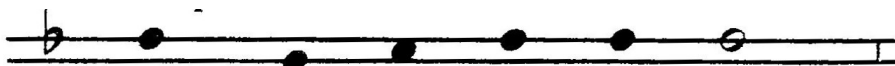
**People:** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

Litanist: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all  
the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,



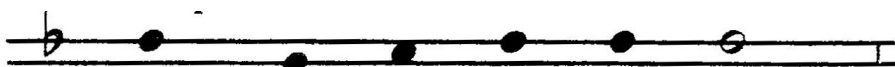
**People** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

Litanist: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism;  
from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and  
commandment,



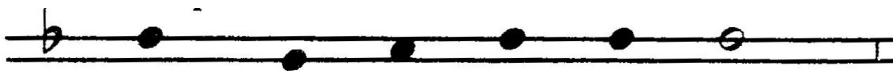
**People** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

Litanist: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire,  
and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,



**People:** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

Litanist: From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion;  
from violence, battle, and murder;  
and from dying suddenly and unprepared,



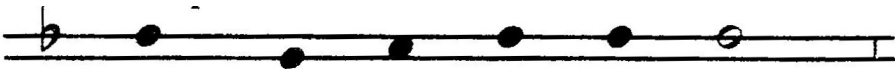
**People:** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

**Litanist:** By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation;  
by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law;  
by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,



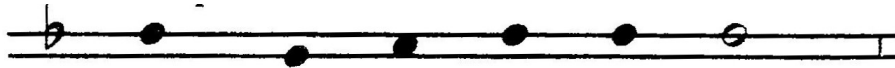
**People:** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

**Litanist:** By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and  
Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial;  
by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;  
and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,



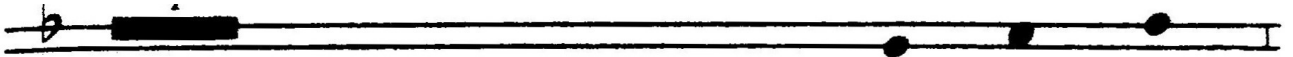
**People:** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

**Litanist:** In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,



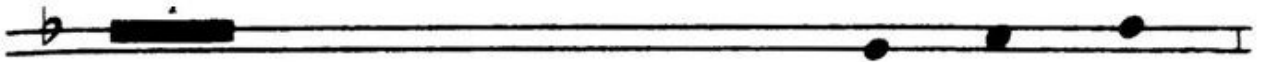
**People:** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

**Litanist:** We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God;  
and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy  
Church Universal in the right way,



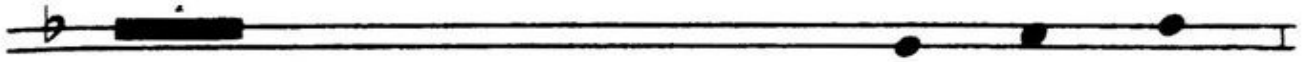
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests,  
and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding  
of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and  
living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,



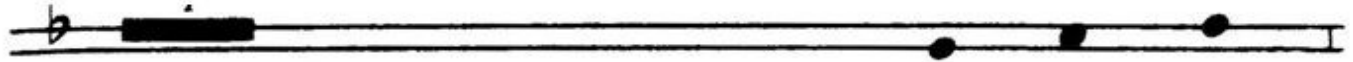
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,



**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,



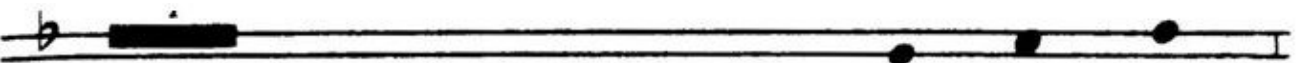
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,



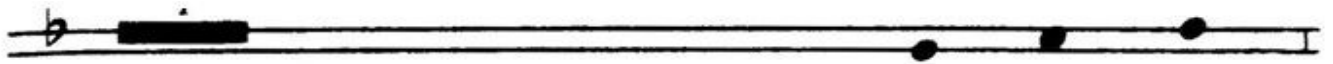
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,



**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,



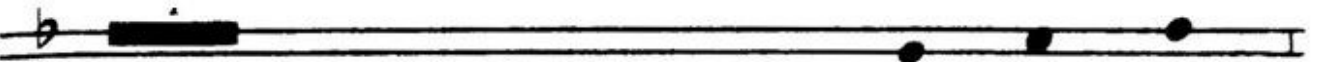
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,



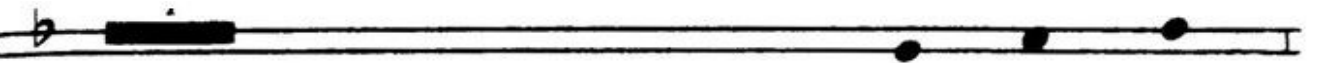
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,



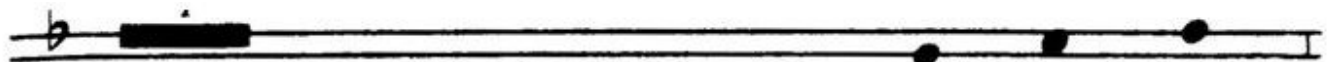
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,



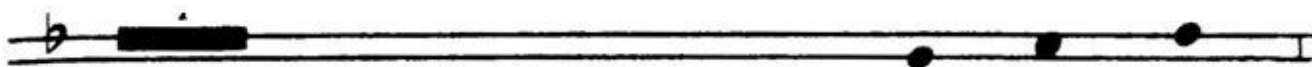
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,



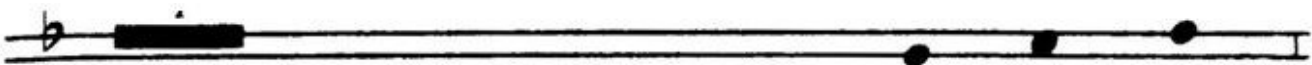
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,



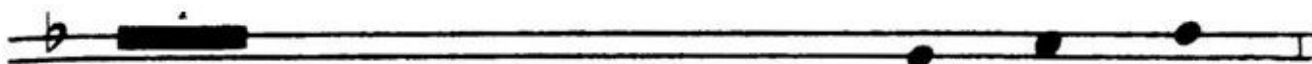
People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,



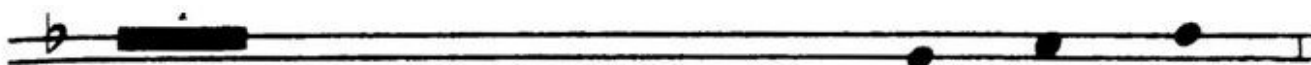
People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,



People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,



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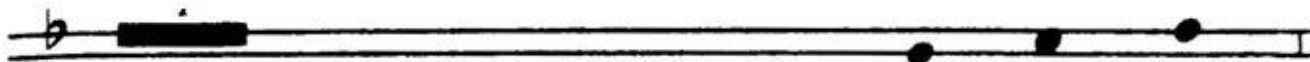
Litanist: That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,





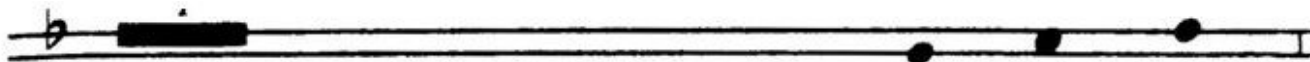
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,



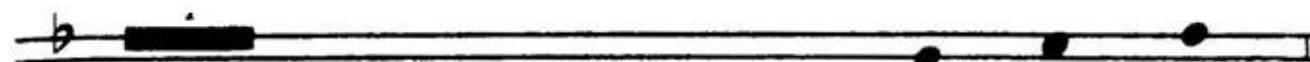
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,



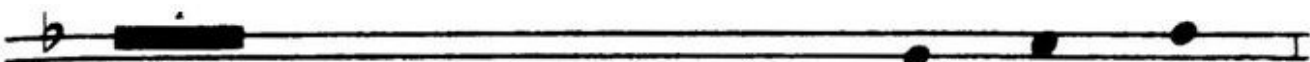
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,



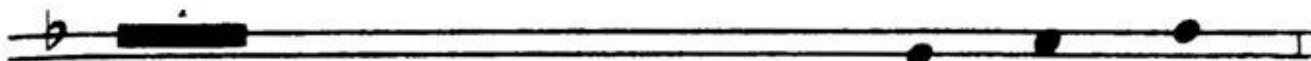
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Litanist:** That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,



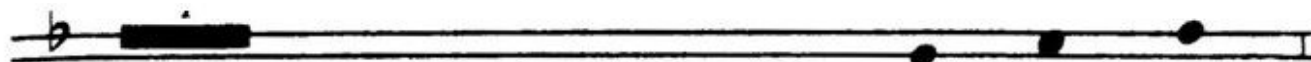
**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,



People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Thomas and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,



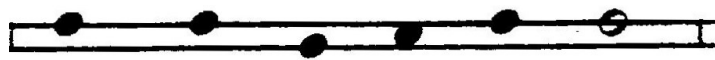
People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



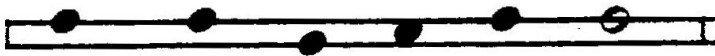
People: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Litanist: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



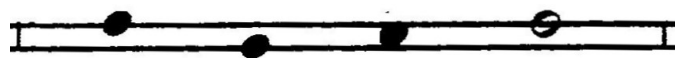
People: Have mer-cy up-on us.

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Litanist: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



People: Grant us thy peace.

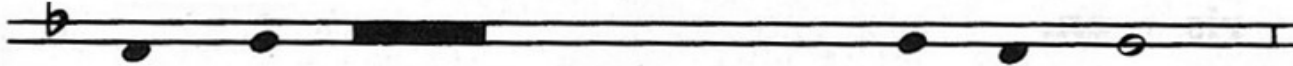
Litanist: O Christ, hear us.



People: O Christ, hear us.

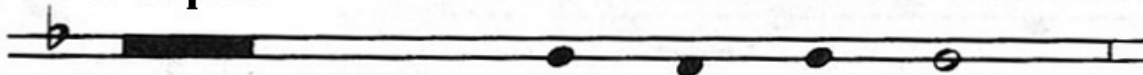
## Acclamation

Celebrant:



Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People:



His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

## The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

## Kyrie

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

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.


Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All:**   
**A - men.**

## **The First Lesson          Genesis 9:8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

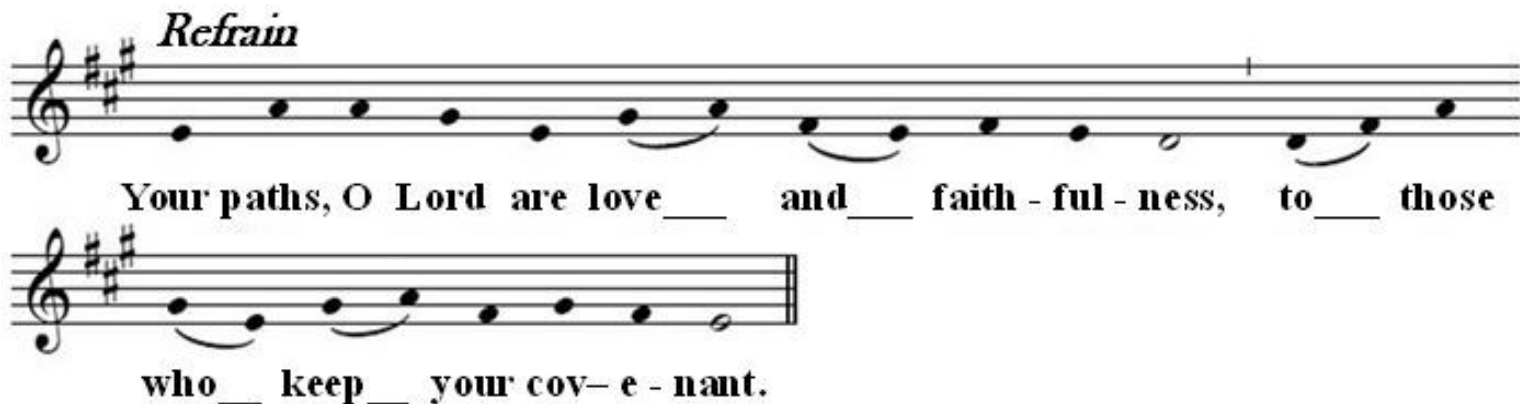
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 25:1-9

*You are welcome to sing along with the refrain.*

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*Refrain*

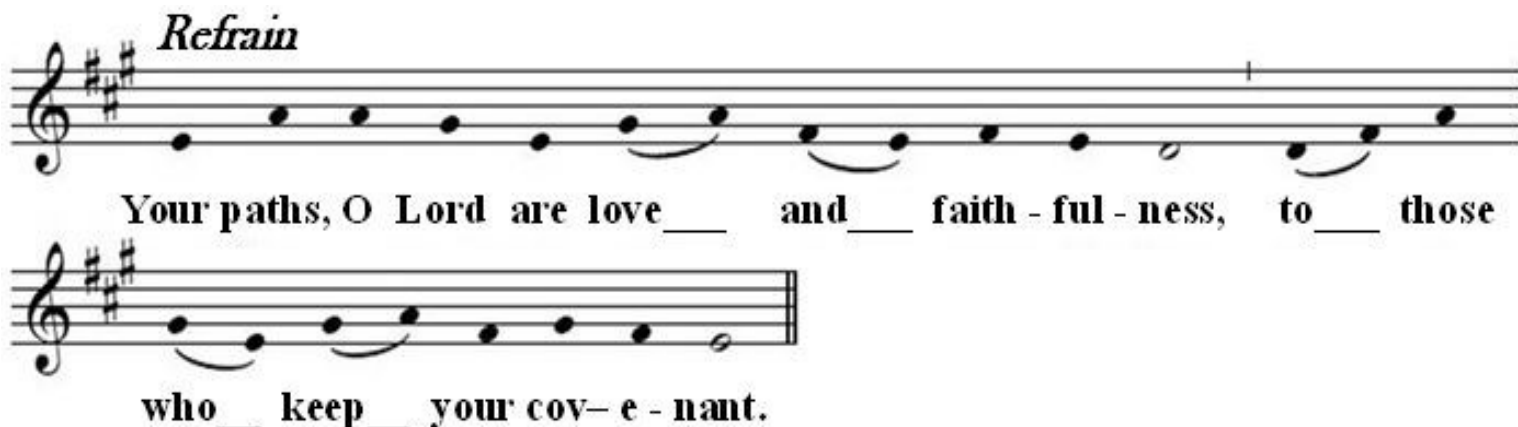


Your paths, O Lord are love \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ faith - ful - ness, to \_\_\_ those  
who \_\_\_ keep \_\_\_ your cov- e - nant.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. *Refrain*

*Refrain*



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who \_\_\_ keep \_\_\_ your cov- e - nant.

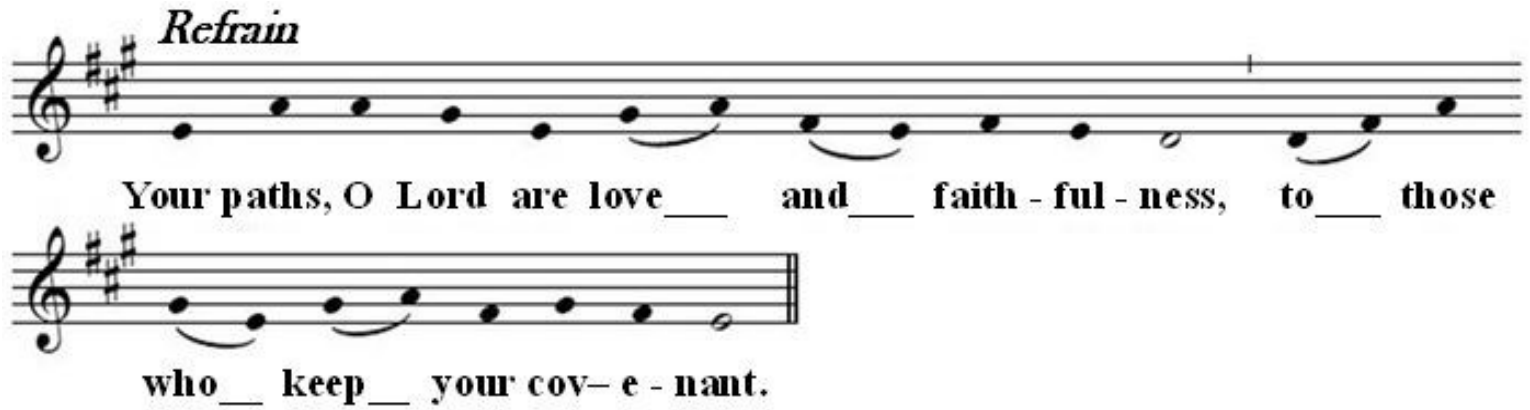
Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long. *Refrain (as above)*

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

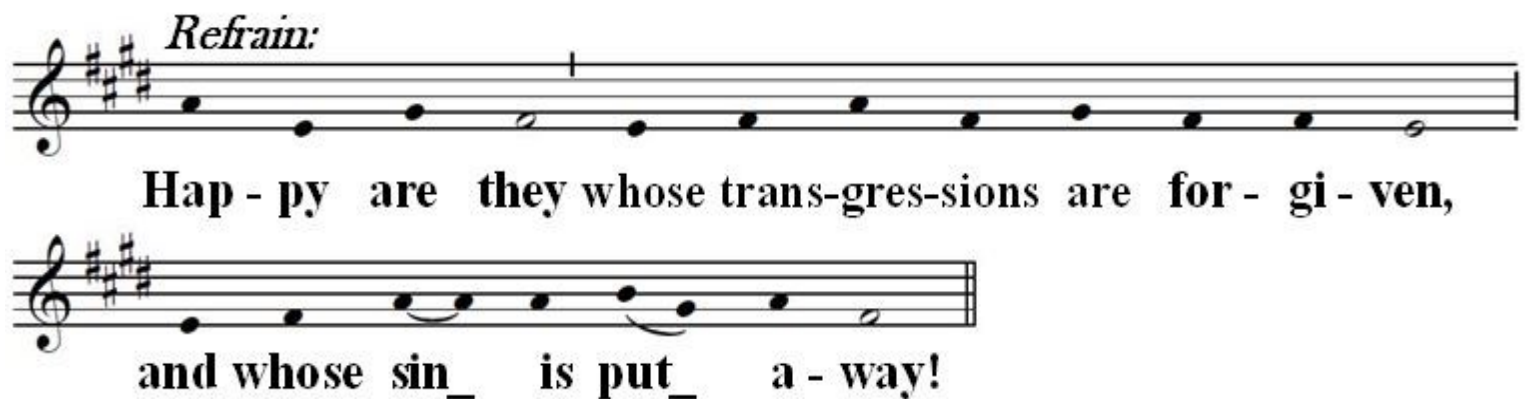


Your paths, O Lord are love \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ faith - ful - ness, to \_\_\_ those  
who \_\_\_ keep \_\_\_ your cov - e - nant.

Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*



Hap - py are they whose trans-gres-sions are for - gi - ven,  
and whose sin\_ is put\_ a - way!

## The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the



building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

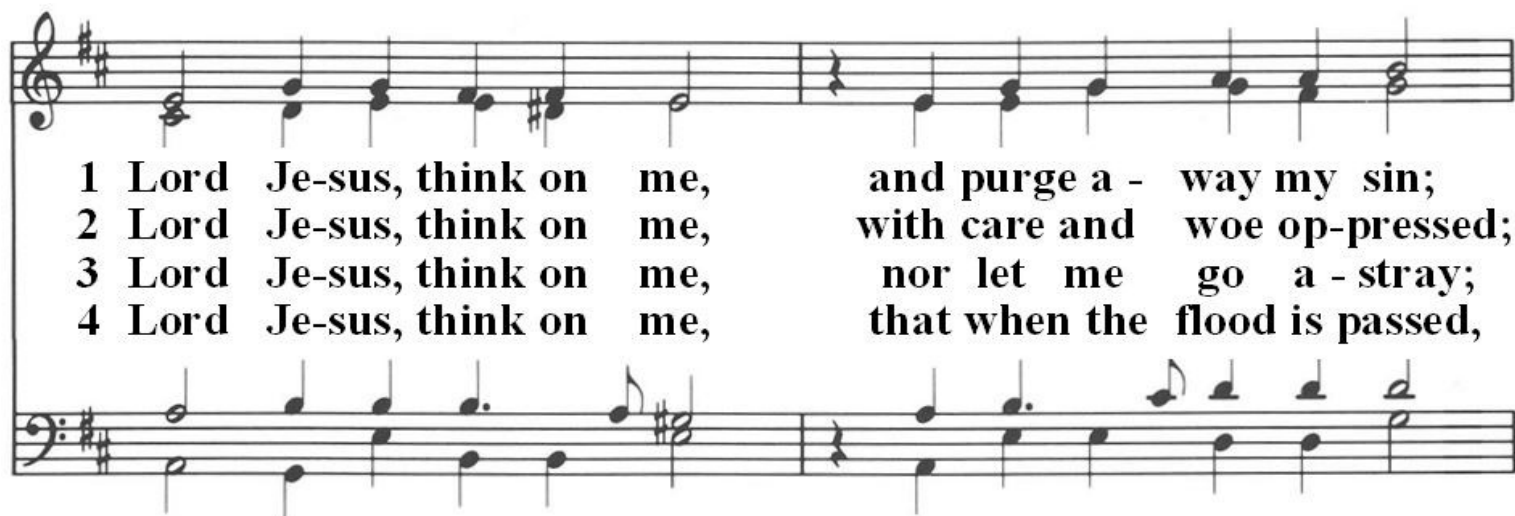
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

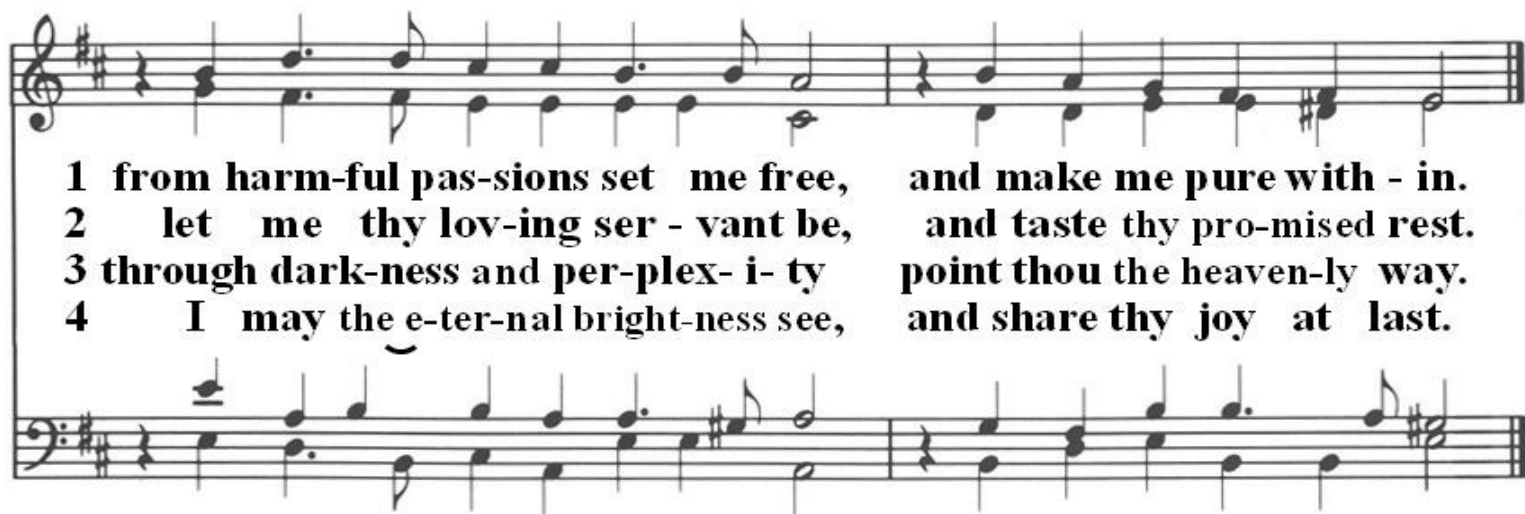
Hymnal #641

### *Lord Jesus, Think On Me*

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



1 Lord Je-sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je-sus, think on me, with care and woe op-pressed;  
3 Lord Je-sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
4 Lord Je-sus, think on me, that when the flood is passed,



1 from harm-ful pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.  
2 let me thy lov-ing ser - vant be, and taste thy pro-mised rest.  
3 through dark-ness and per-plex- i- ty point thou the heav-en-ly way.  
4 I may the e-ter-nal bright-ness see, and share thy joy at last.

Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt.

Music: Southwell, from *Daman's Psalter*, 1579; adapt. *Hymnal* 1982

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**The Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

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

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now 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."

**Gospeler:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

*There will be a time of silence for meditation.*

**The Nicene Creed** *said in unison*

**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 Peace**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Let us greet one another with a wave and a namaste of peace.*

*The Blessed Son of God*  
Members of the St. Thomas Choir  
Benjamin Belew, piano

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

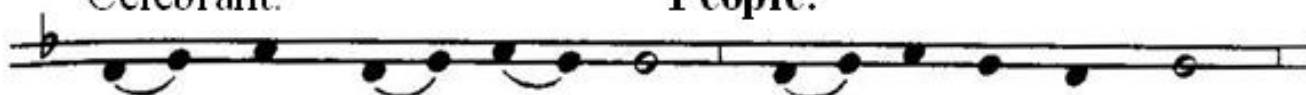
People: And of your own have we given you.

**Sursum Corda**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

Celebrant:

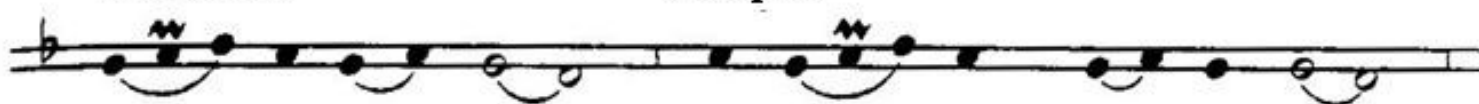
People:



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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to

triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

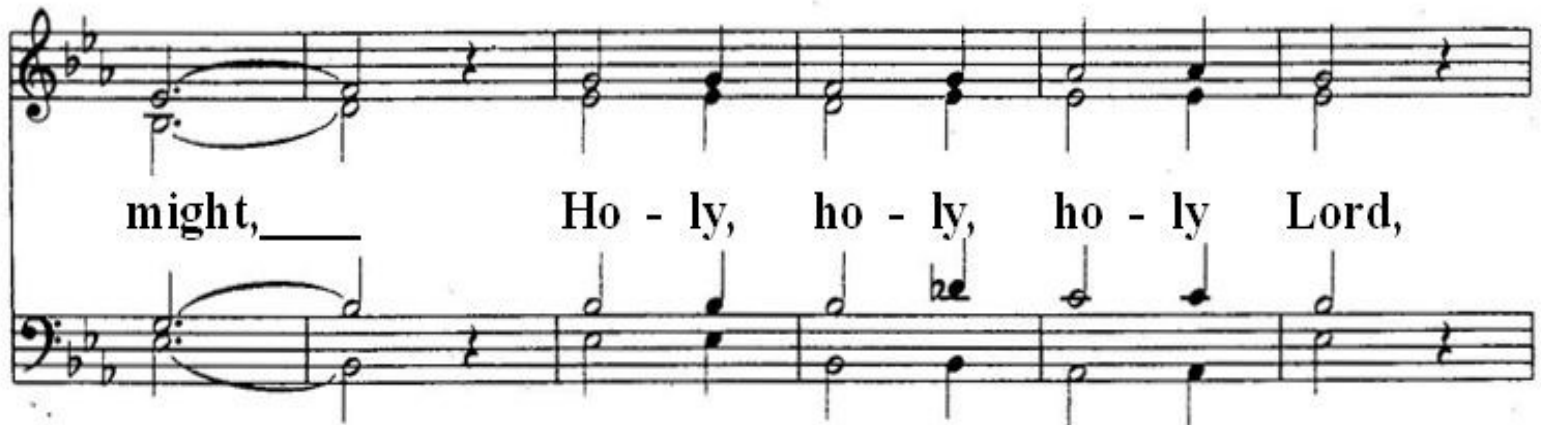
## Sanctus

Hymnal S-130, F. Schubert

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

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full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Celebrant:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

### **Agnus Dei**

Hymnal S-164, F. Schubert

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



Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

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Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## 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 Music

Hymnal #141

*Wilt Thou Forgive*

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

1 Wilt thou for-give that sin, where I be - gun,  
 2 Wilt thou for-give that sin, by which I won  
 3 I have a sin of fear that when I've spun

which is my sin, though\_ it\_ were done be - fore?  
 o - thers to sin, and\_ made\_ my sin their door?  
 my last thread, I shall\_ per - ish on the shore;

Wilt thou for-give those sins through which I run,  
 Wilt thou for-give that sin which I did shun  
 swear by thy-self, that at my death thy Son

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and do run still, though still I do de-plore?  
 a year or two, but wal - lowed in a score?  
 shall shine as he shines now, and here - to-fore.

When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.  
 When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.  
 And hav-ing done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

Words: John Donne (1573-1631)

Music: *So giebst du nun*, melody from *Geist und Lehr-reiches Kirchen und Haus Buch*, 1694;  
 harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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**Post Communion Prayer** *led by the Celebrant, said in unison*

**All:** **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**

with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

*Book of Occasional Services*

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

*Please bow or kneel.*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

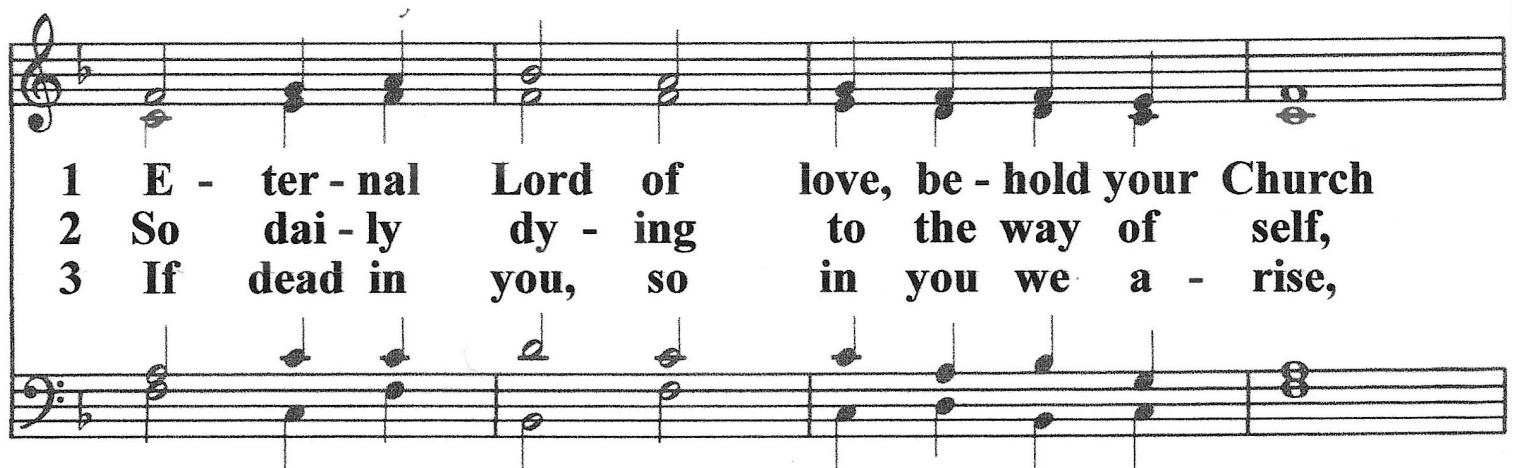
**All: Amen.**

**.Closing Hymn**

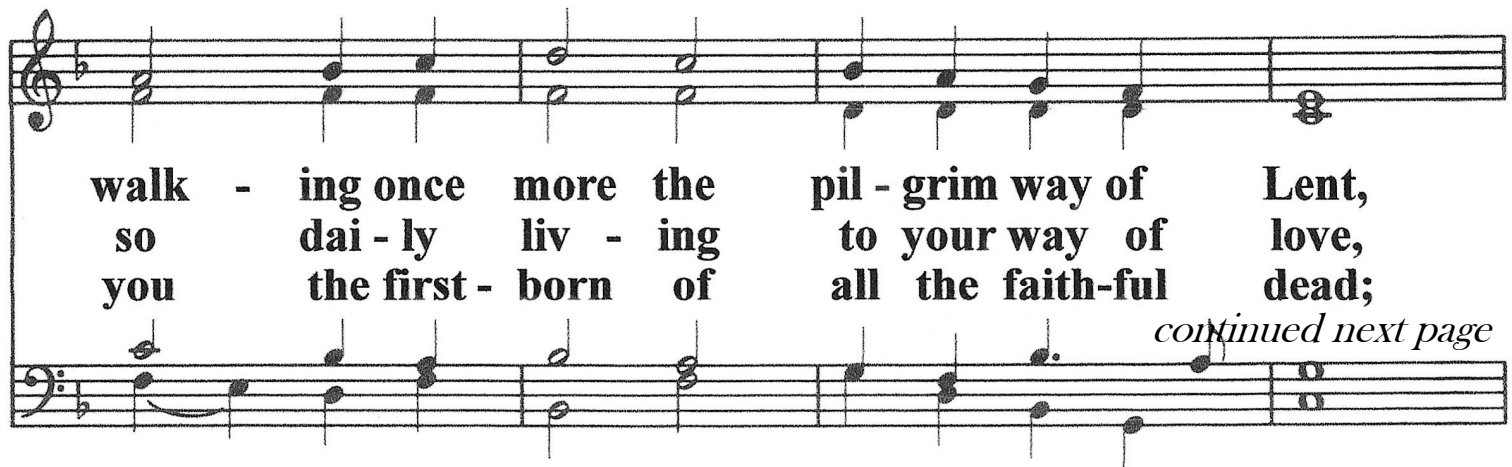
Hymnal #149

*Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

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



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

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led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres-ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring-time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here- the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)

Music: *Old 124th*, melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551;

harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



## Serving today

**Officiant and Preacher:** The Rev. Salying Wong

**Eucharistic Minister:** Joe Gutierrez

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

**Greeters:** MaryJane Johnson, Donna Cobb,  
Pat Turnbull, Stephanie Daugherty

**Litanists:** Chris Schmidt, Dorothy Furgerson

**Tech team:** Breno DeMedeiros, Sophia DeMedeiros

**Zoom Host:** tba

## Today in the Parish

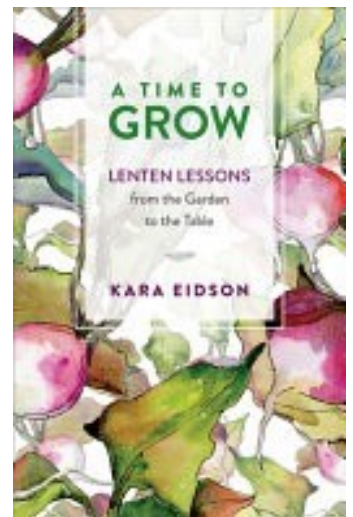
**Coffee hour today** will be in Cowans Hall. Please be mindful of Covid protocols.

### Library News:

#### Book of the Week February 18, 2024

*A Time to Grow: Lenten lessons from the garden to the table* by Kara Eidson. 2024

"This Lenten study explores the thematic elements of gardening and eating to connect faith to food as we slow down, grow, and celebrate with feasting on Easter Sunday. Additional elements include sermon prompts, liturgies, altar, art ideas, and prompts for children's time during worship" - Publisher.



## **Lenten Meditations booklets**

Please pick up a booklet of daily meditations for Lent. They are available on the table in the narthex, at the back of the church.

These daily meditations are also available on-line as a daily email into your personal inbox by registering here:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/#lent-landing-subscribe>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Reminder: Change in Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina**

**Service:** This service now meets at 5pm (moved from 6pm). This will still be on Tuesdays. Also, we've added the component of Lectio Divina following Centering Prayer. The zoom link remains the same. Please join us!

### **Adult Lenten Series: MAKING SENSE OF THE CROSS**

Lou Poulain will lead six sessions on Zoom, **Wednesday evenings, February 21**, February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20 and March 27 (Wednesday of Holy Week). 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Class outline available upon request.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82982394735>

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The cross is at the very center of our understanding of Jesus, and what it means for us to be his followers. Paul wrote at the beginning of the First Letter to the Corinthians (I Cor 1:23-25):

*“... but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”*

We have probably heard many sermons on the meaning of the



Cross, and Jesus' death. Some of the explanations probably make sense to you, and some might confuse and even disturb. There are important questions: What does it mean to say that Jesus "died for our sins"? Did God really demand a blood sacrifice of his only begotten Son in order to forgive sins? Was Jesus' death a "ransom for many", and what does that really mean? You certainly have your own questions.

This series will review what the Bible has to say about the meaning of Jesus' death. We will look at the ways (intentionally plural!) the church historically has explained the significance of Jesus' death, and how our worship shapes our understanding. We will also consider some contemporary efforts to make sense and re-articulate the meaning of the Cross and of salvation.

Each session will begin with Compline prayer at 7:00 pm. You do not need to register, it is best to do so to ensure you get class material: lpoulain@me.com.

**The Next Vestry Meeting** has been moved from February 20 to **Tuesday, February 27**. It remains at **7pm** on zoom.

**Craft Group** Announcement! The Craft group is emerging from hibernation after several years absence. All are welcome to join us on **Thursday, February 29th** in the St. Thomas Library **from 1 to 3pm**. *(If this time and/or date does not work for you please let me know – Peg)*. We all bring our own projects to work on and share time together. Any ideas of items to make for the Christmas boutique are always welcome. Looking forward to being together in person once again. A decision about further scheduling will be made by the group. Thank you! ~ Peg Prior

**Confirmation Class** for our teens will be at **7:30 pm Friday, March 1**. Please meet Pastor Salying in the church library.

**Classical Music Concert with Benjamin Belew.** The next concert at St. Thomas will be **Sunday, March 3** in the evening. Time and program to come.

## **Community, Faith, and Racial Justice**

Please join us on **March 6, 2024 at 7pm**, for the first of several speakers in a series being offered to the community by St. Mark's Episcopal Church and co-sponsored by St. Thomas Episcopal Church:

Dr. Lerone A. Martin,

Professor and Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University

### **Soul Force: MLK, Jr., the Triple Evils, and American Democracy**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto

No charge for admission – donations appreciated.

Please register at: [tinyurl.com/march6speaker](https://tinyurl.com/march6speaker)

The series explores the role of Christianity, including the white Christian Nationalist movement, in racial injustice and seeks to define a path toward racial justice, healing, and reconciliation. Professor Martin's recent book, *The Gospel of J. Edgar Hoover: How the FBI Aided and Abetted the Rise of White Christian Nationalism*, will be available for purchase and signing. For more information on the series, its co-sponsors, and future speakers, please visit: [tinyurl.com/stmarkseries](https://tinyurl.com/stmarkseries).

## **The Philadelphia Eleven Documentary - online screening March 8th, 5PM PST**

The Philly 11 were the first women ordained in the Episcopal Church. Initially, this was very controversial and done without the approval of General Convention. Watch the story of these brave women challenging our church to follow the Spirit.

You can purchase a \$10 ticket through this link.

<https://www.philadelphiaelevenfilm.com/watch.html>

Or, we can have a watch party on zoom. Please let Pastor Salying know if you're interested.

## **Parish Events - Save the Dates**

- **Easter Sunday Brunch – Sunday, March 31**
- **Agape Circle for Food, Fun and Friendship – Friday, May 3**

Please note that Agape Circles are no longer a monthly engagement, but are scheduled in months with fewer parish events.

## **General Announcements**

**Condolences for Dcn. Bertram.** Dcn. Bertram's brother passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack. Both brothers were very close and spoke to each other every week. Please send condolences to the following address: 2093 Main St., Santa Clara, CA 95050  
May Kingsley's soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

**New Item in Literature Rack** – right side of the narthex  
Join the Journey through Lent – poster found in the narthex on the table to the right. (A Forward Movement publication)

*Joining the Journey through Lent* invites spiritual reflection and is a wonderful companion for the Lenten season. Keep this poster on your table for daily coloring or simple reflecting.

The latest *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.

**New Archives Display** The Library Committee is now featuring the Altar Guild in the Archives Display Case. Two large albums contain pictures of past Altar Guild members and administrative matters such as schedules and guidelines.

There is a small green Altar Guild Manual copyright from 1947. The Altar Guild Handbook is a valuable resource. ~ Stephanie Daugherty

## **Thanksgiving and Memorial Donations to Altar Guild**

Our altar guild appreciates your support in making our space holy and beautiful. You can make a donation for fresh flowers on a designated date or a general donation for supplies, like communion wine and bread and oil for the candles. You can make this donation online or by check, with “altar guild” on the memo line. If applicable, **please also include** (1) the date for the commemoration and (2) the person or occasion to be commemorated.

## **Pledges, Offerings & Donations**

### **Stewardship update: Pledges Gratefully Accepted**

If you are considering pledging to our annual budget for 2024, 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 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.

**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 February 26, 2024**, when we meet to discuss *A Single Thread* by Tracy Chevalier., the story of Violet, one of a generation doomed to a life of spinsterhood after the Great War killed so many young men. Yet Violet rebels, saving enough to move out of her mother's place and to the great Cathedral city of Winchester, where she is drawn into a society of broderers--women who embroider kneelers for the Cathedral, carrying on a centuries-long tradition of bringing comfort to worshippers—and finds support and community. Please join us—contact Dorothy through our website [www.stthomas-svale.org/contact](http://www.stthomas-svale.org/contact) for the Zoom link.

Updates of various parish events and activities may also be found on our website at [www.stthomas-svale.org](http://www.stthomas-svale.org)

## **Weekly Worship at St. Thomas**

**Tuesdays, 5pm Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina,**

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**

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**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

### **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.

# All Are 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
- Treasurer:** Jim Cobb.....Finance@stthomas-svale.org
- Parish Administrator:** Anne Buelteman.....office@stthomas-svale.org
- Children's Ministry Co-ordinator.:** Pam Storrer.....family\_ministry@stthomas-svale.org
- Library and Resource Center Coordinator:** Carol Campbell .....resourcecenter@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  
at [prayerchain@stthomas-svale.org](mailto:prayerchain@stthomas-svale.org)

## THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

Joe Gutierrez, <b>Senior Warden</b>	2024	2025	2026
Emilee Wilhelm-Leen, <b>Junior Warden</b>	Ann Kopischke	Joe Gutierrez	Jeannie Battagin
	Gage McKinney	Dena Ware	Naveen Prasad Durairaj
Gage McKinney, <b>Clerk</b>	Rita Welsh	Emilee Wilhelm-Leen	Tian Zhu

### DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Mabel Cheng     Stephanie Daugherty     Susan Durham Powers     Angela Rausch

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