

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Rite II, 10:30am



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Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist

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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

After worship today, we invite you to join us for a special Easter brunch, and Easter Egg Hunt. Details at the back of this bulletin.

Easter Cantata

1. Procession

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Benjamin Belew, organ

The text of the Cantata may found beginning on page 29.

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #210

The Day of Resurrection

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

Descant

3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

1. The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

The round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 The round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

Let_ all things seen and un - seen their_ notes to - geth - er blend_ ,
 From_ death to life e - ter - nal, from_ earth un - to the sky,
 and_ , lis - tening to his ac - cents, may_ hear so calm and plain
 Let_ all things seen and un - seen their_ notes to - geth - er blend_ ,

for Christ the_ Lord is ris - en, our joy_ that hath no end.
 our Christ hath_ brought us o - ver with hymns_ of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All_ hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise_ the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the_ Lord is ris - en, our joy_ that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Ellacombe*, from *Gesangbuch . . . der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.;
 adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889);
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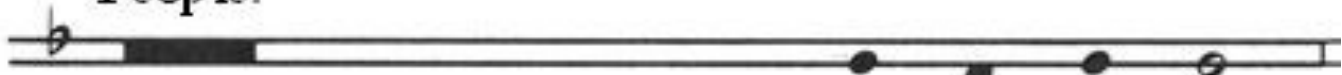
Greeting

(Sung 3 times)

Celebrant:

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People:

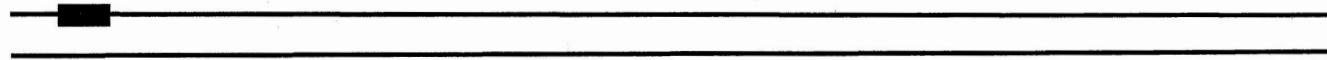


The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia

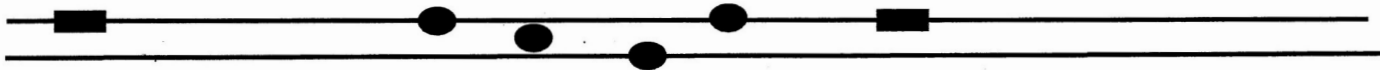
Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Collect for Purity

Celebrant:



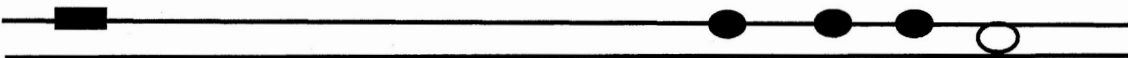
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known



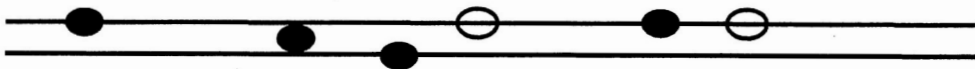
and from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our



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



love you and worthily magnify your ho - ly Name,



Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

Gloria

Hymnal S-280 Robert Powell

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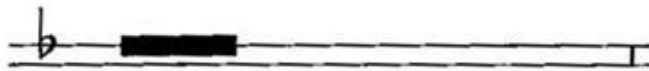
Please join in singing the Gloria. Zoom participants please stay muted

1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace _____ to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly
 King, al - might - y_ God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you_ for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God Lamb_ of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone_ are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most_

High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Collect for Easter Day



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: **And also with you**



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for
him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

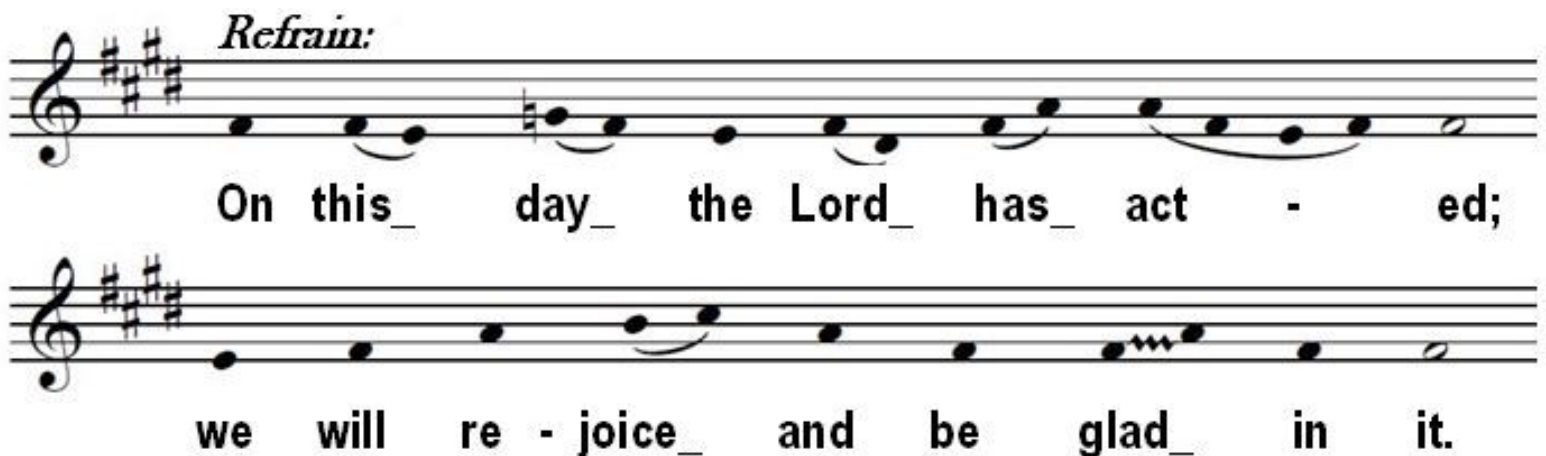
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

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Refrain:



On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;

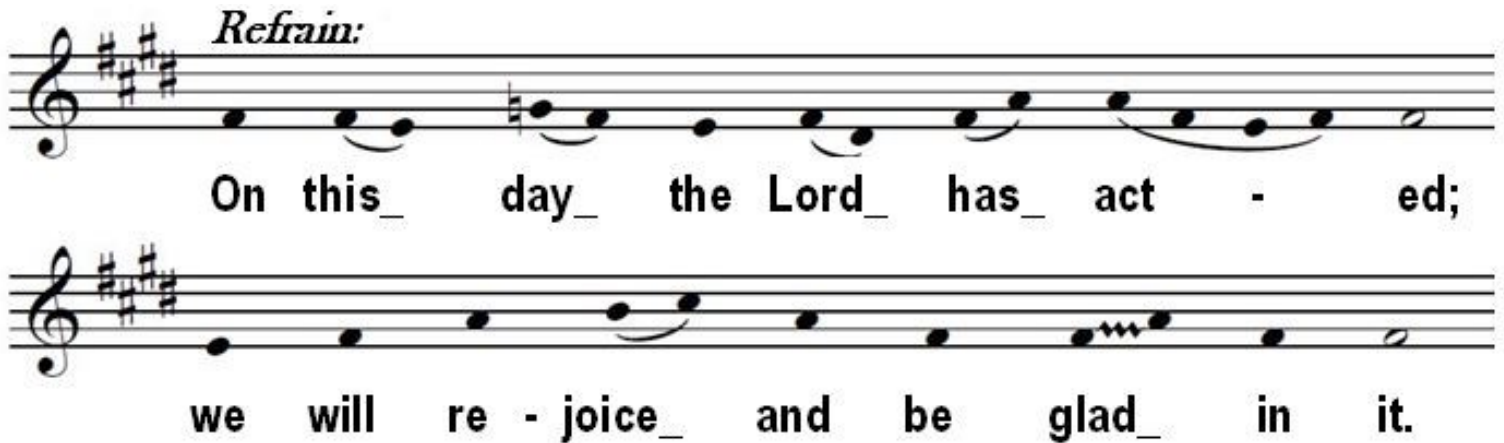
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation. *Refrain*

Refrain:

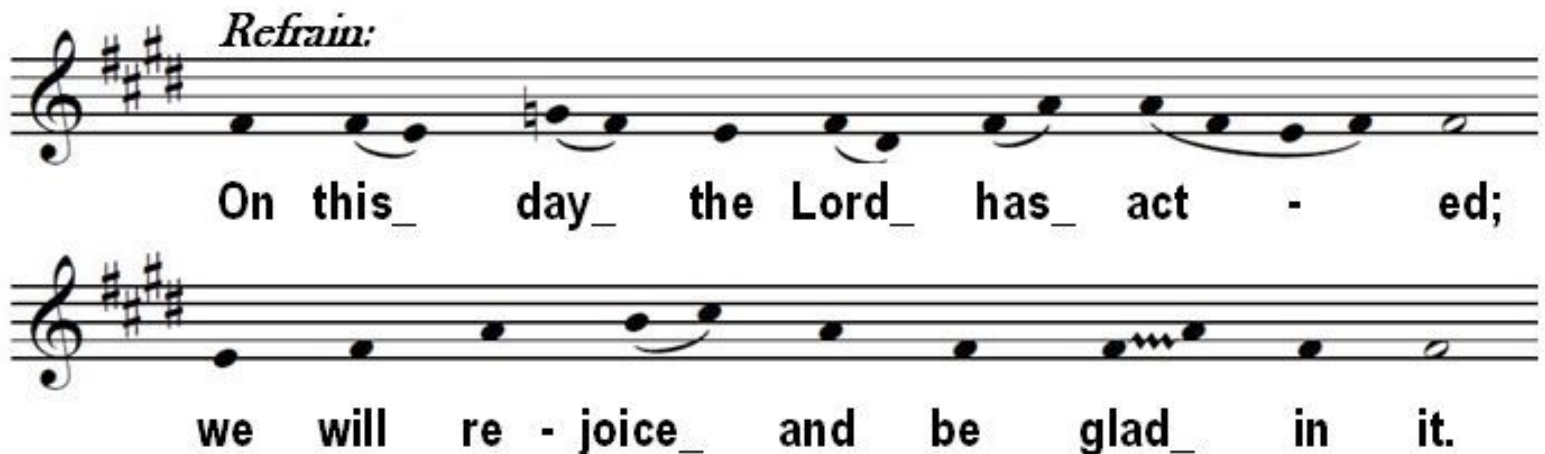


On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" *Refrain*

Refrain:



On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

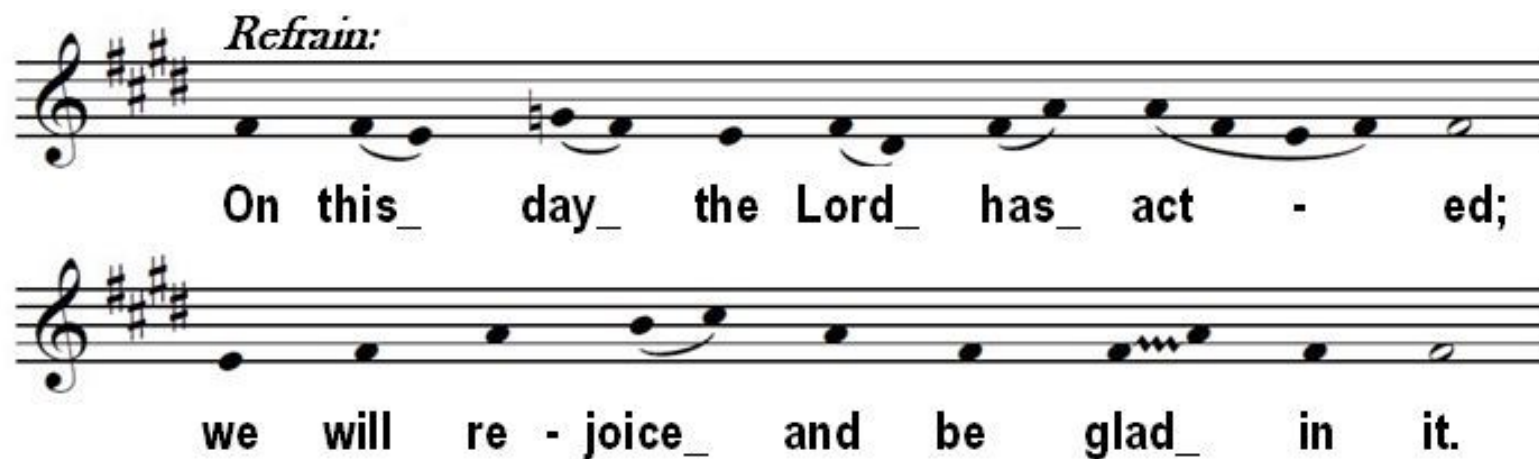
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death. *Refrain (as above)*

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter." *Refrain*

Refrain:



On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes. *Refrain (as above)*

The Epistle: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with

him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #296

We Know That Christ Is Raised

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



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes his Son with life. _____
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows. _____



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life. _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
As Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

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And our de-spair he turned to blaz-ing joy. ___ Al - le -
 As liv - ing mem-bers of a liv - ing Christ. ___
 Bap-tized we live with God, the Three in One. ___
 The u - ni-verse re-stored and whole will sing. ___



lu - ia! ___ Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.
 Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

10 10 10 with Alleluia

The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are

looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

As you are sprinkled, it is appropriate to make the sign of the cross.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you
fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News
of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your
neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and
respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy
Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

People: Amen.

The Prayers of the People from *Liturgy for the Whole Church* by Susan K. Bock

Leader: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to your church, O God,
that we might serve you with courage and grace.

Awake, O Church, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to your world, O God,
that all might know the goodness of your love.

Awake, O World, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to our nation, O God,
that each person might share and honor the other.

Awake, O People, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God,
that they might know your saving help.

Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God,
that they might forever grow in your likeness.

Awake, O Saints, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God,
that we might grow larger in faith and hope.

Awake, O Soul, rise from death,

People: And Christ will give you life!

Leader: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth
from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says
the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy!

Amen, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, 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

Benjamin Belew

Easter Cantata

2. Anthem

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

The text of the Cantata may found beginning on page 29.

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

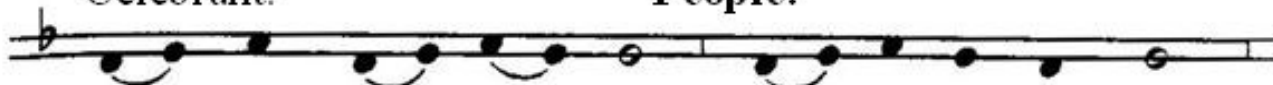
People: **And of your own have we given you.**

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer **EOW2**

Celebrant:

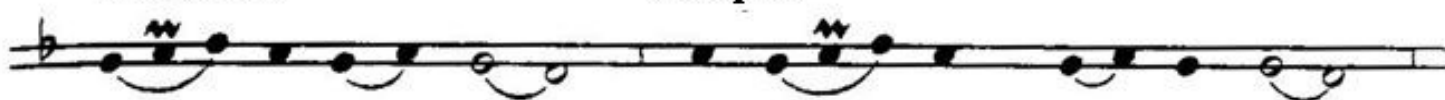
People:



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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly__ Lord, God of pow-er and



might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. ___

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, with a triplet of eighth notes over 'Bless - ed'. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text, also featuring a triplet of eighth notes over 'Ho - san - na'. The music concludes with a final cadence on a whole note.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

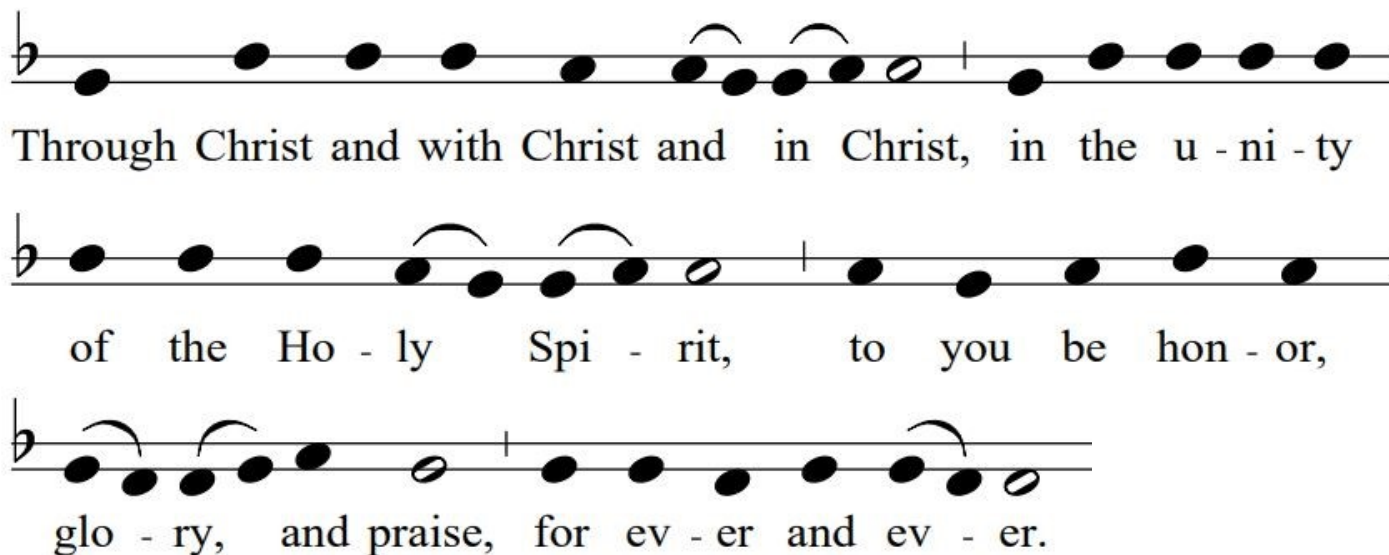
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with Thomas and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Celebrant:



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the u - ni - ty
of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or,
glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er.

Celebrant and **People:**



A - MEN_.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

WLP #875

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Be Known to Us

The Choir will lead the Fraction Anthem. All are invited to sing the responses.

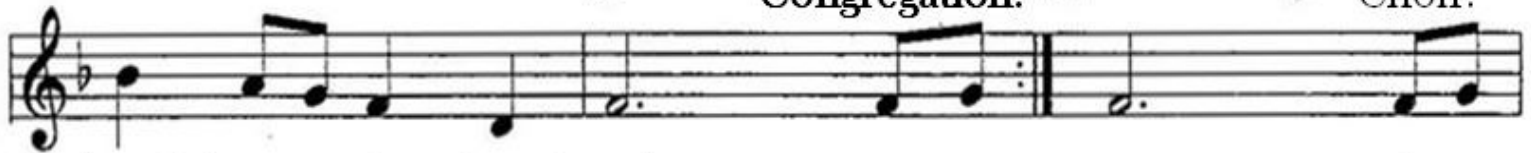
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Choir: (1st time; Congregation repeats)

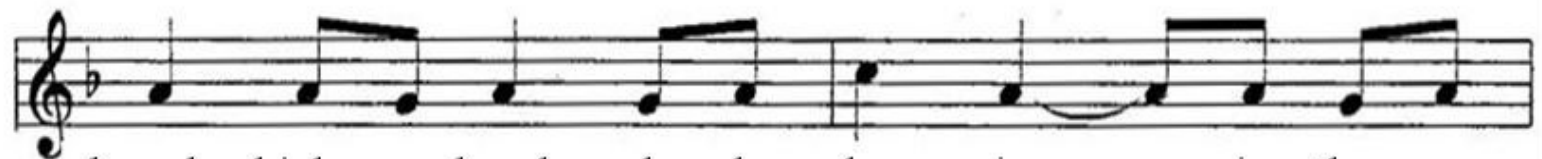


Be __ known to __ us, Lord __ Je - sus, in the
Be __ known to __ us, Lord __ Je - sus, in the

1. Congregation: 2. Choir:



break-ing__ of the bread. Be__ bread. The_
break-ing__ of the



bread which we break al - le - lu - ia is the com -



bread which we break al - le - lu - ia is the com -



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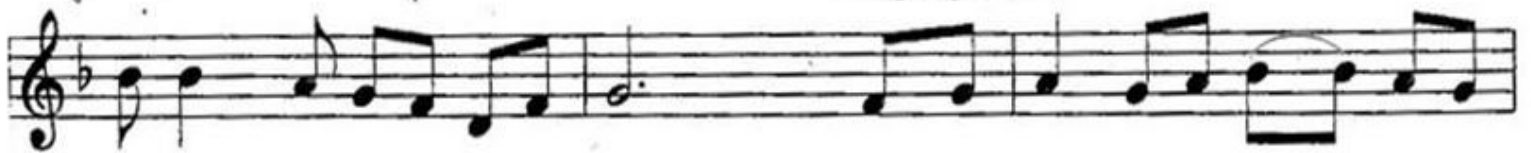
known to __ us Lord __ Je - sus, in the break-ing__ of the

Choir:

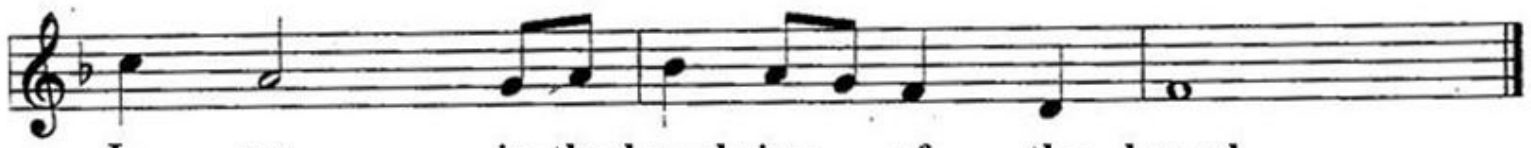


bread. One_ bod - y are we al - le - lu - ia, for though

Congregation:



man-y, we share_ one_ bread. Be_ known to_ us, Lord_



Je - sus, in the break-ing_ of the bread.

Setting: Gary James (b. 1957)
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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.*

Easter Cantata

3. Prayer

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

The text of the Cantata may found beginning on page 29.

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

The Book of Occasional Services

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for
ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal #207

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our hea - ven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt.;
 desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950

77. 77 with Alleluias

The Dismissal

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

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

The Congregation is asked to remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

Easter Cantata

4. Celebration

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

The Congregation is asked to remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

The text of the Cantata may found beginning on page 29.



Serving today

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kopischke

Lectors: Lou Poulain, Fulvia Govetto

Cantor: Abby O'Connell

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

Members of the **St. Thomas Choir**

Director: Patricia Pietrzyk

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Tech team/Zoom host: Breno DeMedeiros, Sophia De Medeiros

The Easter Offering will benefit

Hope Horizon in East Palo Alto

and

the ongoing needs of St. Thomas parish.

Easter Flowers

The Easter flowers are dedicated in honor of the following:

Given by Jeannie Battagin in honor of my dad,
Walt Menzies
whose death 'brought me back' to God at Easter time.

Given by Peter & MaryBeth Baust, in loving memory of
Albert Maloney, Frances Maloney, and Mary Carol Radel

Given by Carl Beckham, in loving memory of
Sue Beckham

Given by The Campbell Family, in loving memory of
David Campbell

Given by Jim & Donna Cobb, in loving memory of
George Hiers, Jane & Pat Tomlinson, and James Cobb

Given by Mo and Gareth Davies in loving memory of
David Davies, Eric Ford, Nancy Ford

*Given by Sharon Glassett, in loving memory of my mother,
Jane Doman*

*Given by Joe Gutierrez in honor of
All the good and faithful people of St. Thomas
who worked so hard to organize, choreograph and manage
all of the Holy Week and Easter services.*

*Given by Kristen Kaliski and Daniel Ng in loving memory of
Burt & Janice Kaliski*

*Given by Ann & Duane Stevenson, in loving memory of
Duane's brothers, and brother-in-law
Waldo Eugene Stevenson, James Larry Stevenson,
and William Howard Spear
and Duane's parents,
Waldo Robb Stevenson & Ethel Louise Dunn Stevenson,
Ann's sister, Jill Austin Schauf, and
her parents, Dorothy Tyner Austin and Jack Norris Austin*

*Given by Marilyn Winans in honor of my children,
Dionne & Stuart*

*Given by Salying Wong in loving memory of
Ling Wong and Rosetta Yeh*

Today in the Parish

EASTER BRUNCH & EGG HUNT

The celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter morning continues with a festive Easter brunch in Cowans Hall after the 10:30 am Service. The brunch menu will include juicy slices of roasted ham and turkey, carved and served right at the buffet. If meat is not for you, we can also serve you vegetarian quiche. Salad, rolls and other garnishes will also be available to dress your plate, as well as a selection of beverages for your consumption. **Please note that you are not required to bring anything to come to the brunch.**

An **EASTER EGG HUNT** has been arranged for the youngest members of our parish family and will take place after worship.

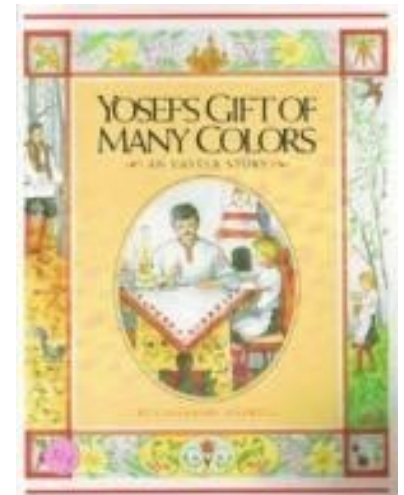
Library News:

Book of the Week March 31, 2024

[Yosef's Gift of Many Colors: an Easter story](#)

by Cassandre Maxwell.

This heartwarming Ukrainian tale centers around a lavishly decorated egg that holds profound significance for the protagonist, Yosef, and the other villagers. The egg serves as a reminder of God's love and miracles.



Easter Cantata

Music and Text by

Benjamin Belew

Sakagch Akeala

Performed by St. Thomas Choir
and the Seventh Battalion of the Dark Knights

I ... Procession

Treading down this path from the darkness, we walk.
Carrying with us word, He has risen; this day.
End of night is nigh, silence broken; behold.
At the break of dawn Heaven's anthem rejoices.

Angels chorus over the world from chariots divine.
Hear the seraphs' music sung beyond the earth and high.

Hear their voices, Hear them sing!
Hear their voices, Hear them sing!

Guided now; we follow the way in His steps and His strides.

II ... Anthem

Glory to God, Alleluia! Glory to God, Alleluia!

Heaven rejoices His reign. Heaven rejoices His reign!
Alleluia!

III ... Prayer

Holy, in your name, Holy, in your name,
We pray, we pray, we pray.

Blessed are those in your name. Blessed are those in your name.
Your name. Your name. Your name.

IV ... Celebration

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reap the soul as bales of rye,
Sing with us our savior is here!
Come forth now from mountains' hide,
Praise out loud our kingdom is near!

Upcoming Events

Parish Events - Save the Dates

Funeral Planning Workshop will be **April 18 at 9:30am** on Zoom. Please follow this link to attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81124109730?pwd=WTFrTFhHb0FPZXc3U20zZmIzcW5xZz09> The workshop will be recorded for anyone who would like to view it. Planning your funeral is a great help to those you leave behind. If you have any questions, please contact her at pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us.

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

Administrator vacation Please note the administrator will be away next week, returning Tuesday April 9.

Forum at the National Cathedral

An important forum was held on February 21, 2024. It is available for viewing on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SFSkWxUxao>

Library notes: Look at the back table in the narthex, to the right as you enter the church.

Alleluia! 50 Days and 50 Ways to Celebrate Easter

2024 Easter Calendar

Easter is more than a day--it is a season! Unbury the alleluias and shout with joy, celebrating the risen Christ. Illustrated by award-

winning cartoonist Jay Sidebotham, the poster invites spiritual reflection and is a wonderful companion for the Easter season.

from [Forward Movement](#)

Thank you from the 2024 Holiday Boutique Committee

We appreciate all the bags and tissue you have given us in preparation for our boutique. We have also received several Christmas items we can sell. You may continue to donate bags and tissue. Please drop them off in the library

Literature Rack – right side of the narthex

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.

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, and by hand-delivery to Jim Cobb.

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

Your pledges and other donations may always be mailed to the church office and marked to the attention of the Treasurer.

When donating by check, please make the check payable to “St. Thomas Episcopal Church”.

Under our current public health restrictions, we encourage you to mail in your pledges and offerings to the church or use our online donation option.

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

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9C43D8TLRQCLU&source=url

If you choose to give online, please be aware that St. Thomas does pay a fee for each transaction.

As always, we want to say “Thank You!”

Peace, Jim Cobb

St. Thomas Library The church library will be open on Sundays after the 8 a.m. service, and again after the 10:30 service. Carol or a member of the Library Committee will be available to answer questions on Fridays from 10-12; after 12:00 our administrator Anne will be available until 4:00 to open the door for you. Call 408-736-4155 for access, or knock loudly! We request that you remember to wear your mask.

Small Groups and Spiritual Formation Ministries

St Thomas Stepping Stones Jail Ministry

Get proximate to the pain and you will make the deepest connection. Join the St. Thomas Stepping Stone Jail ministry and get proximate to those who are in need of community and love. You can

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

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

The Prayer Chain Anyone who needs prayers or needs pastoral care assistance or would like to join in this ministry, please send an email to: prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us.

Children's 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 12:45pm in the chapel.

Craft Group The Craft Group is back, and will continue meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the library. The next meetings will be Thursdays, April 11 & 25.

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 April 29**, when we meet to discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi, a best-selling novel that makes history visceral and captures, with singular and stunning immediacy, how the memory of captivity came to be inscribed in the soul of a nation. In 18th-century Ghana two half-sisters are separated by circumstance, one married off to an Englishman and living in comfort in palatial rooms in Cape Coast Castle, the other sold into slavery and shipped off to America. One's descendants live through centuries of warfare in Ghana, the other's through the Civil War and its lingering aftermath.

Please join us—contact Dorothy through our website www.stthomas-svale.org/contact for the Zoom link.



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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82381715053?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82381715053?pwd=UmN1QXZ4UjNWdWdZbmZFYk9Bd0VwQT09)

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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

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



Parish Mission Statement

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!

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

THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

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

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Mabel Cheng Stephanie Daugherty Susan Durham Powers Angela Rausch

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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!

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