

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

Rite II, 10:30am



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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:

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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.*

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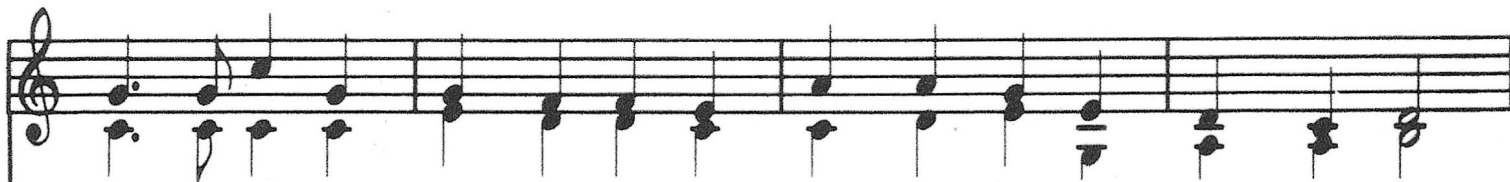
Prelude

Opening Hymn

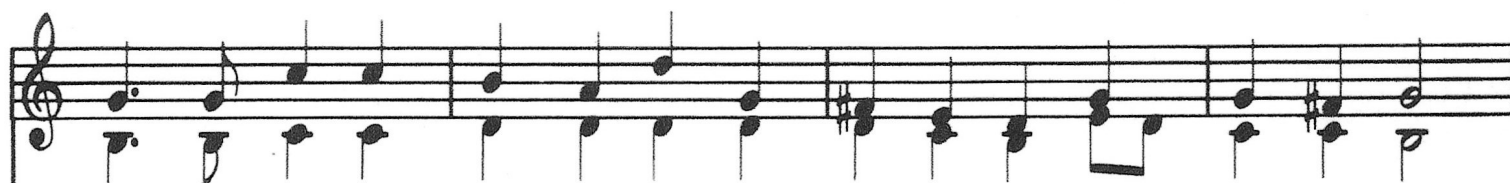
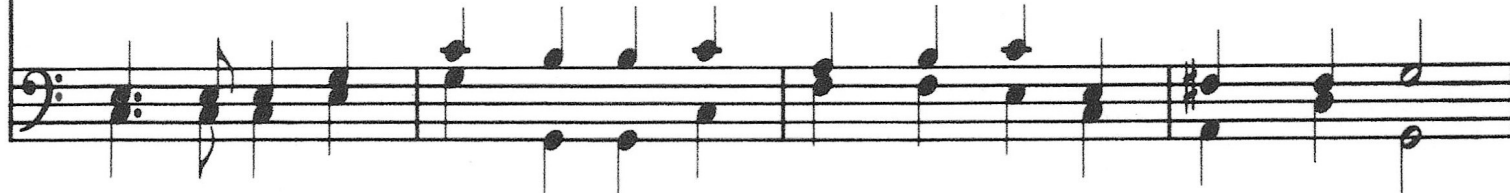
Hymnal #191

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices

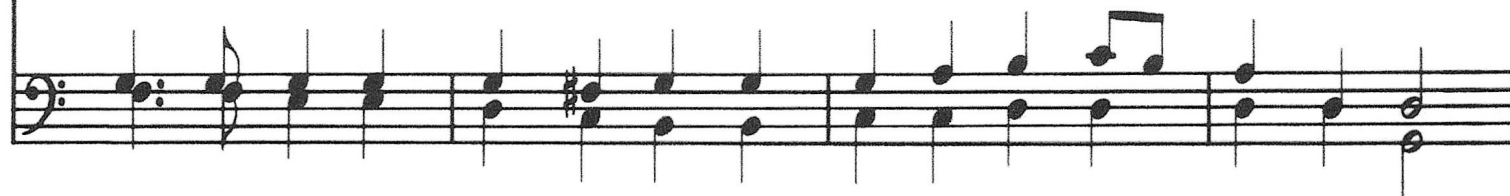
All are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.



**1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voi - ces heaven - ward raise:
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ the first - fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
4 Christ is ri - sen! We are ri - sen! Shed up - on us heav - en - ly grace,
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high'**



**1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
2 glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
3 which will all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;**



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1 He who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y ent - er - prise:
 3 then the gol - den ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
 4 that with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing we on earth may fruit - ful be,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! To the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

1 Je - sus Christ the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered and be ev - er Lord, with thee.
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.
 Music: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

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Greeting

Celebrant:

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

People:

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

A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of a series of notes: a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, and a half note on F4.

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.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of a series of notes: a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, and a half note on F4.

Gloria

Hymnal S-280 Robert Powell

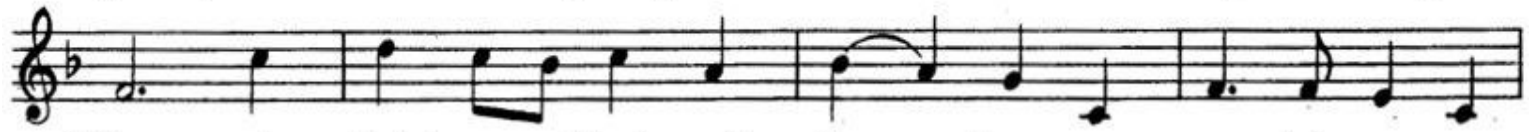
Please join in singing the Gloria. Zoom participants please stay muted.

1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and

A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of a series of notes: a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, and a half note on F4.



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



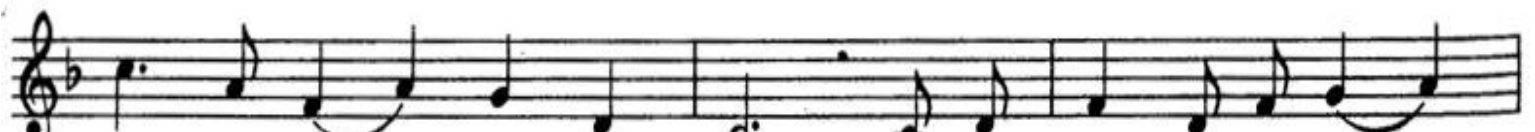
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5.you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



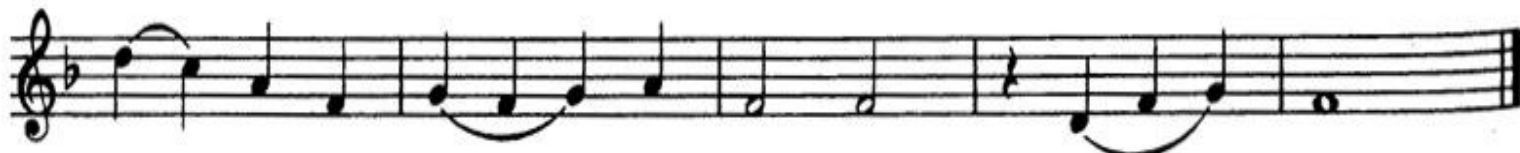
ceive our prayer. 6.For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,_



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



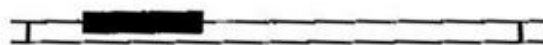
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: **And also with you**



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today

because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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


People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

Refrain




The Lord__ is my shep-herd; I shall not__ be in want.

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters. *Refrain*

Refrain

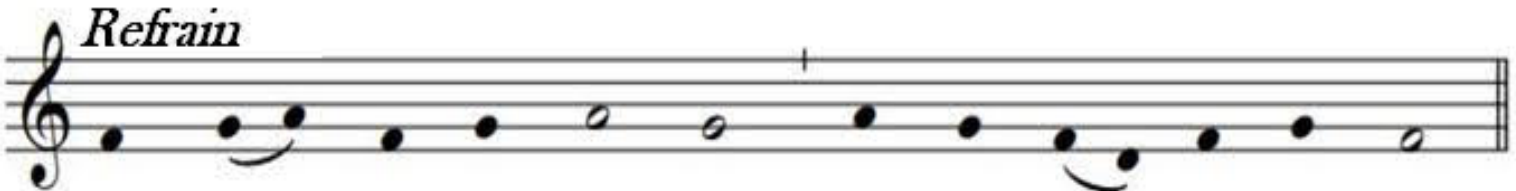


The Lord__ is my shep-herd; I shall not__ be in want.

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Refrain*

Refrain




The Lord__ is my shep-herd; I shall not__ be in want.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. *Refrain*

Refrain



The Lord__ is my shep-herd; I shall not__ be in want.



The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #646

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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

Descant



6 And so through all the length_ of days thy__



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight, thy
6 And so through all the length of days thy



6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing_ lack if
2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the_ ver-dant
3 yet in love he sought me, and on his_ shoul-der
4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and_ staff my
5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth and oh, what transport
6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep-herd,_ may I



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6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still. Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23

Music: *Dominus regit me*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); desc. David Willcocks (b. 1919)

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The Gospel: John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to

this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon

*After the sermon there will be a time of silence
for reflection.*

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People 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

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. __

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.

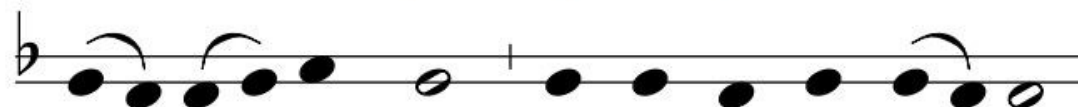
Celebrant:



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

Be Known to Us

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

Zoom attendees please stay muted

Choir: (1st time; Congregation repeats)

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

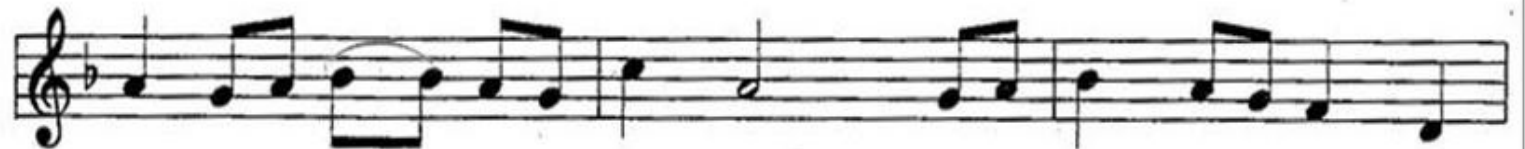
1. Congregation: 2. Choir:
 break-ing__ of the bread. Be __ bread. The_
 break-ing__ of the

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

Congregation:




mun-ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be__




known to__ us Lord__ Je - sus, in the break-ing_ of the

Choir:

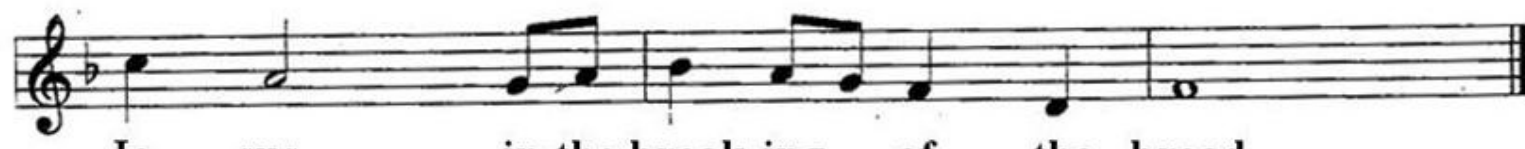


bread. One_ bod - y are we al - le - lu - ia, for though

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 forward to receive Communion.
 Please come to the rail.*

- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able.*
- *The wine will be served in the chalice and in the small cups. The chalice will precede the cups. If you do not reach for the chalice, it will pass and the*

cups will follow. (Please place the empty cup on one of the trays near the aisles.)

- *Please, do not dip the bread in the wine.*
- *If you do not wish to receive communion, you may receive a blessing: please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you wish to be blessed.*
- *Gluten free bread is available upon asking.*

Communion Hymn

Hymnal #304

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I Come With Joy

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

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy__ to meet my Lord,__ for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near__ to
3 As Christ breaks bread_ and bids us share,__ each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord,__ His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound,__ we'll

1 giv - en, loved,__ and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all__ are fed, the new com - mun - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made__ us
4 pres - ence al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

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1 to re - call_ his life laid down_ for me.
 2 ty of love_ in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one,_ and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known_ we see and praise him here.
 5 in the world_ we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

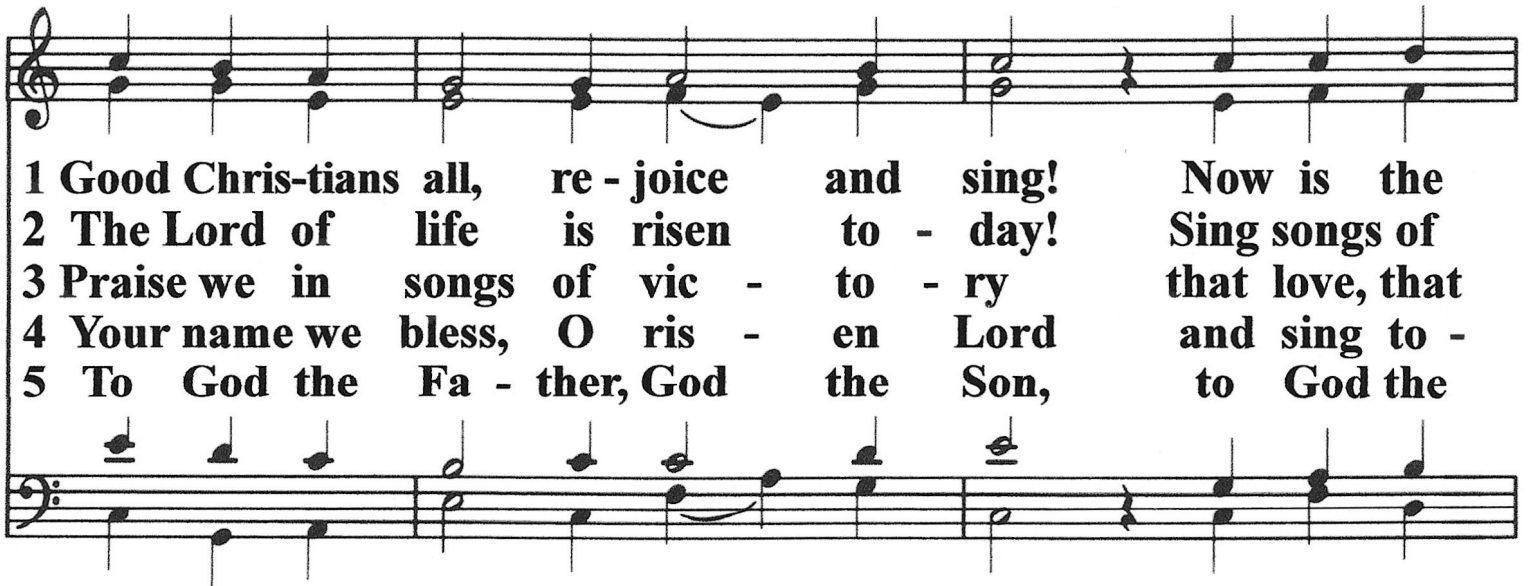
The Blessing

Closing Hymn

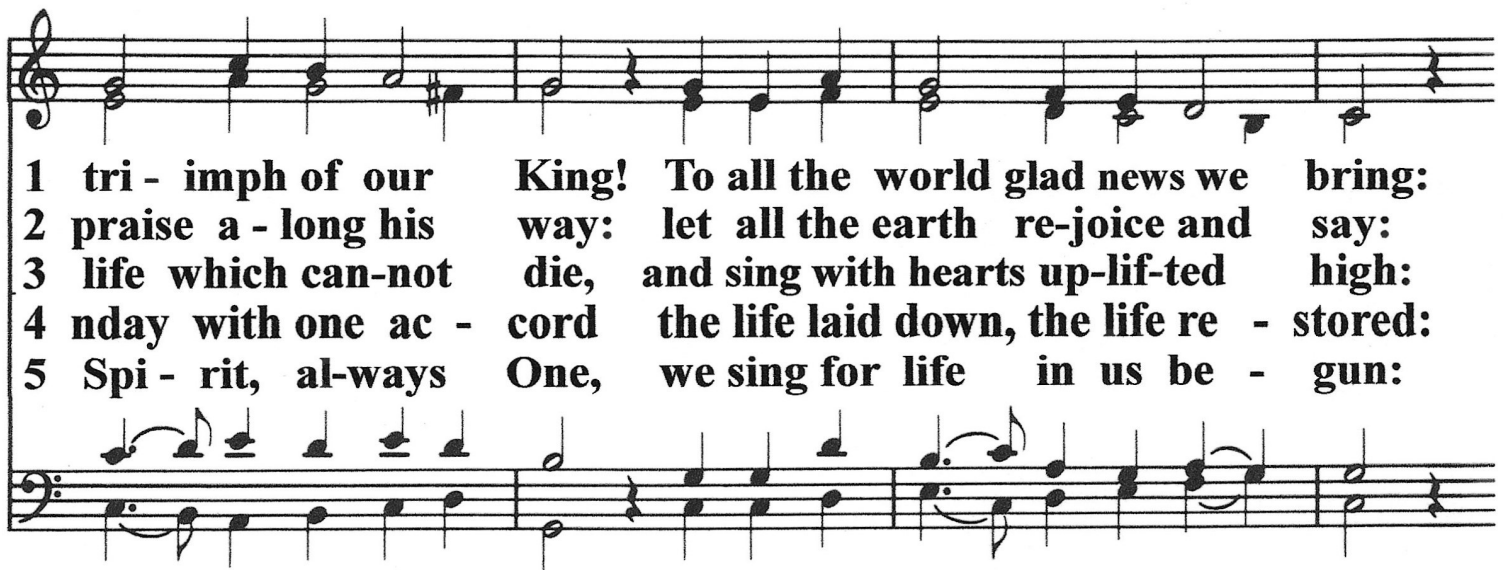
Hymnal # 205

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

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



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - imph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way: let all the earth re-joice and say:
3 life which can-not die, and sing with hearts up-lif-ted high:
4 nday with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al-ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al- le- lu - ia, _____ al - le- lu - ia, al- le- lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Alleluia'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves, with some words aligned under specific notes. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and slurs.

Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (b. 1923)
Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Melchior Vulpinus (1560?-1616)

888 with Alleluias

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Benjamin Belew



Serving today

The St. Thomas Altar Guild

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Jeannie Battagin

Lectors: Marilyn Winans, Lou Poulain

Cantor: Jeremy Smith

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

Members of the **St. Thomas Choir**

Director: Patricia Pietrzyk

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Tech lead: Tian Zhu

Zoom host: Fulvia Govetto



Today in the Parish

The Altar Flowers are given today...

by Nancy Tucker, in loving memory of her husband Warren Tucker.

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

Library News:

Book of the Week April 21, 2024

In honor of [Arbor Day](#), April 26.

[The Good for Nothing Tree](#) by Amy-Gil Levine and Sandy Sasso.

"Inspired by the parable of the Barren Fig Tree, this book focuses on a tree that grows later than expected, reminding readers that patience, care, and love can change everything – making what may appear "good for nothing" very good".



Upcoming Events

Teen Confirmation Class: The next confirmation class for our youth will be **April 26 at 7pm** with Pastor Salying in the library.

Parish Events - Save the Dates

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.

COMMUNITY, FAITH, AND RACIAL JUSTICE

Please join us on **May 8, 2024**, for the second of several speakers in a series offered to the community by St. Mark's Episcopal Church and co-sponsored by St. Thomas:

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White, Episcopal Priest, Clinical Psychologist, and Retired Christiane Brooke Johnson Professor of Psychology and Religion at Union Theological Seminary will speak

on

*Confronting Christian Nationalism: Why People Are Drawn in
And How to Talk Across the Divide*

7 p.m. – St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto
No charge for admission – donations appreciated.

Please register at: tinyurl.com/may8speaker

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. Rev. Dr. Cooper-White's recent book on the topic will be available for purchase and signing.

For more information on the series, its co-sponsors, and future speakers, please visit: tinyurl.com/stmarkseries.

Spring Renewal

Don't miss the opportunity to join us for our annual in-person Spring Renewal on **May 17th and 18th** in Salinas. Unlike the Diocesan Convention, this event is open to everyone in the diocese.

Event prices and options

\$175 Full Event

\$80 Friday Night only

includes banquet dinner and awards program

\$100 Saturday only

includes lunch and program with **Bishop Michael Hunn**

The Right Reverend Michael Hunn is the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande. He was raised in New Mexico and Texas and has over twenty years of experience in ordained ministry. His various roles have included serving as a parish priest, a school chaplain, a college chaplain, and a Canon to Bishop Michael Curry. Prior to being consecrated as Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, he led Presiding Bishop Curry's transition team, and a staff-wide restructure and culture transformation process.

As a lecturer, keynote speaker, and preacher, Bishop Hunn has shared his insights on public speaking, nonviolent communication, canon law, stewardship, and nonviolent approaches to conversations about race. He brings fresh perspectives to traditional subjects.

To register or for additional information see:

<https://www.realepiscopal.org/blog/spring-renewal-2024/>

CONCERT In May there will be another concert, most likely presented on Sunday afternoon May 19 at 3:30pm. Please put this date on your calendars, and watch the announcements for confirmation!



Dinner Theatre: *An Italian Café* August 3



Actors needed:

1 male lead (a customer in the café)
and 2-3 bit parts, about 5 lines, male or female

Also needed:

someone to help paint and measure.
a typist would be great
stage crew (very easy) - must be able to move
tables

If interested, contact Linda Sutton at averagewithaflair@gmail.com

General Announcements

Library notes:

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.

New Archives Display

The Library Committee is now featuring timelines of St. Thomas Church and world events. The timelines are divided into decades from 1911 to 2010. On one side of the poster board are the timelines of St. Thomas Church. On the other side are the timelines of world events that coincide. There has been a monumental amount of history that has occurred since 1911.

Please read and think about the history of our church and world.

The Little Free Library

The library needs adult books to supply the Little Free Library. Paperback and hardcover are welcome including fiction and nonfiction.

Please place the books either in the library box in the narthex, the drop slot by the office door, or in the library.

Submitted by The Library Committee

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.

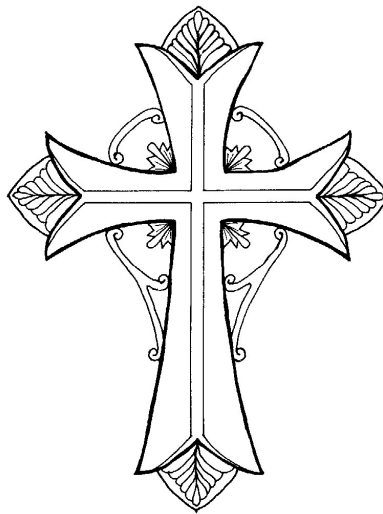
Craft Group The Craft Group is back, and will continue meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the library. The next meetings will be **Thursdays, April 25 & May 9.**

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.

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



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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Meeting ID: 823 8171 5053 Passcode: 189002

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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

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!

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.

Rector: The Rev. Salying Wong.....pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us
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 Campbellresourcecenter@stthomas-svale.org
Music Director: Patricia Pietrzyk,..... patriciapietrzyk@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor: Anne Buelteman.....office@stthomas-svale.org
Accompanist (organ/piano): Benjamin Belew
Our Daily Bread (ODB) Coordinator: David Barnes.....408-736-4108, odb@stthomas-svale.org

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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