

DAY OF PENTECOST

May 19, 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 who have vulnerable health issues, our 10:30am services always offers 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):

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Prelude

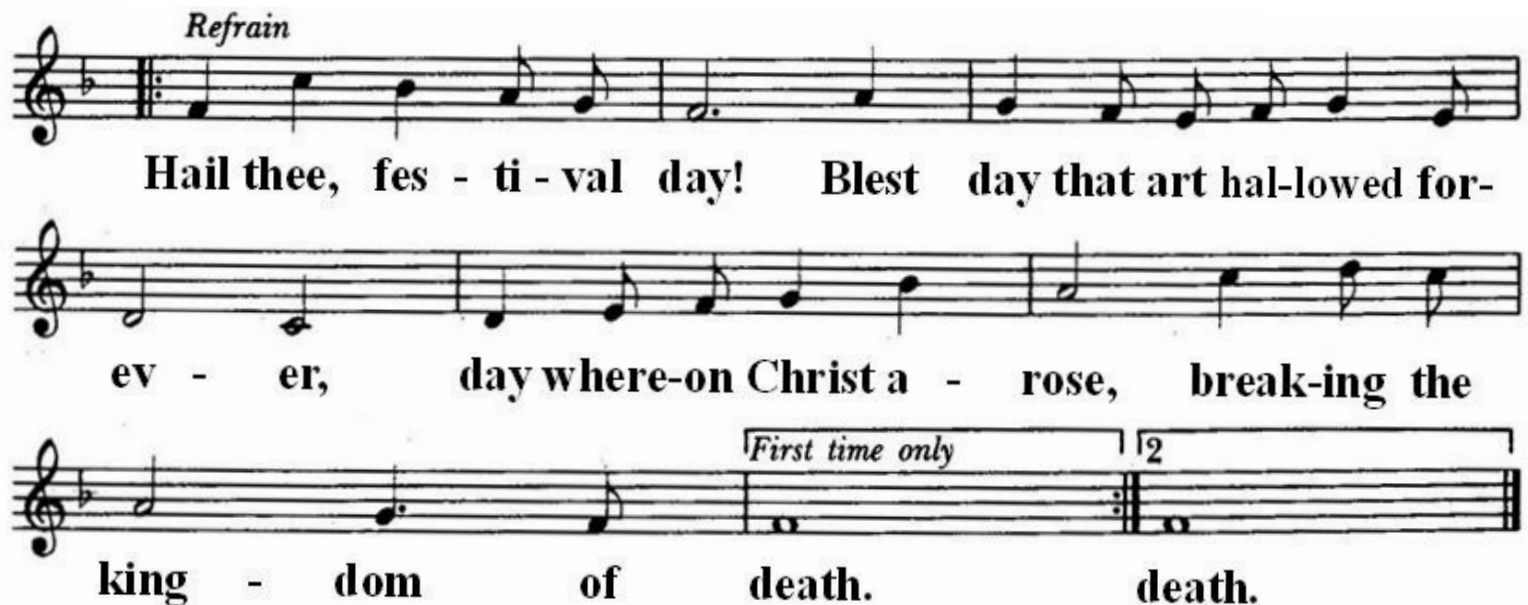
Opening Hymn

Hymnal #225

Hail Thee, Festival Day


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

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day that art hal-losed for-
ev - er, day where-on Christ a - rose, break-ing the
king - dom of death. *First time only* death. *2*

1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the
3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
5 God the Cre - a - tor, the Lord, who__ rul - est the
7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now__ flow in us,



win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good__
glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her__
earth and the hea - vens, guard us from__
fount of our be - ing, light that dost__

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Repeat Refrain



gift of the year___ now with its Mas-ter re - turns:
gates un - bars,___ fling - ing her in-crease of light:
harm with - out,___ cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
light - en___ all,___ life that in all dost a - bide:



2 He who was nailed to the cross is___ Lord and the
4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of
5 Je - sus the health of the world en - light - en our
6 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou___ Love who art



ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre-a-ted on
life and cre - a - tion. Tread-ing the path-way of
minds thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa-ther su-
au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our



Repeat Refrain

earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
death, life thou be - stow - ing on all:
preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.
Music: *Salve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

79. 77 with Refrain

Greeting

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

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*Please join in singing
the Gloria.*

*Zoom participants
please stay muted*

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, _



_ and peace to his peo-ple on earth ___ Lord God,



heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God _ and Fa - ther, _ we wor-ship



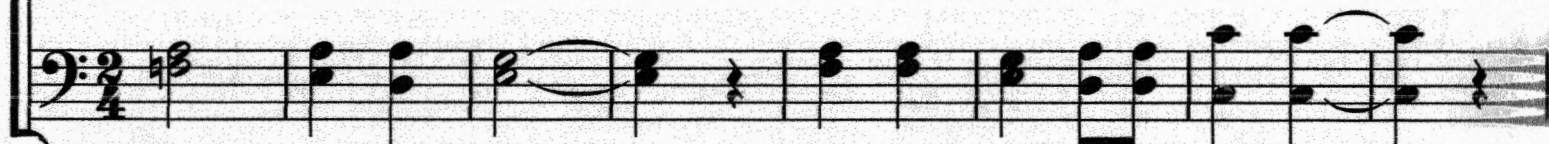
you, _ we give you thanks, we praise you for _ your glo-ry _

Fa-ther, _



Lord Je-sus Christ, _ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, _

Fa-ther



Fa-ther, _



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way _ the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
Fa - ther : re - ceive

Fa - ther : re - ceive

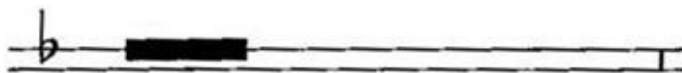
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High

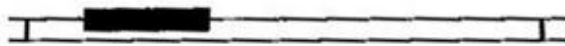
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

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

Collect for the Day of Pentecost



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native

language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.’ "

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

Zoom participants please stay muted.



Send forth your Spir-it, O_ Lord, and re - new_ the face__ of the earth.

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.

Refrain



Send forth your Spir-it, O_ Lord, and re - new_ the face__ of the earth.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

Refrain



Send forth your Spir-it, O_ Lord, and re - new_ the face__ of the earth.

You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Send forth your Spir-it, O_ Lord, and re - new_ the face__ of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Send forth your Spir-it, O_ Lord, and re - new_ the face__ of the earth.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah! *Refrain (as above)*

The Epistle: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

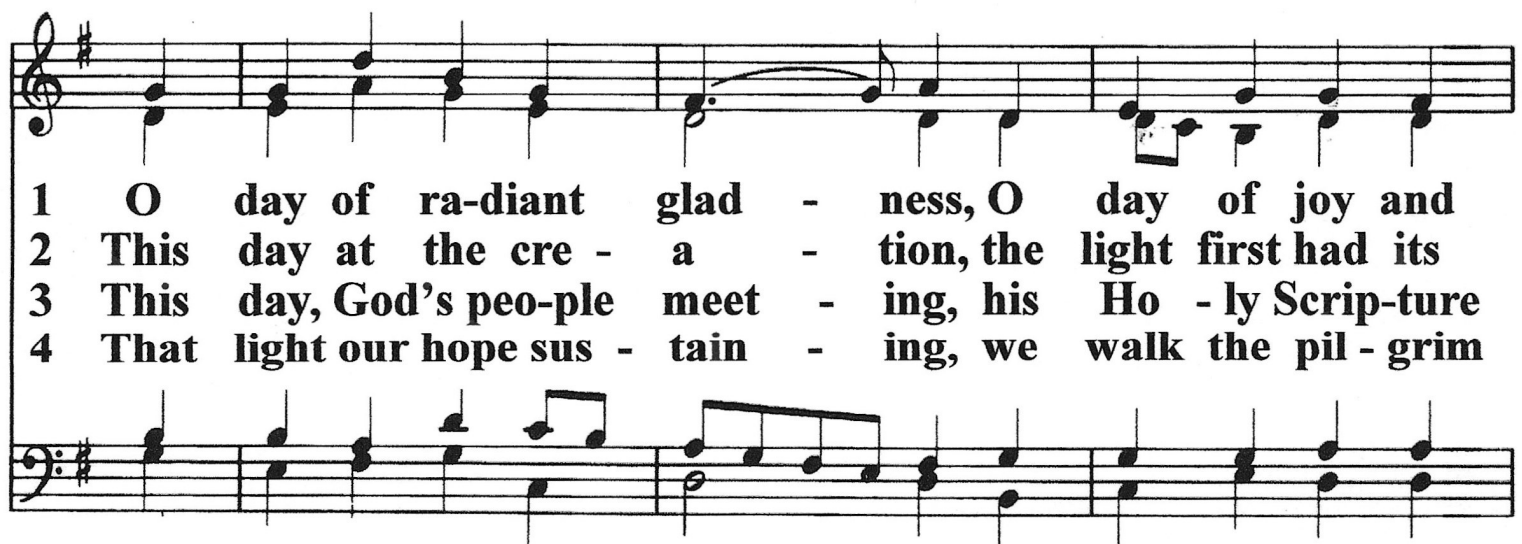
People: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #48

O Day of Radiant Gladness

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



1 O day of ra-diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
3 This day, God's peo-ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip-ture
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

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light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
 hear his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high_ and
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord_ vic -
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
 End - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee_ our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven-ly might from
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

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“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.; st. 3, Charles P. Price (b. 1920);
 st. 4, *Hymnal 1982*

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song;
 harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

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The Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you

will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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.

Commissioning of Lay Preacher Angela Rausch

The candidate stands facing the celebrant.

Celebrant: Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Angela has been chosen from among the congregation for a ministry as a lay preacher.

People: **Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

In the Name of God, we recognize you, Angela, as lay preacher. I give you this pin as a token of your ministry.

Anointing of Congregation for Mission and Ministry

Celebrant: On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit richly poured herself onto those gathered, anointing many for ministry and mission. I invite you to come forward to receive anointing of your hands as a sign of your baptismal authority to proclaim life in Jesus in the midst of all that deals in death and destruction. Please come forward.

I anoint you for ministry and mission for the love of God's people and the Church

Prayers of the People for Pentecost

Leader: On the day of Pentecost all who gathered together heard the witnesses speaking in their own tongues.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, witness to us also in the language of our hearts.

Pray for the church.

Leader: Speak your love language in our need. Hear our deepest hungers, desires, and aspirations.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, breathe on us your healing news.

Pray for the world, for our local community and for the sick.

Leader: Speak your love language to our fears. Hold our worries about the future, and about each other, and about ourselves, and take us to the rest we can only find in you.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that encouraging news.

Pray for yourself.

Leader: Speak your love language in our confession. Let us hear how our repentance for wrong doings and for things left undone is covered by your forgiveness.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that liberating news.

Pray for forgiveness.

Leader: Speak your love language in our gratitude. Ignite in us thankfulness for the abundance in our lives; give us hope even to give thanks for what is difficult, knowing your strength is made perfect in weakness.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that gracious news.

Thanksgiving Prayers.

Leader: Speak your love language in our joy. We praise you Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Companion, Comforter, and Creator.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, brighten our hearts with joy.

Prayers of Praise.

Leader: Speak your love language even to the dead. We pray for the dearly departed. Speak to us in the language of our grief and hope.

Pray for the departed.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, breathe on us that good news. Renew the hearts of your people with the love language of Pentecost. 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Offertory sentence

Offertory Anthem

Thomas Atwood

Come, Holy Ghost
Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Benjamin Belew, accompanist

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

People: And of your own have we given you.

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer C

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

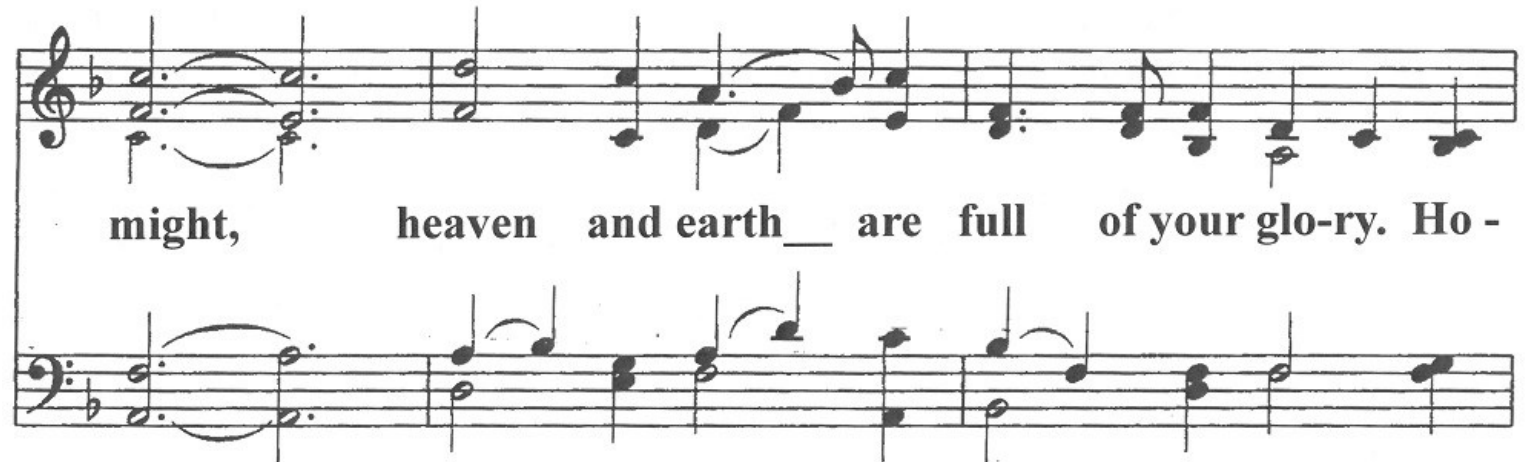
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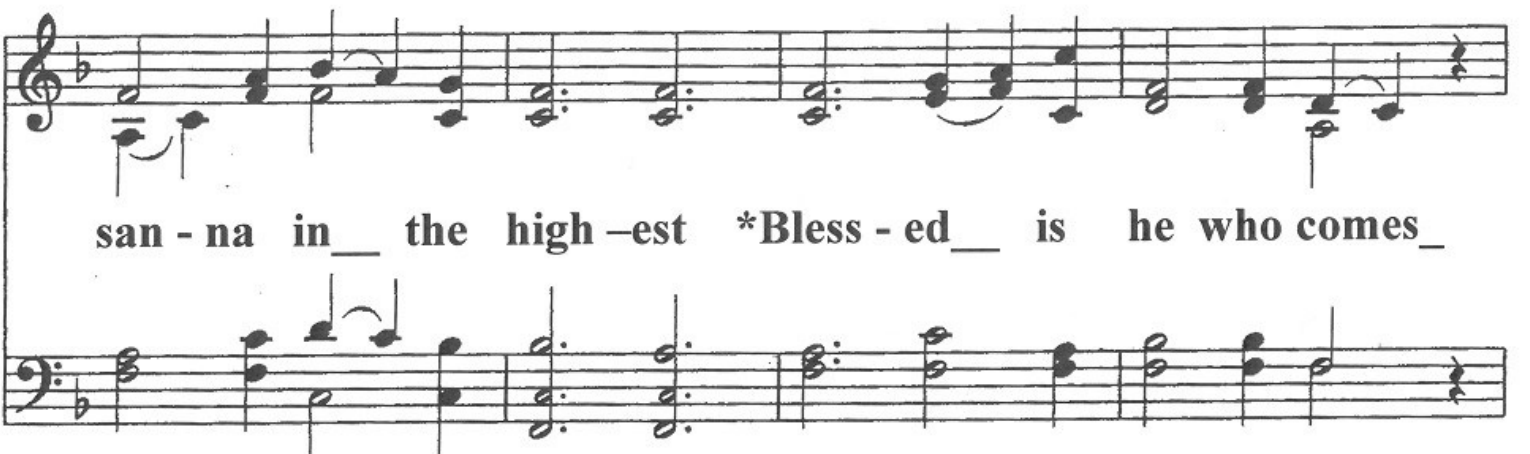
Celebrant and **People:**



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



might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in_ the high - est.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner;
harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)
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Celebrant:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant:

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, and Jacob;
Lord God of our Mothers: God of Hagar, Sarah, Rebecca, and
Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to
see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the
presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for
strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this
Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we
may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant:

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our
great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your
Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to
generation.

Celebrant and **People: AMEN**

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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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

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.*

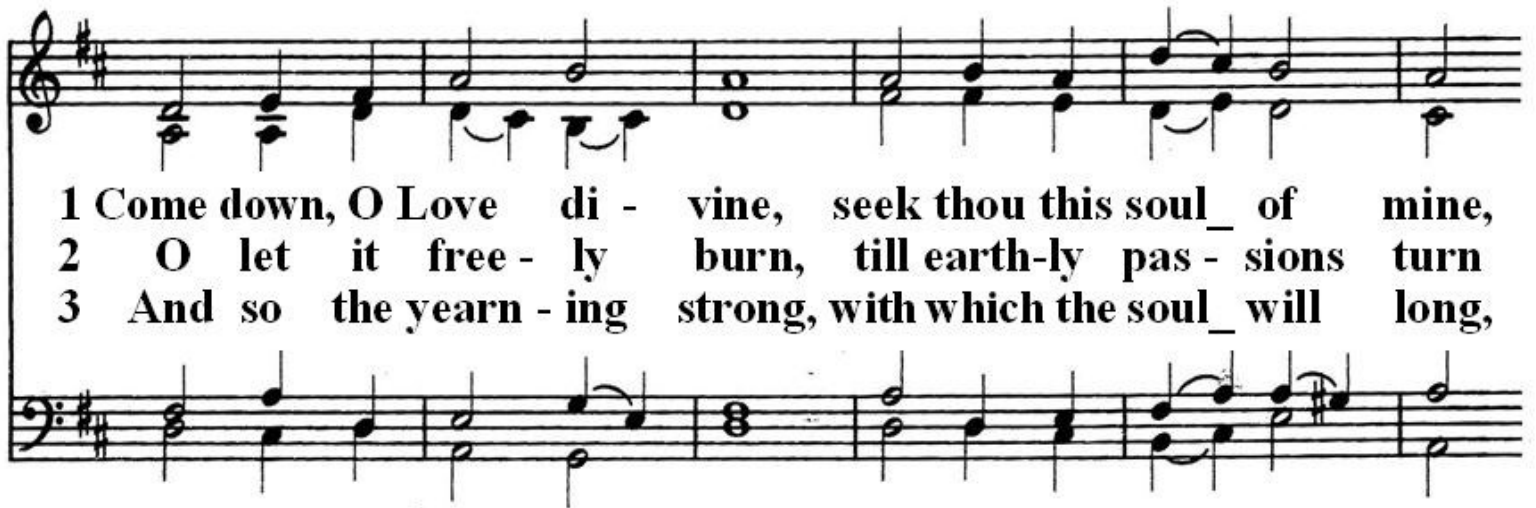
Communion hymn

Hymnal #516

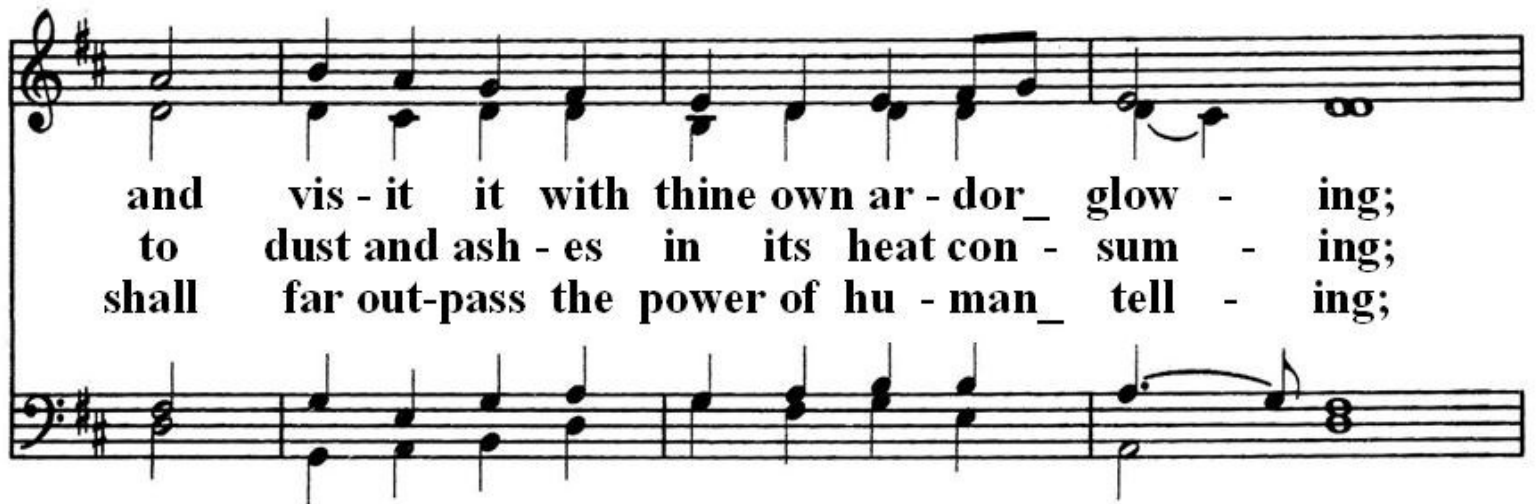
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Come Down, O Love Divine

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



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul_ of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth-ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul_ will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor_ glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out-pass the power of hu - man_ tell - ing;



1 O Com-fort-er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
2 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
3 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

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1 and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 2 and clothe me round the while my path il - lum - ing.
 3 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.
 Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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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

The Book of Occasional Services

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit,

make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

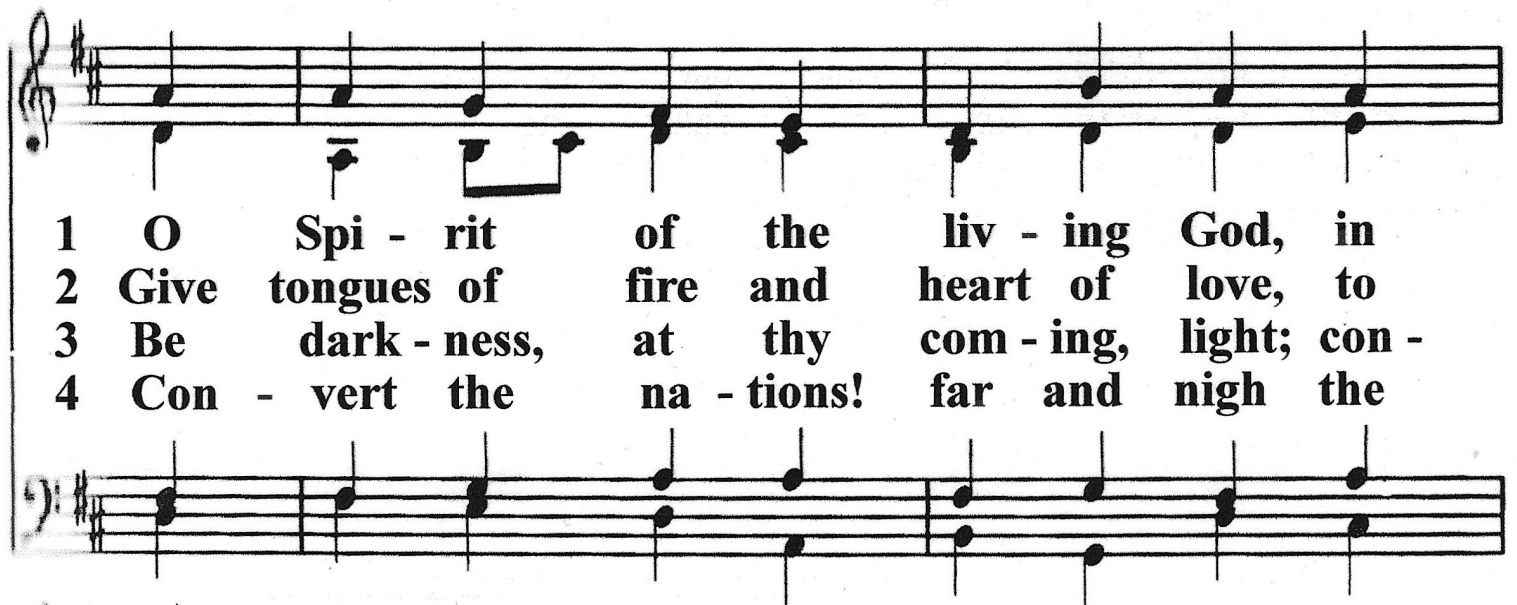
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal #531

O Spirit of the Living God

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



1 O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, in
2 Give tongues of fire and heart of love, to
3 Be dark - ness, at thy com - ing, light; con -
4 Con - vert the na - tions! far and nigh the

all thy plen - i - tude of grace, where-e'er the foot of
 preach the rec - on - cil - ing word; give power and unc - tion
 fu - sion, or - der in thy path; souls with-out strength in -
 tri - umphs of the cross re - cord the Name of Je - sus

man hath trod, de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.
 from a - bove, when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.
 spire with might, but mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.
 glo - ri - fy, till ev - ery peo - ple call him Lord.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
 Music: *Melcombe*, Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

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The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Benjamin Belew, piano

Serving us at 10:30 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Salying Wong

Preacher: Angela Rausch

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Cobb

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson et al

Lectors: Susan McVey, John McVey

Cantor: TBA

Acolytes: Sam Leen, Michelia Paulkandasamy

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson, Donna Cobb

Pat Turnbull, Stephanie Daugherty

Members of the **St. Thomas Choir**

Director: Patricia Pietrzyk

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Tech lead: Tian Zhu

Zoom host: Abby O'Connell



Today in the Parish

Introductions to Lectionary Readings for the Day of Pentecost

from Sundays and Seasons

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

“Advocate,” “counselor,” and “comforter” are terms offered as translations of *parakletos*, found five times in John, once in 1 John, and nowhere else in the Bible. The historical sources of this figure are much debated by scholars. The Advocate, the spirit of truth, will come to complete Christ’s mission, witness to Christ’s resurrection, give glory to Christ, and judge the sinful world. For the Johannine communities, the presence of the divine Advocate assures them of the truth of their beliefs. The fourth evangelist, or a later editor, is insistent about the truth of the Johannine community, despite alternate

theological positions that were present in the growing Christian movement.

Acts 2:1-21

Once again Luke presents a narrative to convey meaning. The fire and wind, associated with God's presence on Mount Sinai, are now experienced in the assembly of believers, and miraculous events, seen in the ministry of Jesus, occur now in the church. Acts is moving the church into all the ends of the earth, and Acts 2 begins this multilingual proclamation. Luke cites the apocalyptic vision of the prophet Joel to authenticate the power of God among the leaders of the church. By "tongues" Luke refers to actual languages that were spoken in the Greco-Roman world.

Romans 8:22-27

One of the seminal letters written by Paul, addressed to the church in Rome in about 57 CE, Romans contains one of the earliest theological expositions of the Christian faith and lays out the relationship between Jews and those who are baptized into Christ. In the Old Testament, "spirit of God" is one translation of God's continuing activity. For Paul, the Spirit is described as separate from Christ, the on-going power of the risen Christ made known in the community of believers. Verses 26-27 include an early personification of the spirit of the risen Christ. Paul anticipates the coming of God's eschatological age.



Coffee Hour today will be inside Cowans Hall.

Library News:

Book of the Week May 19, 2024

The Book of Common Prayer

May 19 is associated with *The Book of Common Prayer* due to its

historical development and impact on Anglican liturgy. The prayer book has influenced the liturgical language of most English-speaking Protestant churches and remains an essential part of Anglican worship. - Britannica.com

On May 19, 1662, Royal assent was granted, prior to the Prayer Book coming into use later in the year. At St George's Chapel the anniversary will be remembered and marked in Services, particularly Mattins at 10:45am. The Sermon at Mattins will reflect the place of the Prayer Book in Anglican Church life.

– College of St. George, Windsor Castle.

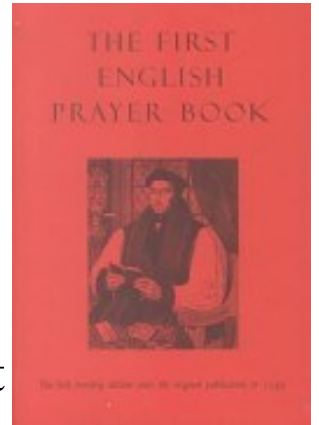
In St. Thomas Library

The First English Prayer Book A reprint of the 1549 ***Book of Common Prayer***.

From Church of England, 1999. 146 pages.

See also –

The Making of the First American Book of Common Prayer, 1776-1789 by Marion J. Hatchett. Seabury Press, 1962.



CONCERT TODAY piano and violin, 4:00pm, doors open 3:30
There is a suggested donation of \$20. Half of the proceeds will benefit Navajoland, an Area Mission of the Episcopal Church and a partner of the Diocese of El Camino Real.

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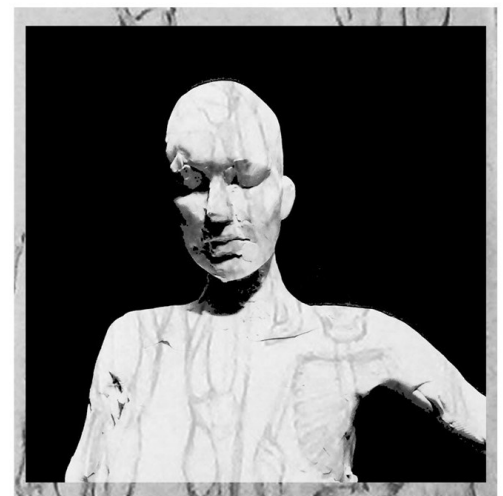
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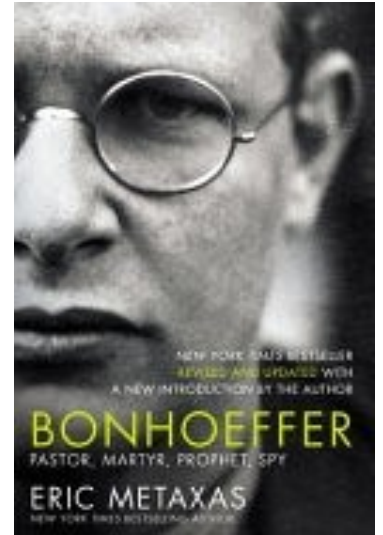
Upcoming Events

Continuing...

Presented by the Social Justice Committee of the Diocese of El Camino Real:

An on-line Conversation: The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, Theologian and Professor known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi dictatorship, including vocal opposition to genocidal persecution of the Jews. This on-line discussion will explore the major themes of his writing and speaking and how he not only helped transform an entire faith community in Germany during World War II, but how his beliefs continue to impact the Christian faith of people throughout the world today. It will challenge us to re-examine some of our own ideas in the light of his clarity of thought.



Each week a 20-minute video will introduce a discussion of the church and our calling as Christians to respond to the challenges of our time. **Each one stands alone so if you cannot join us for all four, please consider participating in one or more.**

The remaining two sessions are titled:

- Religionless Christianity
- Come and Die

This conversation is offered by the diocesan Social Justice Committee on Tuesdays at 7pm during May; continuing **Tuesday May 21st**. Please register in advance to join on zoom - [here](#).

i.e.
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwudemuqzwtHNGgFw_JMhLmMQWrgG8GpBgC#/registration

Annual Parish Picnic Our annual Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 2** starting at 12:00 noon or just following 10:30 am worship that morning. So wear your picnic clothes that day to be comfortable and relaxed!

All festivities will be held in Cowans Hall, and out back on the Alpha-Omega patio. We will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie-burgers. We will also provide all the beverages.

Parish Workday - June 15th - Save the date!!

It's that time of year again. It's time to celebrate our church property by giving it a fresh clean summer fix-up. We call it our summer Parish Workday.

Just bring yourselves and your work clothes. We'll provide everything else. We have projects and tasks for every energy level. We'll provide the tools for everything. You will get a free lunch, lots of good fellowship, healthy fresh air, and sunshine.

Please let Chris Schmidt or Joe Gutierrez know that you plan to join us so we can be sure to have lunch ready for you. Put us on your calendar – June 15th.

Summer Reading program

begins **June 16, 2024**.

Watch this space and the May *Beyond A Doubt* newsletter for details!



General Announcements

**Please note the administrator is away
and will return Tuesday May 28.**

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, creating a weekly activity via email, as well as an occasional gift for our special church friends. If you wish to be included, please contact them through the church 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, May 23 and June 13.**

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. Because of the Memorial Day holiday, our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 28**, when we meet to discuss *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton. The story follows Wanda, a young girl growing up in Florida as it begins to crumble under the effects of climate change. As the state descends into chaos, Wanda moves from childhood to adulthood, adapting not only to the changing landscape, but also to the people who stayed behind in a place abandoned by civilization, Wanda loses family, gains community, and ultimately, seeks adventure, love, and purpose in a place remade by nature. 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>

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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

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



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.

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Treasurer: Jim Cobb.....Finance@stthomas-svale.org
Parish Administrator: Anne Buelteman.....office@stthomas-svale.org
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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

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	Gage McKinney	Dena Ware	Naveen Prasad Durairaj
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