

First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday

May 26, 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):

You may access our ZOOM meeting on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

2. by telephone (audio only):

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When prompted for a participant number, touch the pound key (#).

*Please follow the usual procedures for muting and unmuting (*6) and raising a hand (*9). For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.*

*Please note: Regarding joining us on Zoom, we welcome newcomers and appreciate your **on-time** attendance. If you arrive more than 15 minutes after the service begins, our Zoom protocols may not permit your joining the service. Equally important, please be sure that your zoom account ID includes your first and last name. We look forward to seeing you.*

After worship today please join us for coffee hour in Cowans Hall across the courtyard.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #370

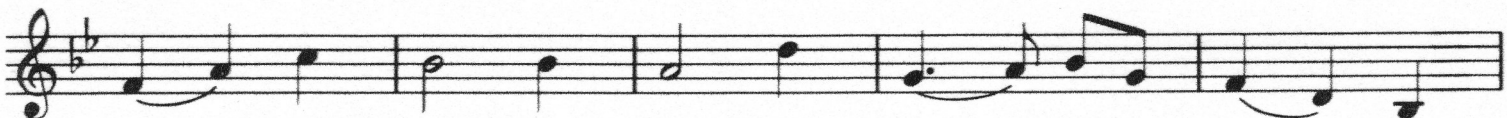
I Bind Unto Myself Today

Vs. 1, 2, 6, 7

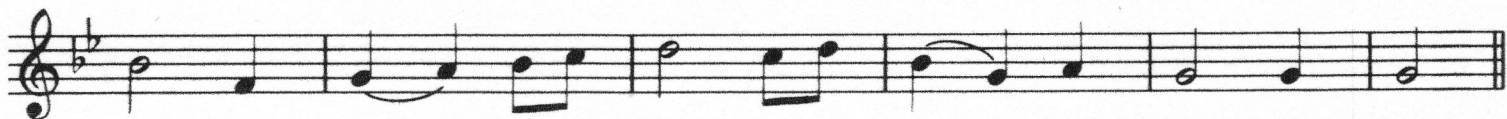
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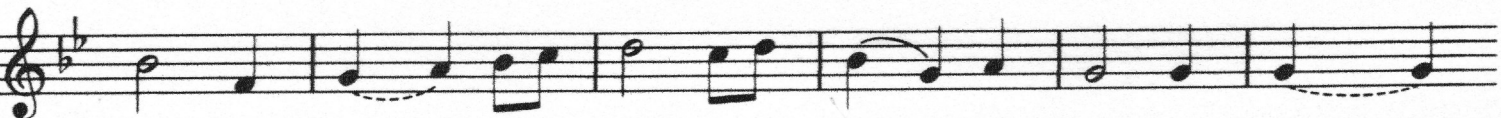
of the same__ the_ Three in__ One,__ and One in Three.



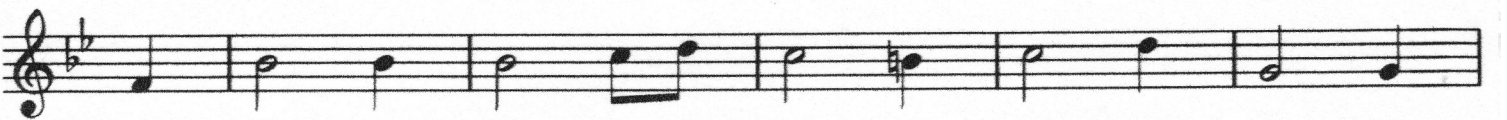
2 I bind this day__ to me__ for__ ev - er, by power_ of



faith,__ Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism__ in__ the

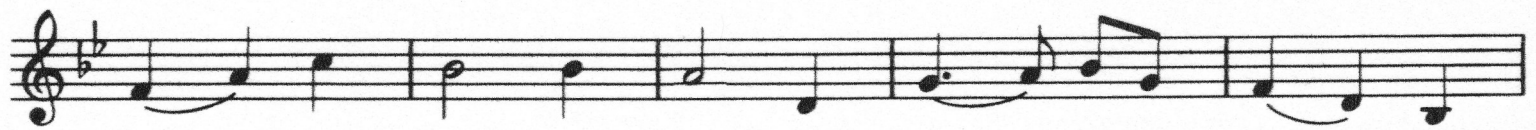


Jor - dan riv - er; his_ death on_ cross_ for my sal - va - tion;

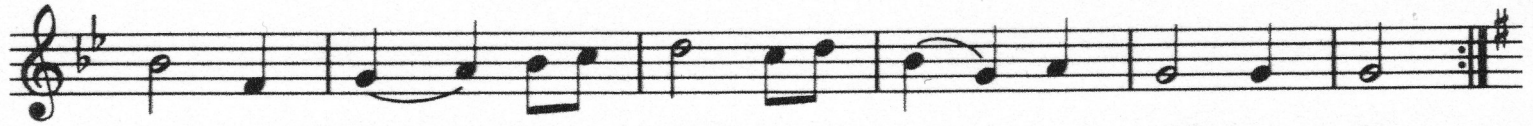


his burst - ing from the__ spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing

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up__ the heaven-ly way; his com - ing_ at__ the



day of doom;_ I__ bind un - to__ my - self to - day.



*** 6 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me,
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,**



**Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that**



**win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.**



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7. I bind un - to__ my - self__ the_ Name, the strong_ Name
of__ the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the_ Three in_ One, and One in Three.
Of whom all na - ture_ hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to__ the_ Lord_ of
my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion_ is__ of Christ the Lord.

Words: Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, Irish melody; adapt. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

LMH

Greeting

Celebrant:



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

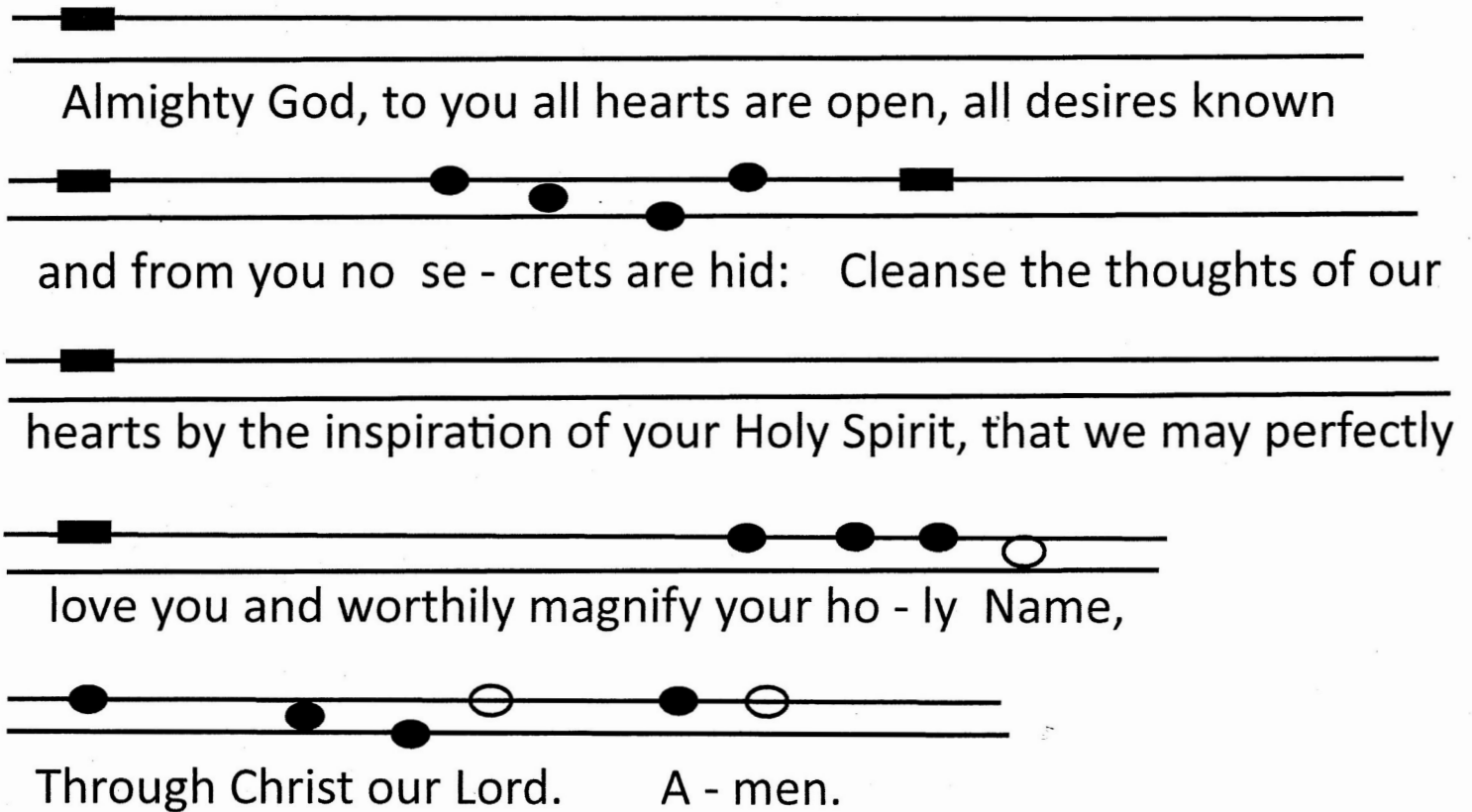
People:



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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant:



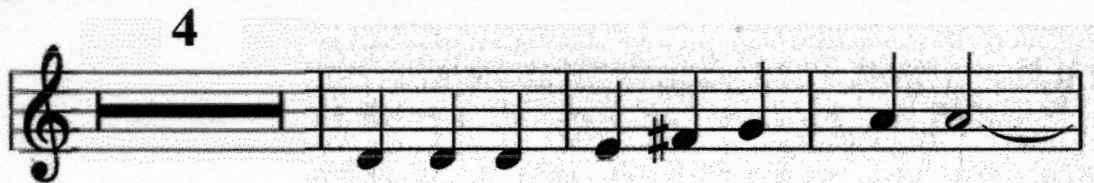
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known
and from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify your ho - ly Name,
Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

Gloria

WLP #900


*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,

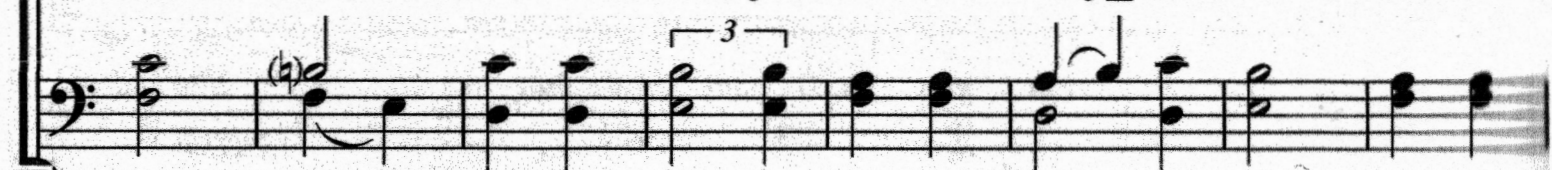
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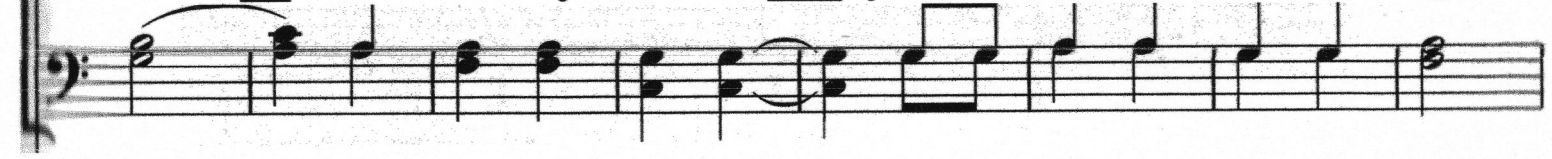
Fa-ther,



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

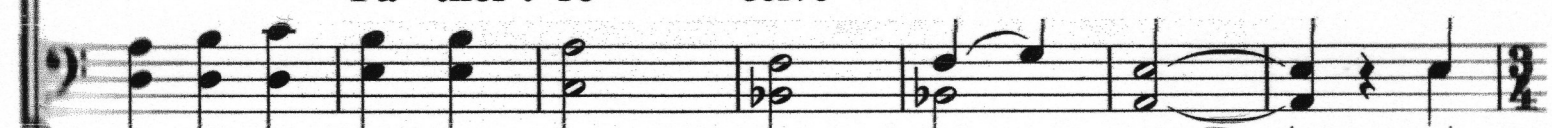


world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right



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

Fa - ther : re - ceive



Fa - ther : re - ceive

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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 Trinity



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to

worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 29

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

Refrain:

In the tem - ple of the Lord all are cry - ing "Glo-ry!"

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. *Refrain*

Refrain:

In the tem - ple of the Lord all are cry - ing "Glo-ry!"

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. *Refrain*

Refrain:

In the tem - ple of the Lord all are cry - ing "Glo-ry!"

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. *Refrain (as above)*

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare. *Refrain*

Refrain:

In the tem - ple of the Lord all are cry - ing "Glo-ry!"

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and slurs. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Refrain*

Refrain:

In the tem - ple of the Lord all are cry - ing "Glo-ry!"

This image is identical to the one above, showing the musical notation for the refrain with the same melody and lyrics.

The Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint

heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

People: Thanks be to God

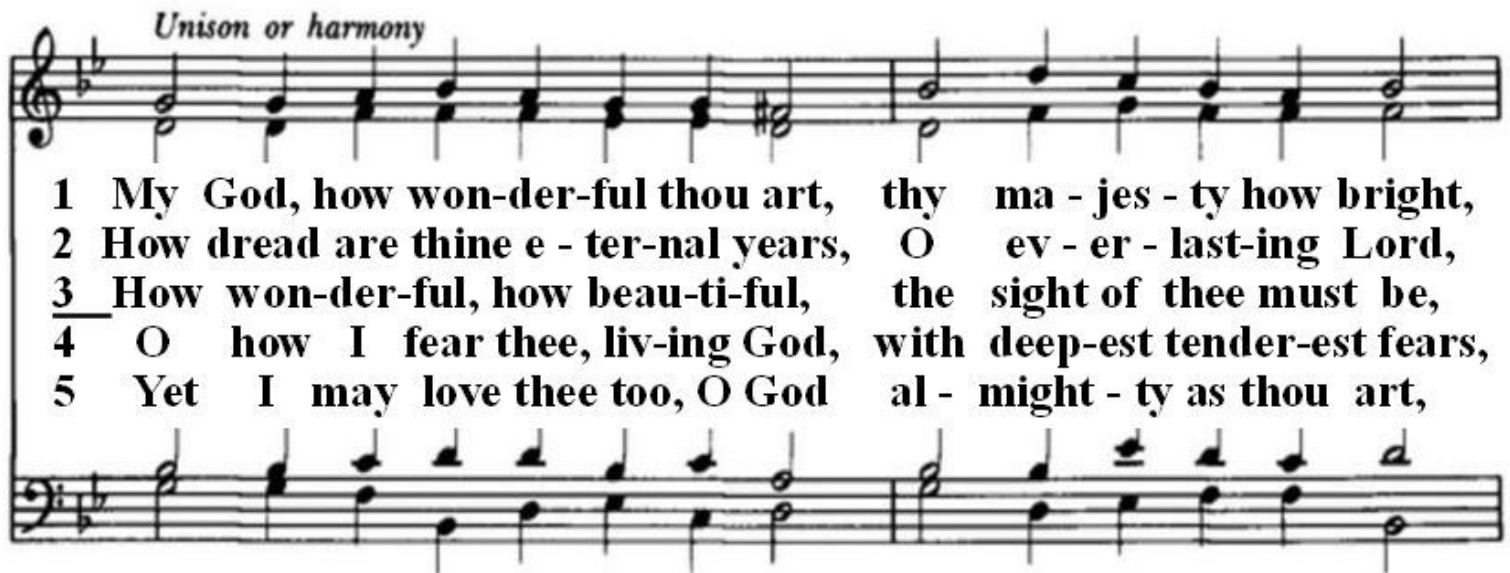
Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #643

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

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

Unison or harmony



1 My God, how won-der-ful thou art, thy ma - jes - ty how bright,
2 How dread are thine e - ter-nal years, O ev - er - last-ing Lord,
3 How won-der-ful, how beau-ti-ful, the sight of thee must be,
4 O how I fear thee, liv-ing God, with deep-est tender-est fears,
5 Yet I may love thee too, O God al - might - ty as thou art,



1 how beau-ti - ful thy mer - cy seat, in depths of burn-ing light!
2 by pros-trate spi - rits day and night in - ces - sant - ly a - dored!
3 thine end-less wis-dom, bound-less power, and awe-ful pur - i - ty!
4 and wor-ship thee with trem-bling hope and pen - i - ten - tial tears!
5 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

Music: Windsor, melody William Damon (1540?-1591?), alt.; harm. *Booke of Musicke*, 1591

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

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

The Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Form III

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The people may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

Offertory Anthem

John B. Dykes, arr. Arlen Clarke

All Praise to God

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

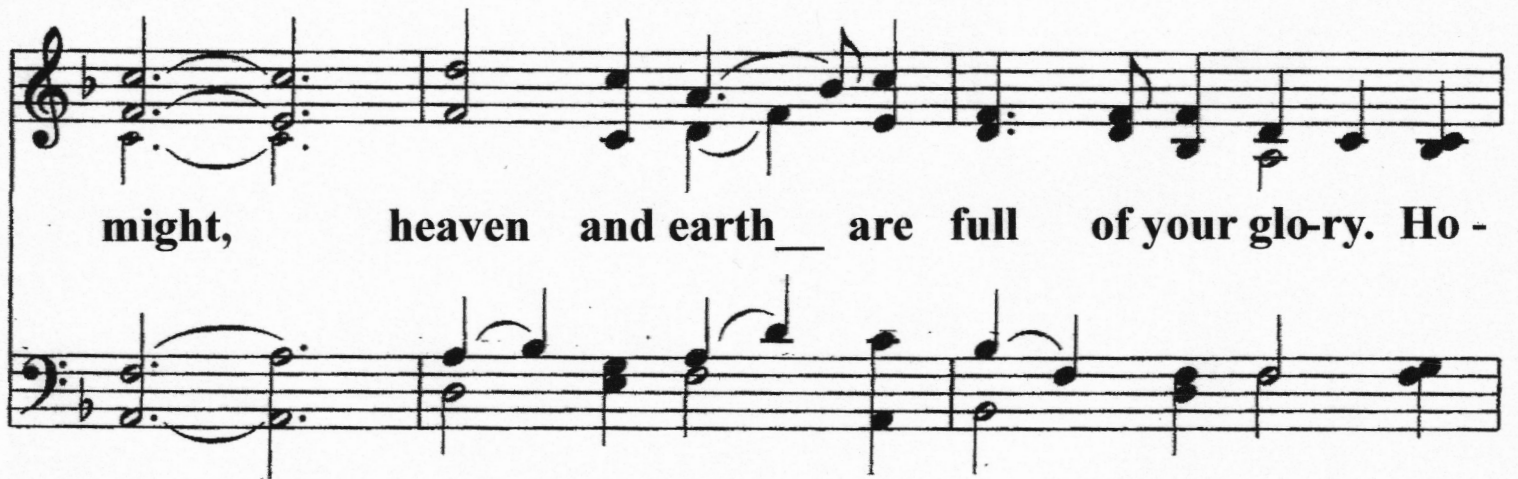
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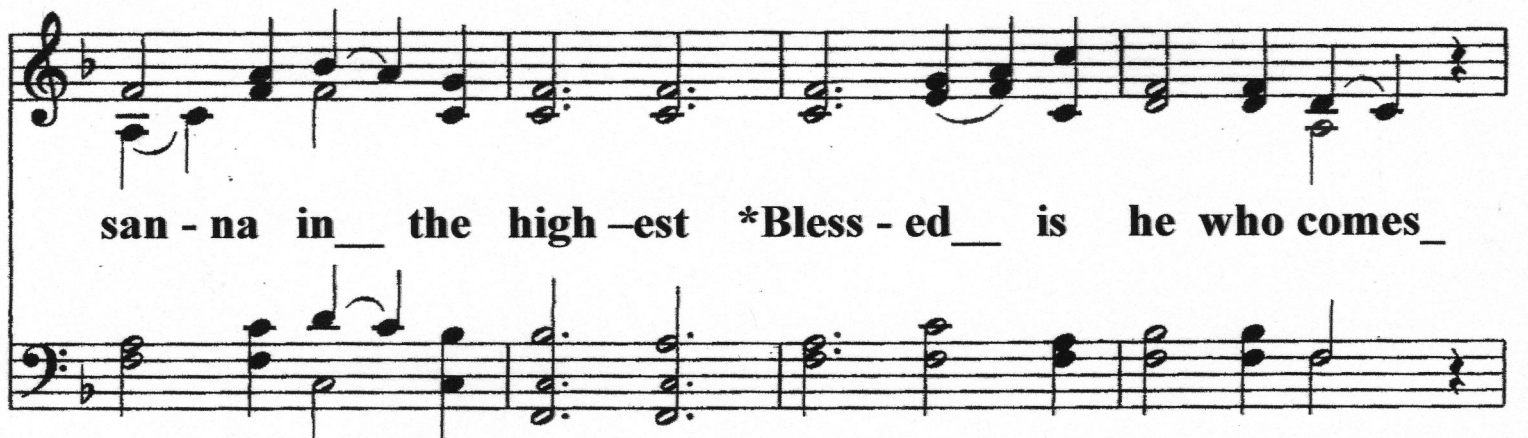
Celebrant and People:



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

The image shows a musical score for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time and features a simple, folk-like melody. The lyrics are written below the notes: "High - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner;
 harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)
 © Church Pension Fund

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.

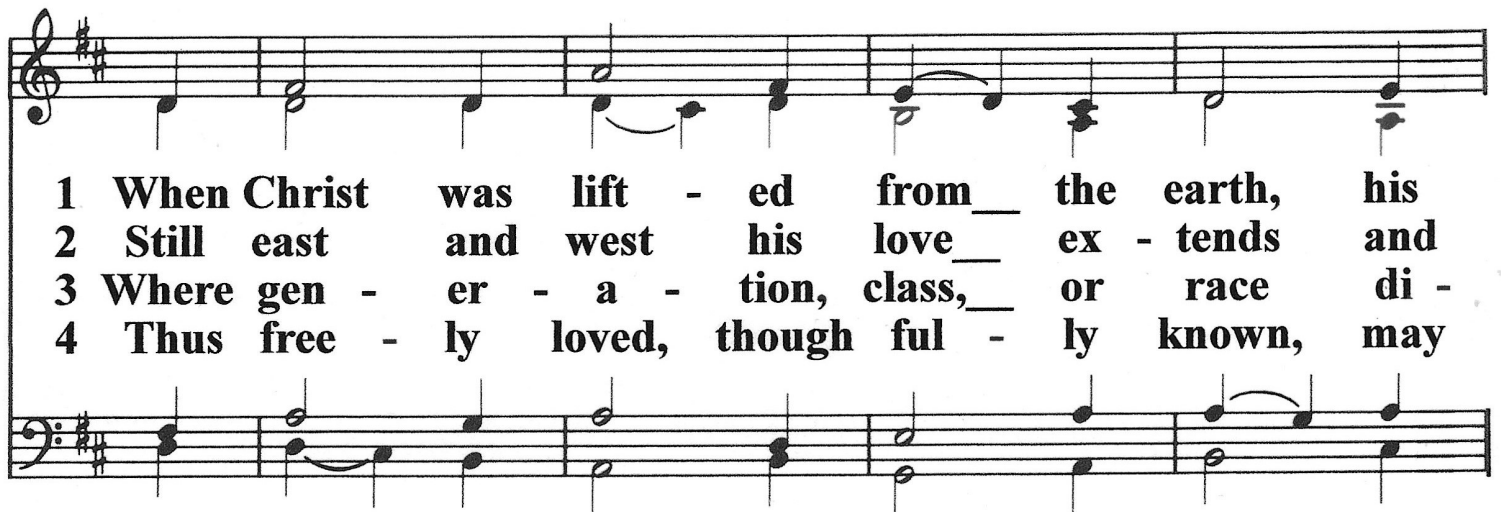
- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able.*
- *As a symbol of our unity as the body of Christ, the wine will be served from the flagon into individual cups after the consecration. Once you have consumed your wine, please place the cup on one of the trays near the aisles.*
- *If you 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 #603

When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth

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



1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out_ a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near_ or far, he calls and claims_ us
vide us to_ our shame he sees not la - bels
I in Christ_ be free to wel - come and_ ac -

ev - ery birth,_ to draw an an - swering love.
as_ his friends_ and loves us as_ we are.
but_ a face,_ a per - son, and_ a name.
cept_ his own_ as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

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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: The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

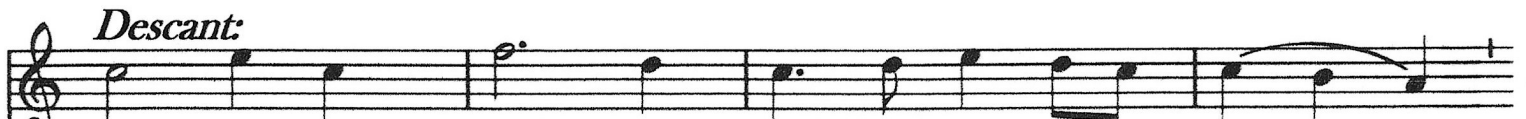
Closing Hymn

Hymnal # 473

Lift High the Cross

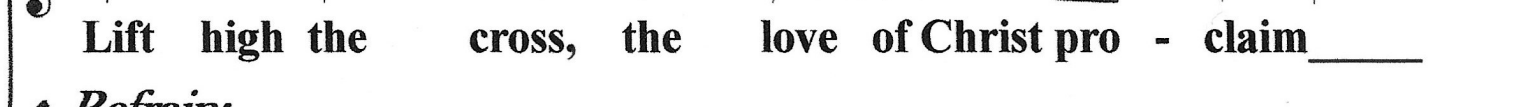
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Descant:




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim _____

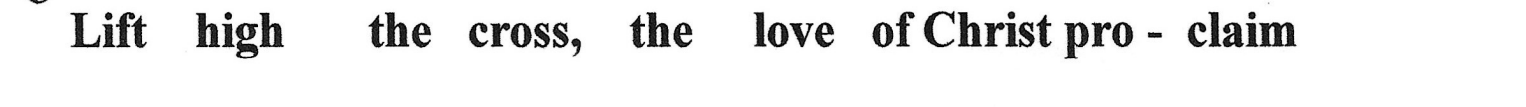
Refrain:



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name. _____



till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)
 Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

10 10 with Refrain

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Serving us at 10:30 am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Gutierrez

Lectors: Marilyn Winans, Dorothy Furgerson

Cantor: tba

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

Members of the **St. Thomas Choir**

Director: Patricia Pietrzyk

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Tech lead: Breno DeMedeiros

Zoom host: Lou Poulain

Today in the Parish

Introductions to Lectionary Readings for Trinity Sunday

from Sundays and Seasons

John 3:1-17

The Gospel of John describes Jesus as the Word of God, the Son of God, indeed, God's very being. After the poetic prologue, the listing of christological titles in John 1, the sign at Cana, and the cleansing of the temple, the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus in John 3 is the gospel's first lengthy discourse about the identity and significance of Jesus. Here Jesus, the Son of God who brings life to the world, discusses with a Jewish religious authority the function of the Spirit of God. The metaphoric abilities of the fourth evangelist are apparent: verses 4-6 include a rare biblical passage in which belief in Christ is likened to childbirth, and verses 13-14 provide a Christian interpretation of the odd story in Numbers 21:8-9, which may have been a memory of an Israelite adaptation of Canaanite goddess worship.

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the book of Isaiah, chapters 1–33 are attributed both by tradition and by scholars to the prophet Isaiah, who preached in Judah from about 742 to 700 BCE. Isaiah urges Israel and Judah, which are being threatened by neighboring nations with superior power, to maintain confidence in God, who alone can protect them. Chapter 6 includes a narrative of the call of Isaiah to be prophet. King Uzziah died in about 742. The mortal human cannot look at the holy God and survive, but God enables the prophet to live and to preach God’s word. Using imagery of the temple, Isaiah describes God as high, a king, with heavenly attendants, whose glory fills all things. “Holy” means utterly other, not only sinless. LORD is the usual way that YHWH is represented in English Bible translations. “Hosts” refers to armies. The name YHWH Sabaoth may have been attached to the ark of the covenant, which was carried for protection into battle. Seraphs are winged nonhumanoid fire beings. Smoke, like cloud, is a sign of God’s presence.

Romans 8:12-17

In about 57 CE, Paul wrote to the church in Rome, to which after 49 CE Christians had returned, following the expulsion of Jews and Jewish Christians by Emperor Claudius and his subsequent death. The church in Rome was now experiencing tensions between Jewish and Gentile Christians. This passage in Paul’s seminal letter states the theme of the gospel: Christ’s death has justified both Jew and Gentile. The community is to invoke Christ’s Spirit during times of suffering. “Abba,” an Aramaic term found here and in Mark 14:36, was apparently used in prayer also by Greek-speaking Christians, and is generally thought to be an endearment of “Father.” Christians become like Christ, children of God.



Coffee Hour today will be inside Cowans Hall.

Library News:

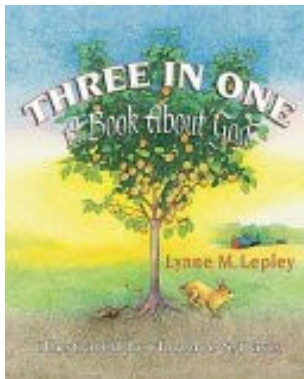
Book(s) of the Week May 26, 2024

[3 in 1 \(a picture of God\)](#) by Joanne

Marxhausen

Compares the three parts of an apple to the three-in-one concept of God.

Also available in Spanish – see Resource Center



[Three in One: a book about God](#) by Lynne M. Lepley

Easy words and colorful illustrations teach the Trinity.

Upcoming Events

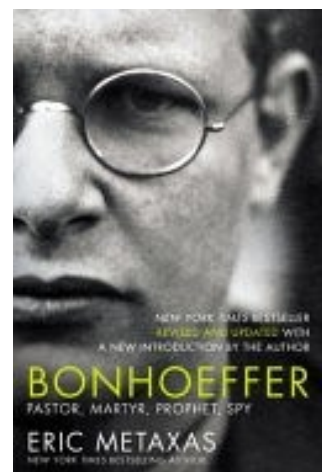
Continuing...

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 session is titled:

- Come and Die

This conversation is offered by the diocesan Social Justice Committee on Tuesdays at 7pm during May; concluding **Tuesday May 28th.**

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.**

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, 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, June 13 and June 27.**

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.



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

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

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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