

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER

May 12, 2024

Rite II, 10:30am



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Holy Eucharist

Rite II—10:30am

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Welcome to worship this morning.

We are so happy you are here today, in-person and online.

For those 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.

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1. by computer or smartphone (video and audio):

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Equally important, please be sure that your zoom account ID includes your first and last name. We look forward to seeing you

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #481

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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



1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
2 The Lord, our Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3 His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven; the
4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and



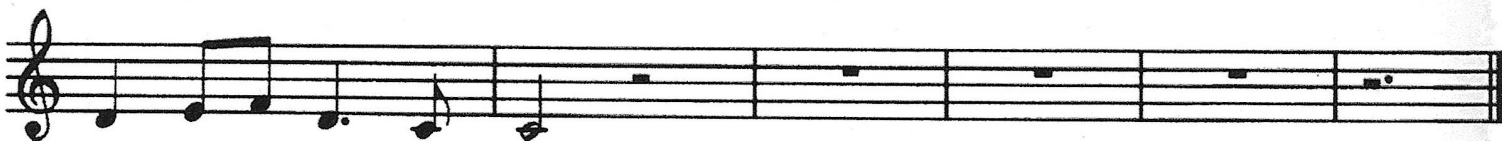
tals, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more:
He hath purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove: Lift
keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n
take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:



up your heart! Lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce! A - gain I say, re -



joice! up your heart! Lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce! A -



gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Gopsal*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. John Wilson (b. 1905)

66. 66 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

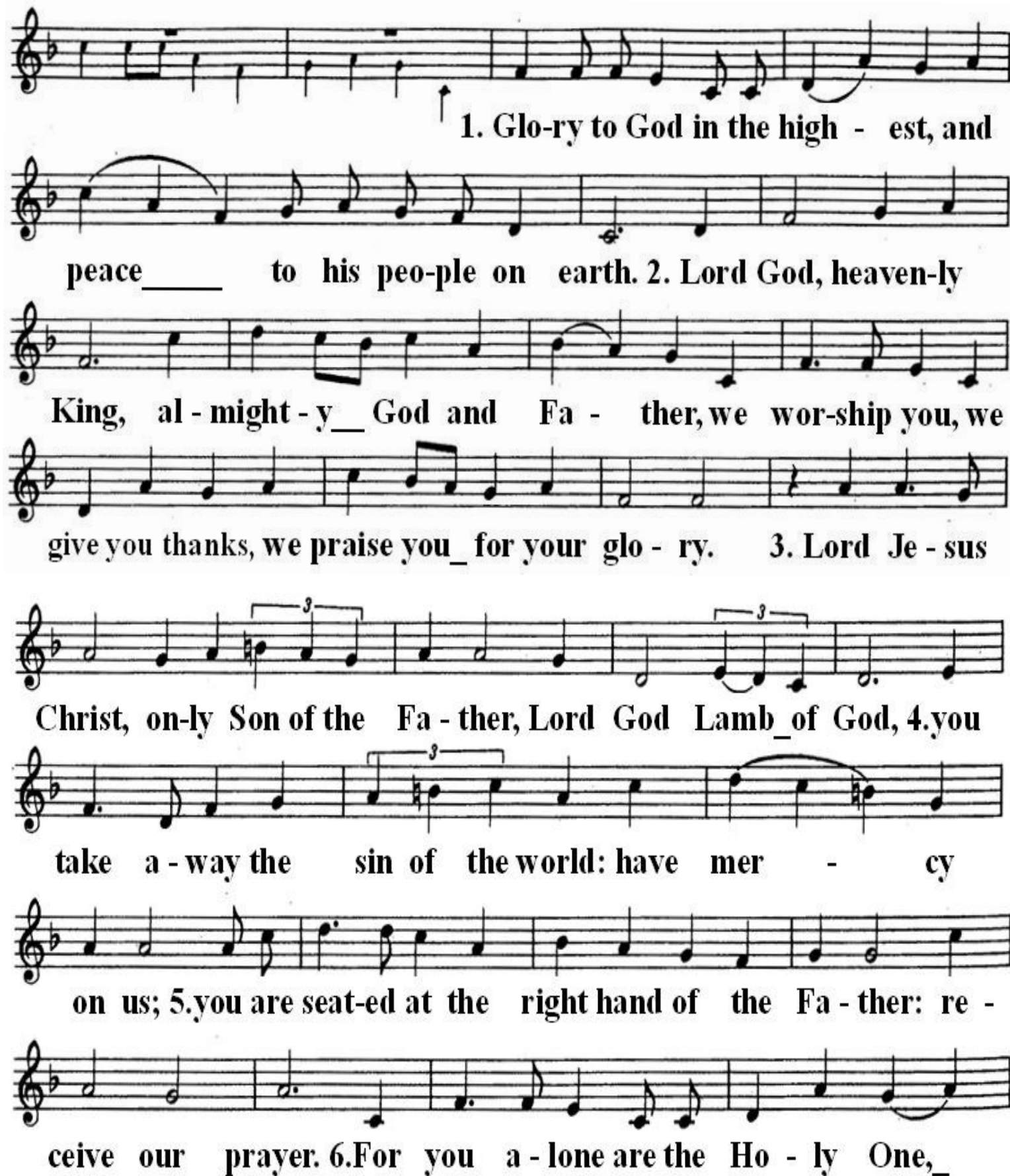
Celebrant:

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

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
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 Seventh Sunday of Easter



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you




Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law day and night. *Refrain*

Refrain



Hap-py are_ they_ whose_ de-light is in the law_ of the Lord.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. *Refrain*

Refrain



Hap-py are_ they_ whose_ de-light is in the law_ of the Lord.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed. *Refrain*

Refrain



Hap-py are_ they_ whose_ de-light is in the law_ of the Lord.

The Epistle: 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #385

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

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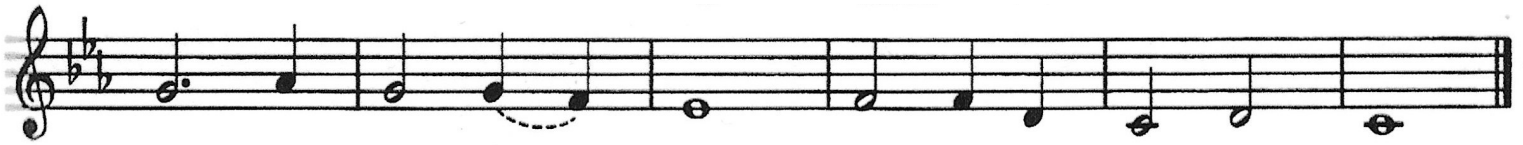
1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, ma - ker of
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -



earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - ven with stars;
bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with__ us;



thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and pl ains. Lo, at the
with thee are found the gifts of__ life. Bless us with



word the wa-ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.
life that has no ___ end, e - ter-nal life with thee.

Words: American folk hymn; rev. Philip Frazier (1892-1964), alt.
Music: *Dakota Indian Chant [Lacquiparle]*, Native American melody

96. 99. 96

The Gospel: John 17:6-19

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because

they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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.**

The Prayers of the People

from Sundays and Seasons

Leader: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence

Leader: We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters [*local bodies of water may be named*]. Renew the

face of the earth and shower us with your goodness.

God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign.

God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (especially_____).

God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world.

God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered

Leader: With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table.

God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **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

Kayron L. Scott

Now, Glad of Heart
Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

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

Sursum Corda

Eucharistic Prayer **EOW2**

Celebrant: People:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant: People:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

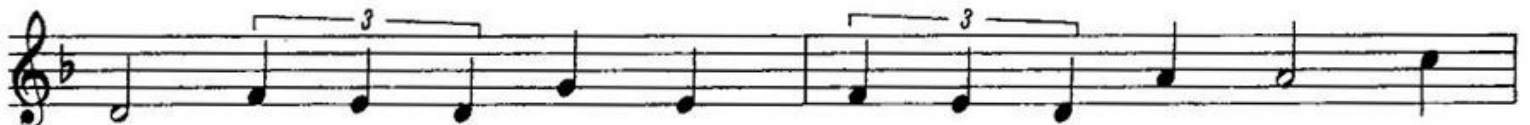
Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

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



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



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

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

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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

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

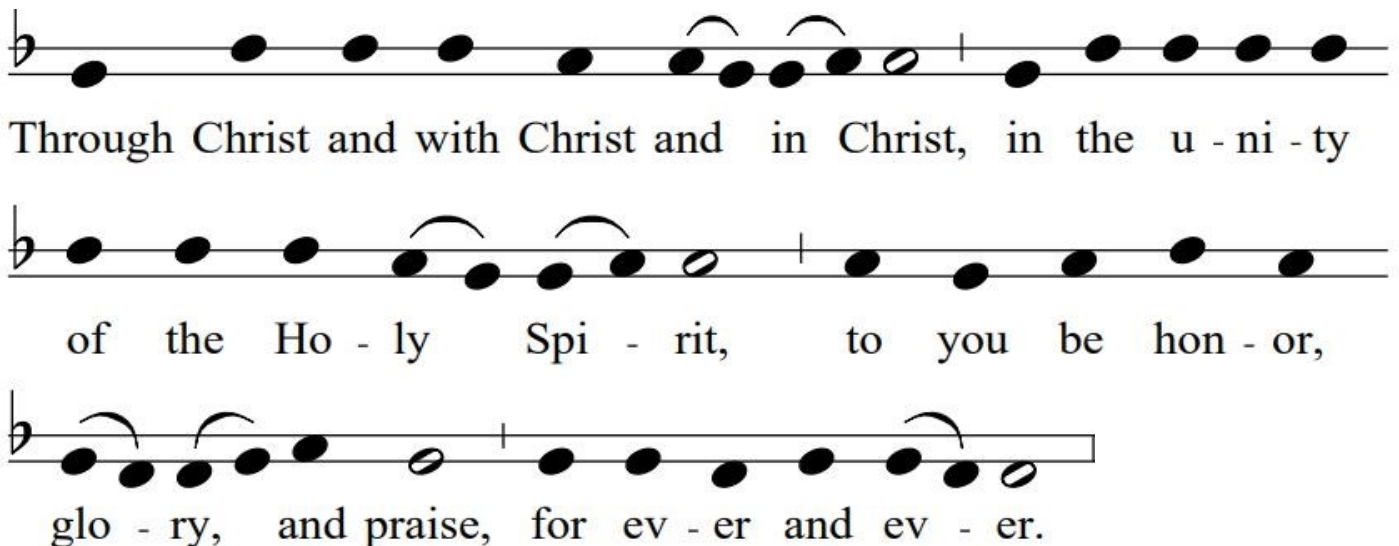
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:

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

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

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

Celebrant:



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

Celebrant and People:



A - MEN_.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

WLP #875

Be Known to Us

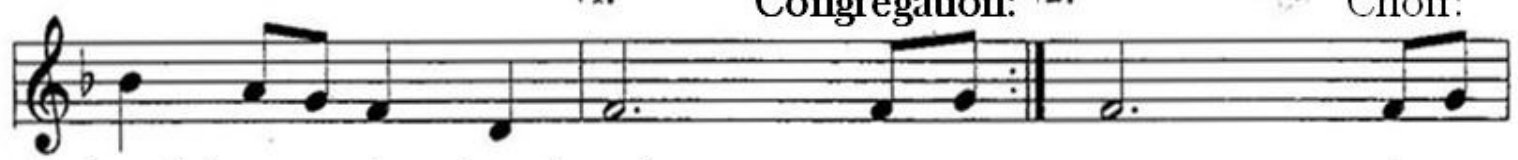
The Choir will lead the Fraction Anthem. All are invited to sing the responses. Zoom attendees please stay muted

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:

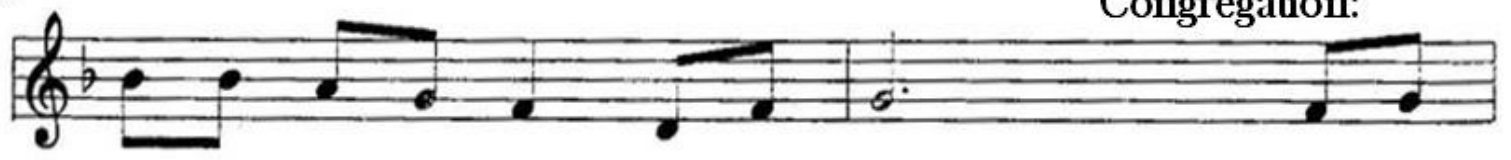


break-ing_ of the bread. **Be_ bread. The_**
break-ing_ of the



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

Congregation:



mun-ion of the bod - y of Christ. **Be_**



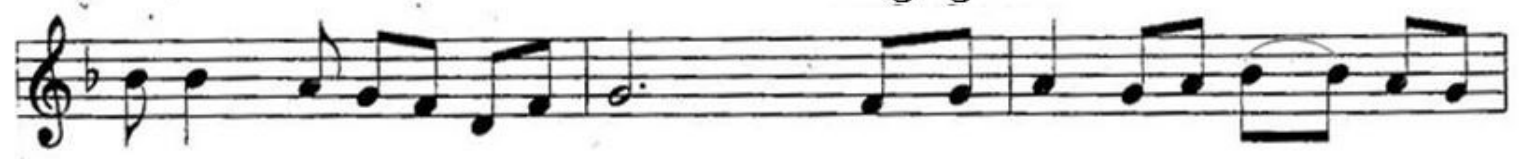
known to_ us Lord_ Je - sus, in the break-ing_ of the

Choir:

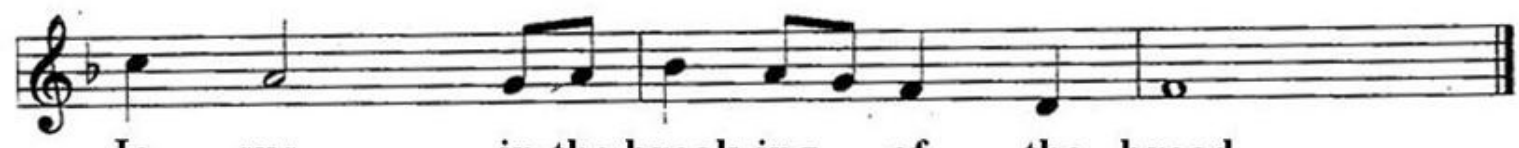


bread. One_ bod - y are we al - le - lu - ia, for though

Congregation:



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



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

The Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive Communion.

Please come to the rail.

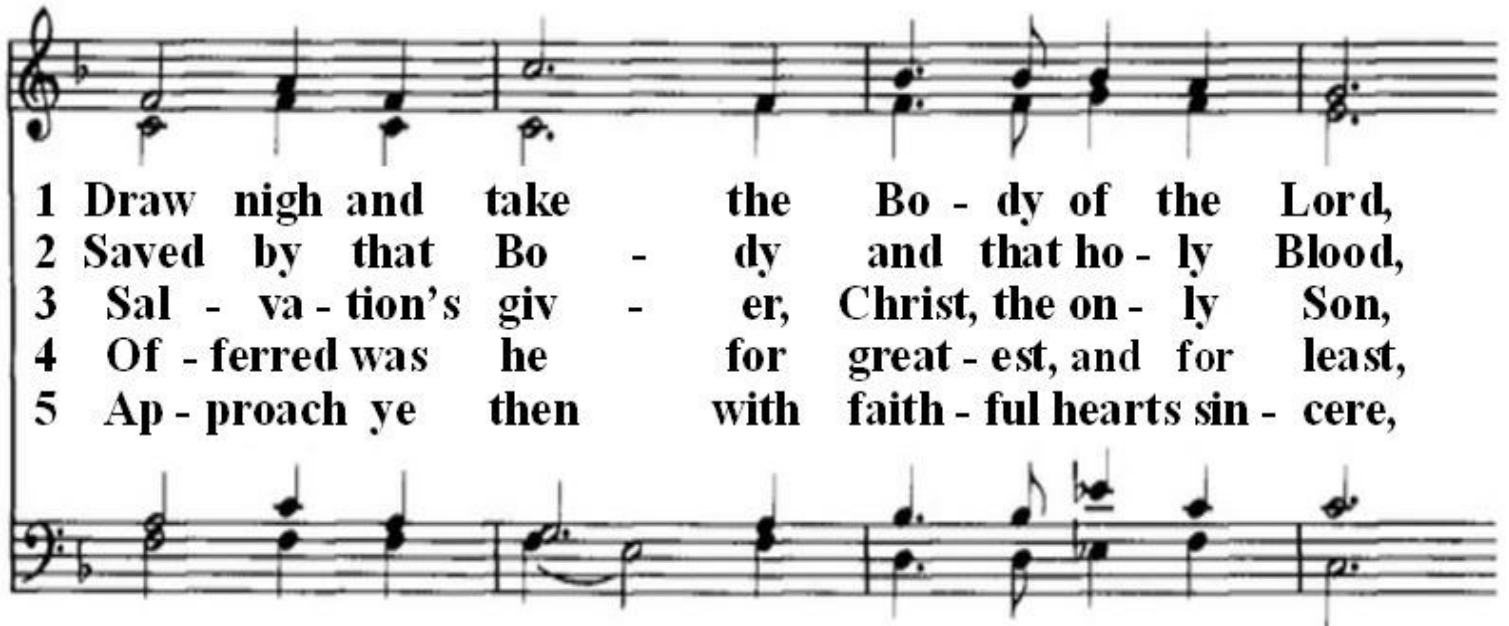
- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able.*
- *The wine will be served in the chalice and in the small cups. The chalice will precede the cups. If you do not reach for the chalice, it will pass and the cups will follow. (Please place the empty cup on one of the trays near the aisles.)*
- *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 #328

Draw Nigh and Take

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



1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,
2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,
3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,
4 Of - ferred was he for great - est, and for least,
5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

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1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.
 2 with souls re - freshed we ren - der thanks to God.
 3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.
 4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.
 5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
 to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly breakd he makes the hungry whole,
 gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
 all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: *Bangor Antiphoner*, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Song 46*, melody and most of the bass from a longer tune by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625);
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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.

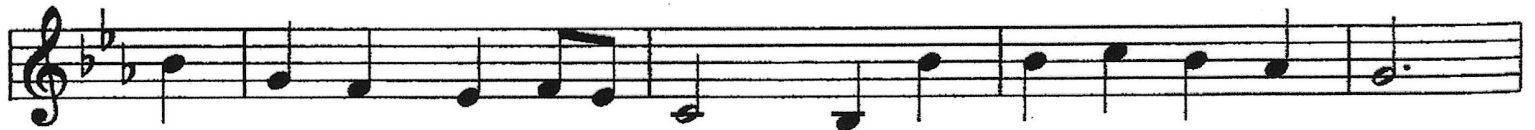
The Blessing

Closing Hymn

WLP #778

We Are All One In Mission

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



- 1 We all are one in_ mis - sion, we all are one in call,
- 2 We all are called for_ ser - vice to wit-ness in God's name.
- 3 We all be - hold one_ vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
- 4 Now let us be u - ni - ted and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the_ Lord_ of all.
Our min-is - tries are_ dif-f'rent, our pur - pose_ is_ the same.
the stew-ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on_ a tree.
Now let us be a_ ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to- geth - er that all may_ know_ Christ's love.
so peo-ple of all_ na - tions may feel God's_ warm_ em - brace.
free re-con- cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid__ de - spair.
our var-ied gifts u - ni - ted by Christ, the_ Lord_ of all.

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IL, 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

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

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Gutierrez

Lectors: Patricia Pietrzyk, Lou Poulain

Cantor: **tba**

Greeters: MaryJane Johnson,
Pat Turnbull, Stephanie Daugherty

Members of the **St. Thomas Choir**

Director: Patricia Pietrzyk

Accompanist: Benjamin Belew

Tech lead: Steve Williams

Zoom host: Fulvia Govetto

Today

Introductions to Lectionary Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

from *Sundays and Seasons*

John 17:6-19

In the final discourse in the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks a chapter-length prayer for his followers. Befitting Johannine theology, Jesus does not pray to avoid his crucifixion, since it is understood as his glorification. Rather, crafted by the fourth evangelist at the close of the century, this prayer asks for the Father's ongoing protection for the community. The excerpt makes reference to all the major Johannine categories: Father, name, word, truth, glory, one, joy, world. "World" is kosmos, both the place and the time in which God's will is enacted.

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

The Mishnah stated that the number of leaders must be one-tenth the number of the community: thus Luke's statistics about 120 believers. Early Christians saw twelve as symbolizing the completed whole and twelve apostles as a reiteration of the twelve tribes of Israel. Thus Luke narrates the selection of Judas's successor. Luke describes these two candidates as becoming witnesses to Christ's resurrection. Matthias does not appear again in the Bible. The divine will is manifest both in the Hebrew Scriptures ("through David") and through the casting of lots. "Apostle" is a preferred Lucan term and connotes "being sent," and is thus a way to understand those who are sent out to preach the resurrection.

1 John 5:9-13

The writer of 1 John is encouraging the community to maintain faith in the leaders' testimony. The passage reiterates familiar vocabulary: the Son of God, name, belief, eternal life. In accord with Johannine theology, believers already enjoy eternal life.



Coffee Hour today will be in Cowans Hall.

Library News:

Book of the Week May 12, 2024

Bible Women: all their words and why they matter

by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. Updated 2023. Forward Movement.

We learn which 93 women speak the most (hint: it's not Mary!) and which books of the Bible have the fewest words from women. We hear the only conversation in the Bible between a mother and daughter (and it's not pretty), the words of a woman who eats her own child, and the triumphant exclamation of a woman telling the world about the risen Christ. Step into God's sacred circle of mothers, grandmothers, warriors, prophets, prostitutes, and murderers. You won't come out the same.

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Upcoming Events

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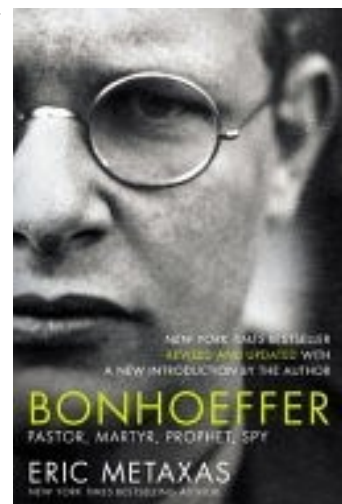
Presented by the Social Justice Committee of the Diocese of El Camino Real:

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 three sessions are titled:

- Living in Christian Community
- Religionless Christianity
- Come and Die

This conversation is offered by the diocesan Social Justice Committee on Tuesdays at 7pm during May; continuing **Tuesday May 14th.**

Please register in advance to join on zoom - [here](#).

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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 Piano and Violin **Sunday May 19 at 4:00pm.**

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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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.

In accordance with our agape gathering format, we ask that you bring a side dish such as appetizers, salads, veggie or fruit platters, snacks, or desserts to share. Please do not feel that you need to bring something to come. **All are welcome at our tables!**

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 will be away beginning Thursday May 9 and returning 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 in honor of a person or occasion, by noting your dedication in the flower book at the back of the church, to the left as you enter.

Donations may be made online (PayPal/credit card) or by check, noting “altar guild”, the date for the commemoration, and the person or occasion to be commemorated.

A general donation for supplies, like communion wine and bread, and oil for the candles is also welcome and we thank you!

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 Salyng 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>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 meeting ID# 86313271549

Thursdays, 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group on Zoom

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

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Sundays: 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the church
and

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the church
(Hybrid format: with simultaneous livestream on Zoom)

Zoom link for livestream: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

Both Sunday services led by Pastor Salying

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



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.

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Treasurer: Jim Cobb.....Finance@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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