

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

Rite II, 10:30am



The Mustard Seed ~ Jen Norton

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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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*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.*

TODAY after worship today please join us for our Annual Picnic across the courtyard in Cowans Hall and on the patio!

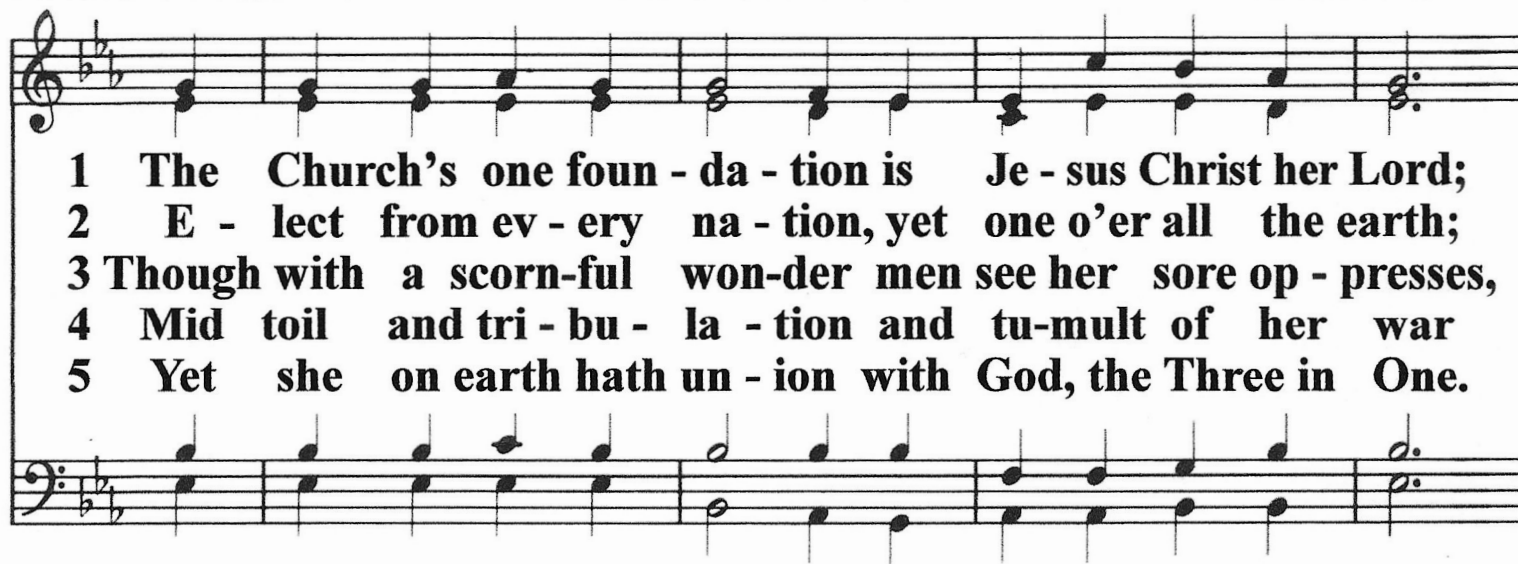
Prelude

Opening Hymn

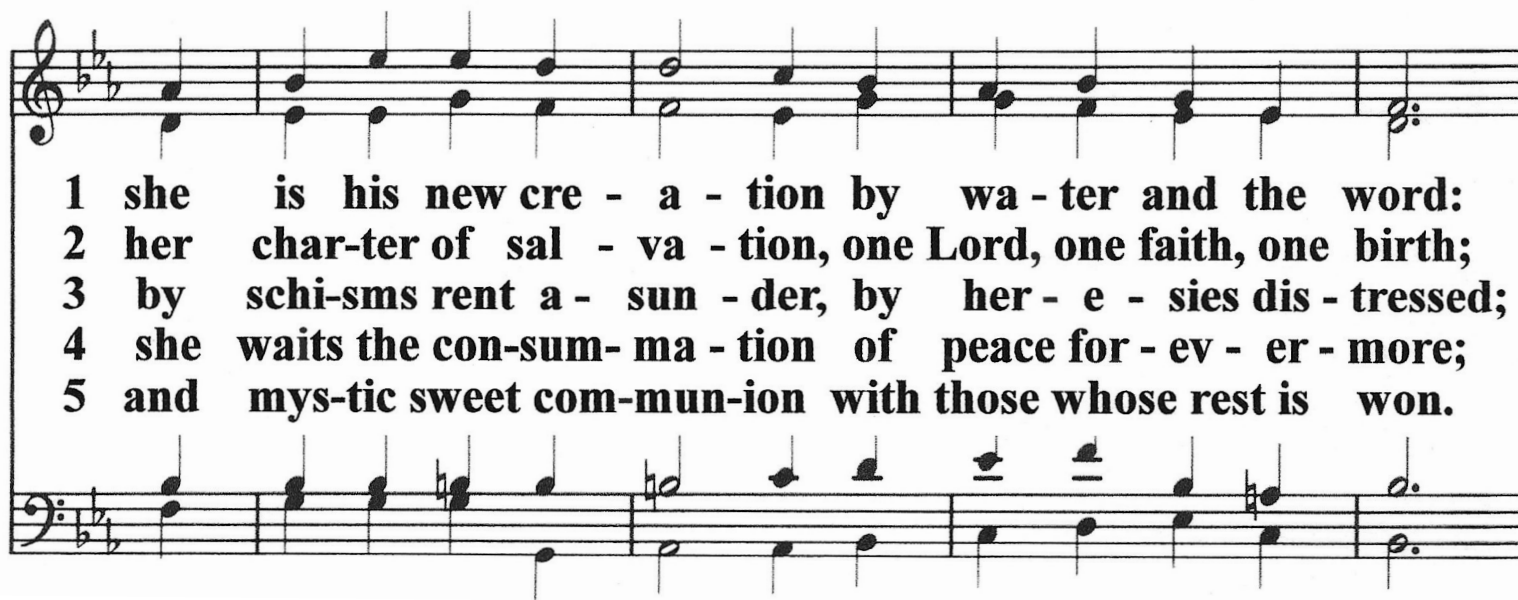
Hymnal #525

The Church's One Foundation

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



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - presses,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One.



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

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1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par-takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long-ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press-es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - tor - ious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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Greeting

Celebrant:

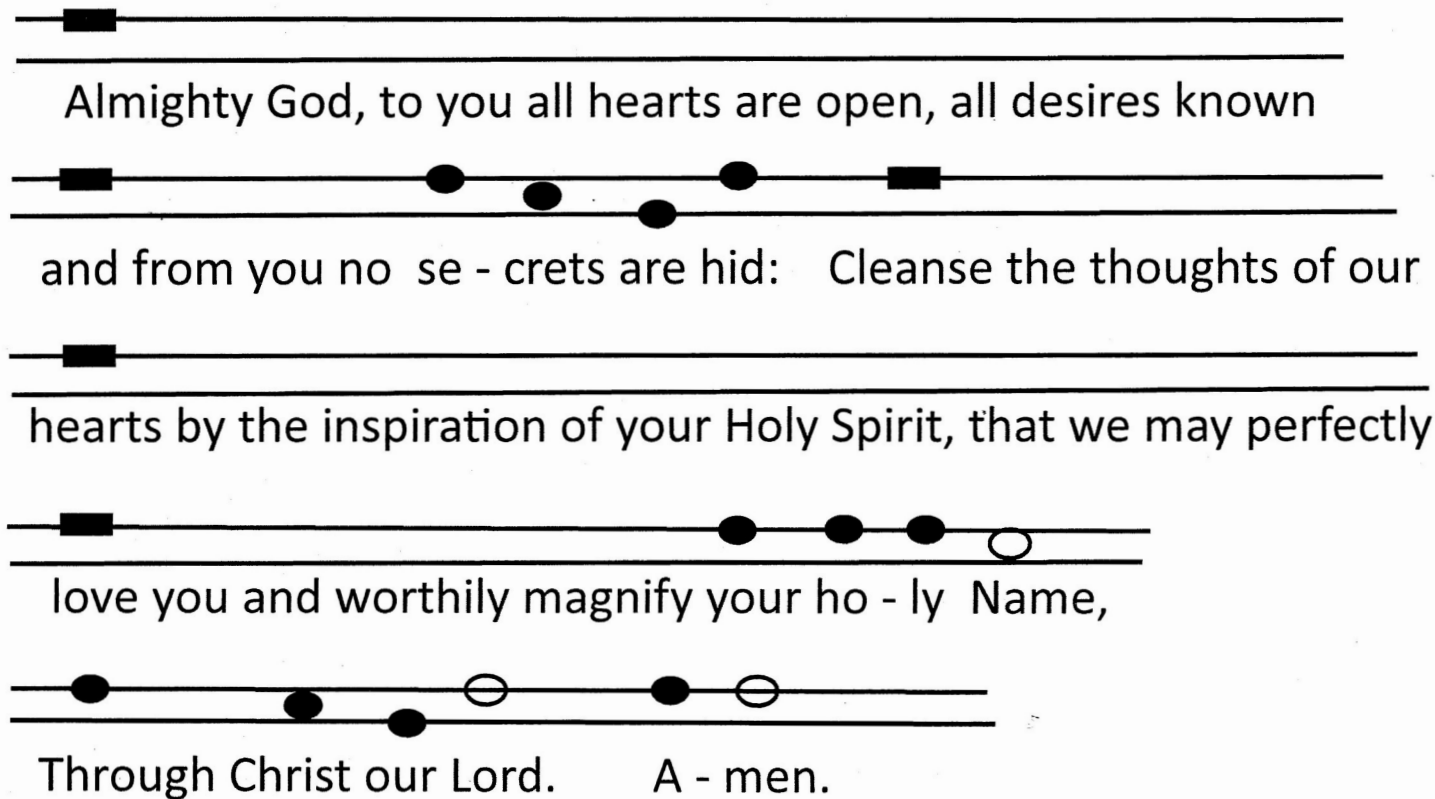
Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

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*

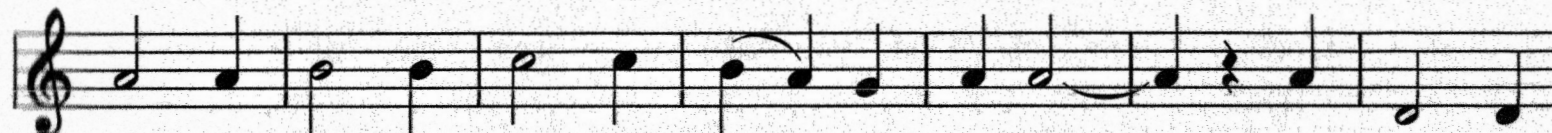


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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, _



_ 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,

Fa-ther



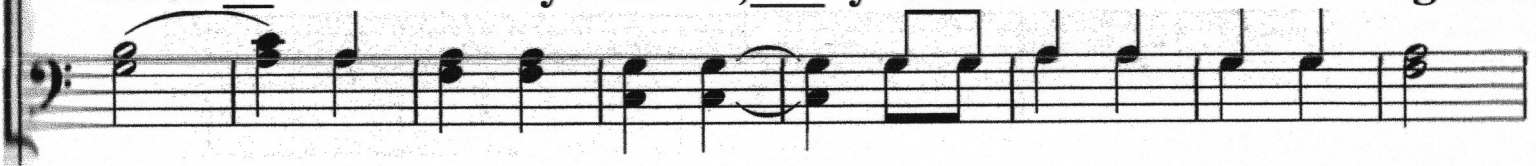
Fa-ther,



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

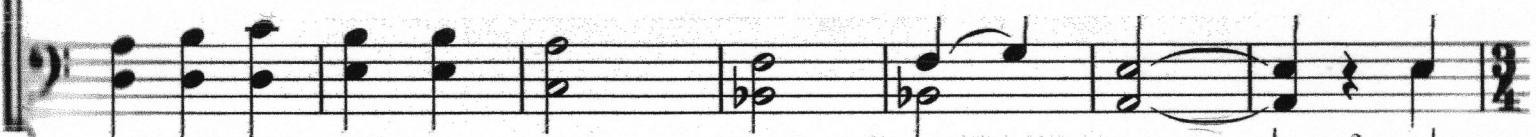


world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right



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

Fa - ther : re - ceive



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.

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Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we

may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and

Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 20

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

Refrain



Know that the Lord gives vic - to - ry.

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion; *Refrain*

Refrain




Know that the Lord gives vic - to - ry.

Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans. *Refrain*

Refrain




Know that the Lord_ gives_ vic - to - ry.

We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand. *Refrain*

Refrain



Know that the Lord_ gives_ vic - to - ry.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call. *Refrain (as above)*

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal #296

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We Know That Christ Is Raised

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



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



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



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



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

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

10 10 10 with Alleluia

The Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

William L. Dawson

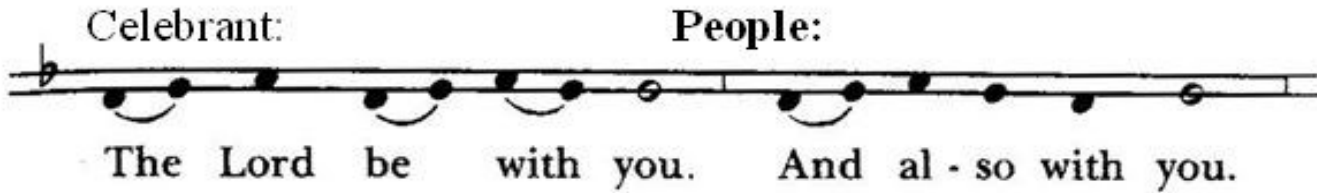
There Is A Balm In Gilead
Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Benjamin Belew, accompanist

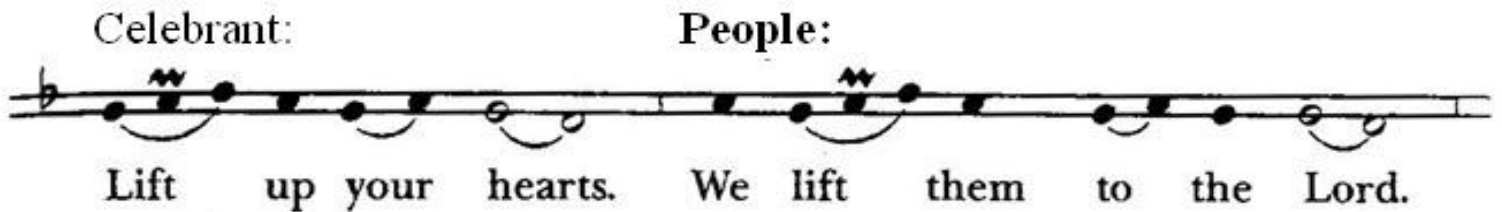
Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

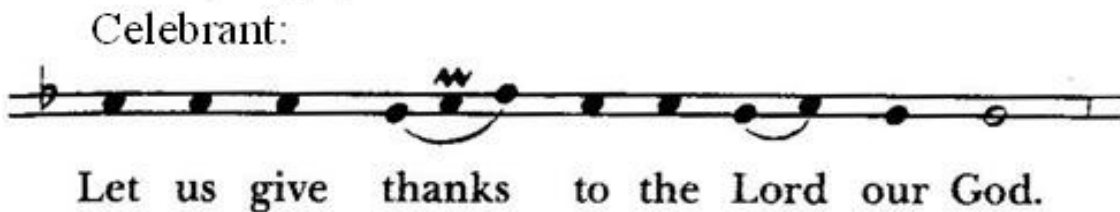
People: And of your own have we given you.

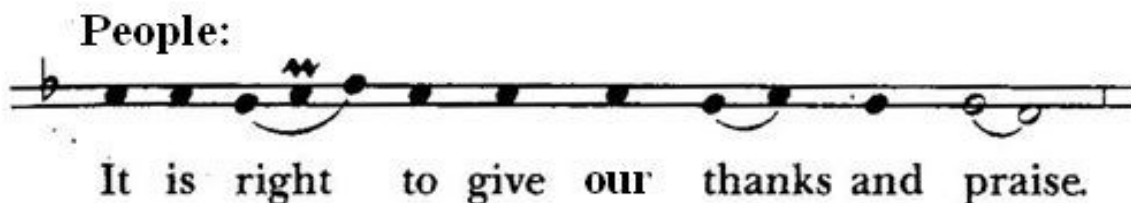
Sursum Corda

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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: All thanks and praise are yours
at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises

we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

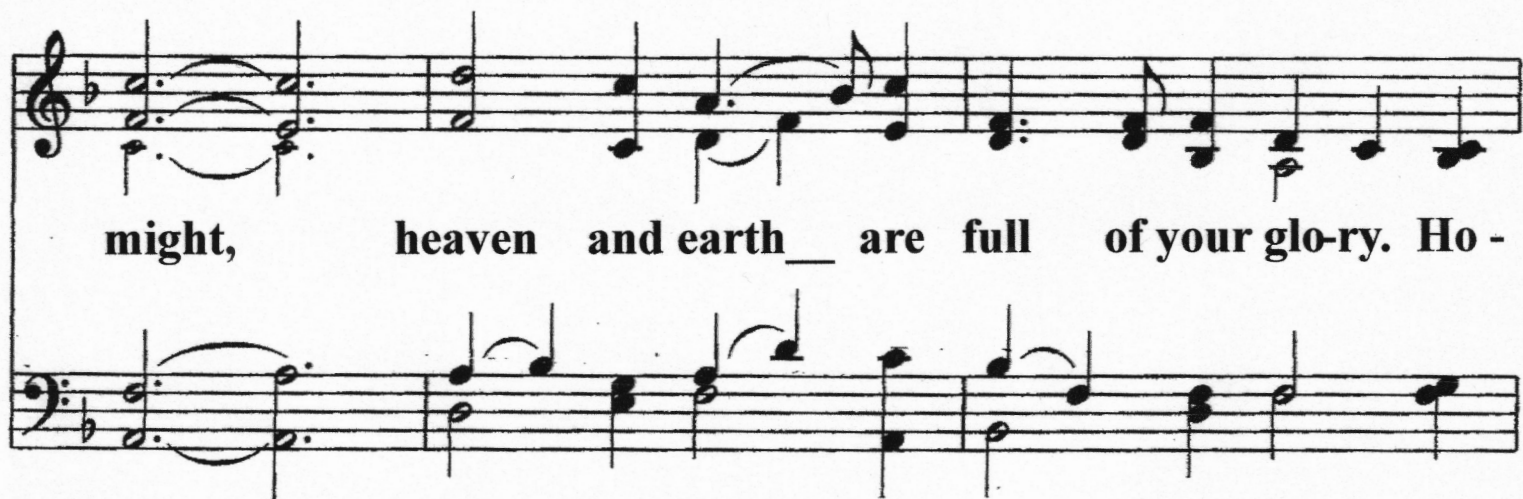
Sanctus

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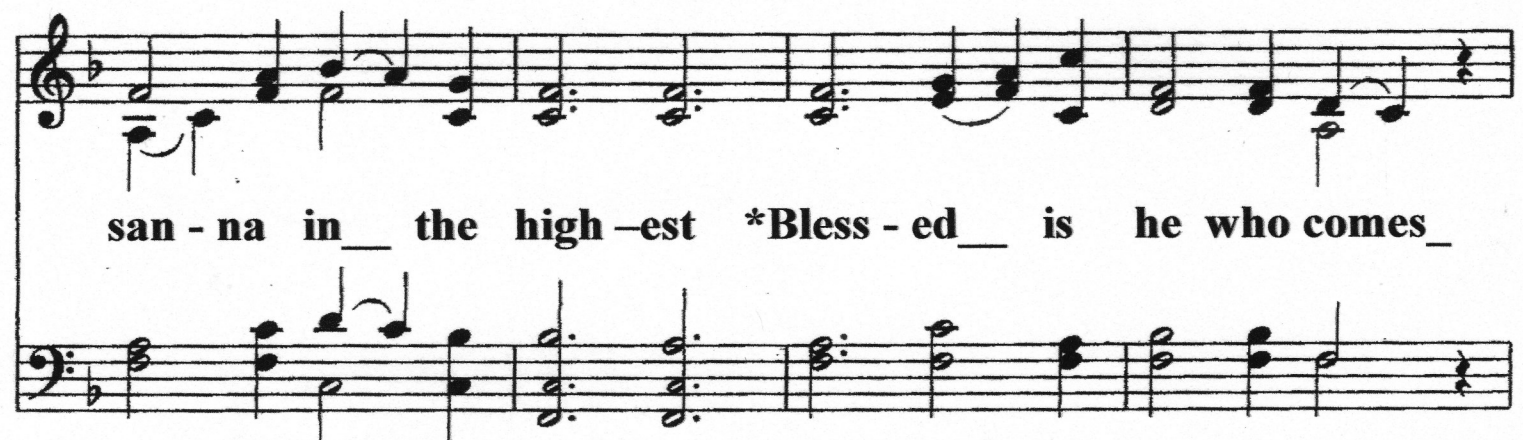
All are invited to sing along, Zoom attendees please stay muted.



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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The first system of music covers the lyrics: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in_ the". The second system covers: "High - est._ Ho - san - na in_ the high - est." The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords and rests. There are also some longer note values with ties or slurs.

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: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
 your Word has never been silent;
 you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
 you delivered them from bondage
 and led them to a land of promise.
 Of your grace, you gave Jesus
 to be human, to share our life,
 to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
 and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
 Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
 you have freed us from sin,
 brought us into your life,
 reconciled us to you,
 and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and **People**:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with all your people

into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and **People:**

Blessed are you now and for ever. 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 to the altar railing during Communion.

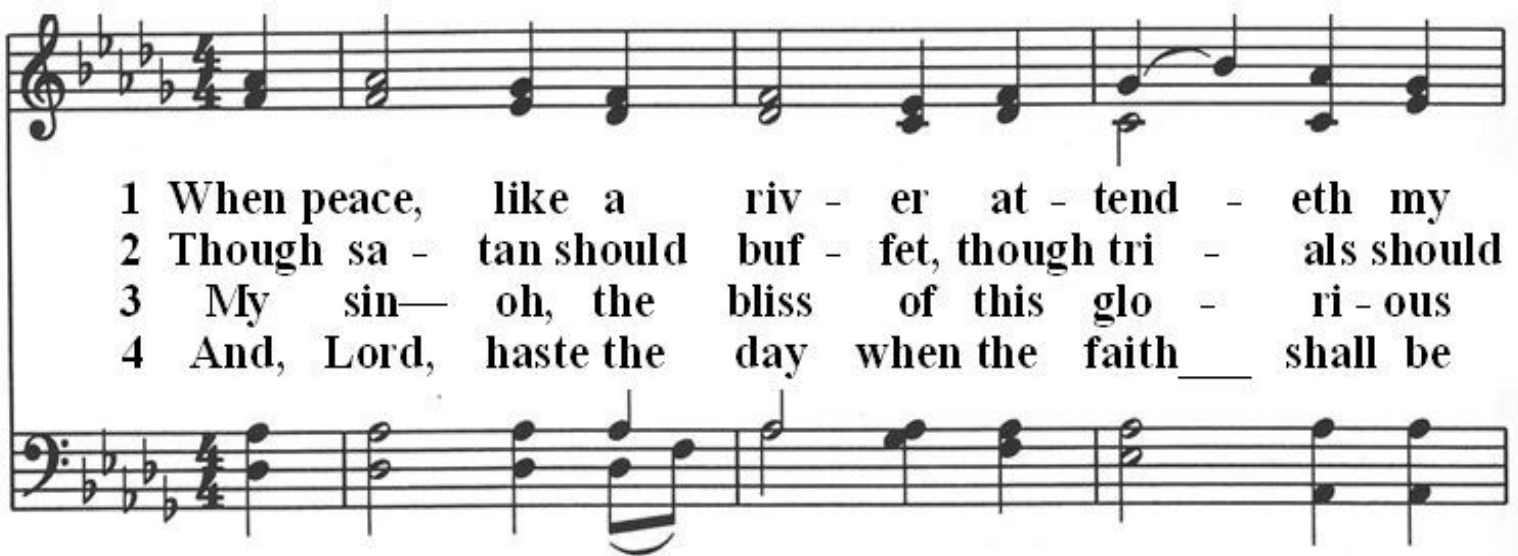
- *You may stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you are able.*
- *The wine will be served in the chalice and in the small cups. The chalice will precede the cups. If you do not reach for the chalice, it will pass and the cups will follow. (Please place the empty cup on one of the trays near the aisles.)*
- *Please, do not dip the bread in the wine.*
- *If you do not wish to receive communion, you may receive a blessing: please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you wish to be blessed.*
- *Gluten free bread is available upon asking.*

Communion Hymn

LEVAS #188

It Is Well With My Soul

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



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "It Is Well With My Soul". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Below the staves, there are four lines of lyrics, each numbered 1 through 4. The lyrics are: 1 When peace, like a riv - er at - tend - eth my; 2 Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should; 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous; 4 And, Lord, haste the day when the faith__ shall be.

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1 way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2 come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - troll,
 3 thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll.

1 What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2 That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es =
 3 Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4 The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1 say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2 tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3 more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4 scend, "E - ven so" - it is well with my soul.

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It is well with my soul, It is well with my

soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888)

Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant and People:

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

**And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you**

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

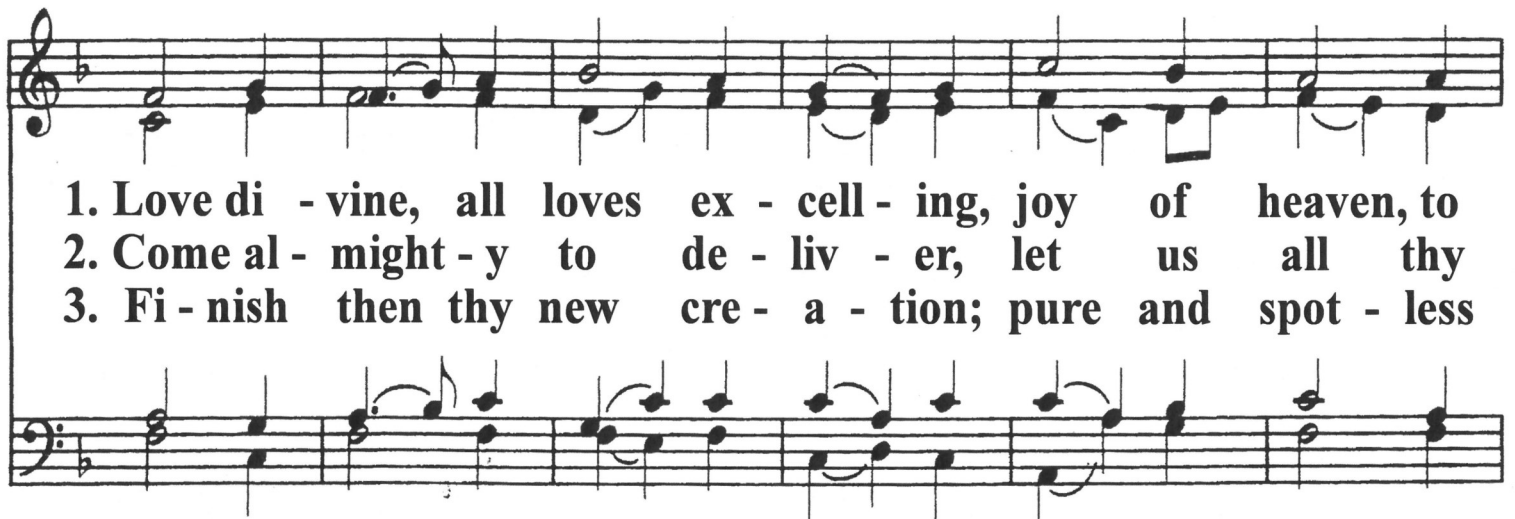
The Blessing

Closing Hymn

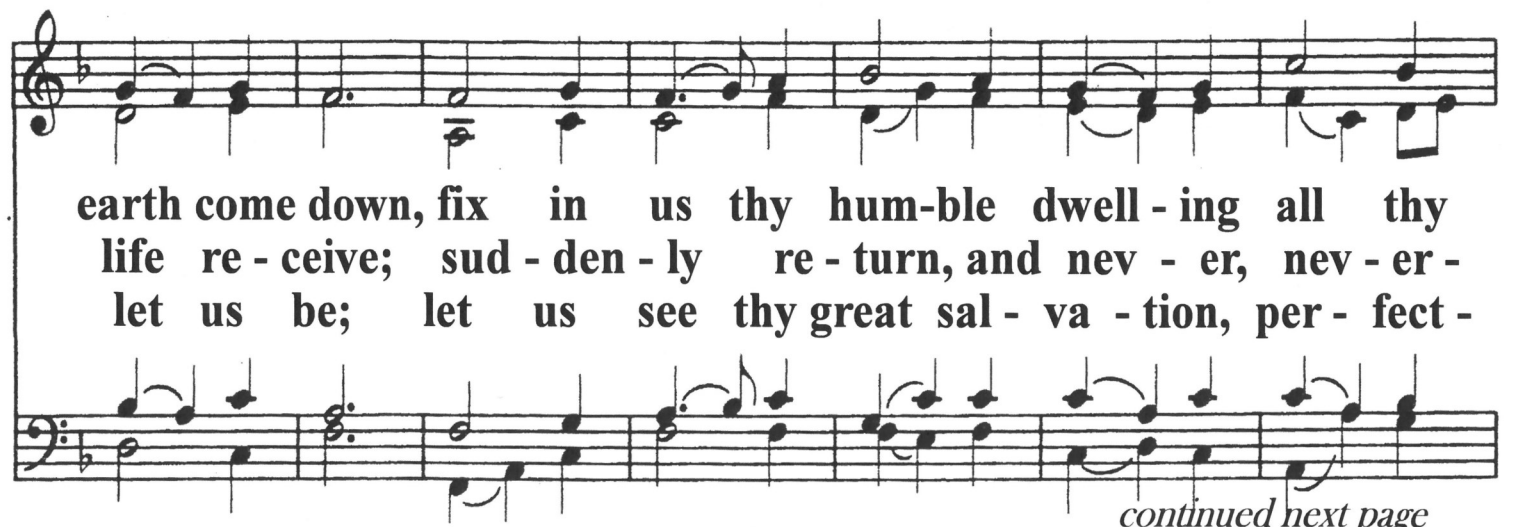
Hymnal #657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2. Come al - mighty - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3. Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum-ble dwell - ing all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion, per - fect -

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faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless-ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound-ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem-bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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The Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude



Serving us at 10:30 am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Jeannie Battagin

Lectors: John McVey, Susan McVey

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: Tian Zhu

Zoom host: Lou Poulain

Today in the Parish

Introductions to Lectionary Readings

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from *Sundays and Seasons*

1 Samuel 15:3—16:13

Reading semicontinuously through 1 Samuel, we come to the story of Samuel's countercultural choice of David, who is the youngest son, rather than the firstborn son of nobility, to be a better king than was Saul. Part of the purpose behind these stories is to present the Davidic monarchy as divinely established. The description of David as a shepherd connects him both to Israel's nomadic past and to ancient Near Eastern metaphors of the king as a shepherd. Christians have used the story of the anointing of David as a precursor of the Spirit anointing Jesus at his baptism, and many Christians anoint with oil in

the ritual of baptism, in which all believers are granted the Spirit of God. That David is the youngest son can link with the image of the mustard bush, God using the lowest in surprising ways.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

This complex passage written by Paul sometime in the 50s CE to the Christians in Corinth includes several religious worldviews. (1) Being “in the body” (v. 8) indicates the growing influence of the Greco-Roman philosophical proposal about body and soul in Jewish and early Christian belief. (2) There will be a final judgment at the eschaton (v. 10). (3) The death of Christ is important not as a single past historical event but as the archetypal transformation for all believers (v. 14). The resurrection is also a present event; we are new creations now (v. 17). These disparate ideas have not yet been integrated into a single theological position

Mark 4:26-34

According to the Gospel of Mark, Jesus preached not so much detailed allegories as enigmatic parables—short metaphoric depictions—which in their very hiddenness, like the cross itself, are pictures of the kingdom of God that his ministry inaugurated. In the parable of the sown seed, the farmer is inactive although the seed grows, its process a mystery. Rabbinical writings also referred to the small size of the mustard seed; the mustard bush is several feet in size and was cultivated for flavoring. Dying annually, it is only paradoxically a tree of life. The tree of life housing all the birds of the air was a common symbol for the monarch or the kingdom in ancient Near Eastern art and literature. The kingdom of God is Mark’s language for God’s presence and activity here on earth.



Coffee Hour today will be in Cowans hall across the courtyard.

Summer Reading program begins **TODAY**.

No need to swim in the Seine or jump over the Eiffel Tower to participate in the St. Thomas Readers' Olympics: to win, simply enter your books. While athletes set new records in Paris, St. Thomas readers will win by reading books.

Take note of the books you read this summer and add them to our Olympic poster, adding each one with your name.

This way, we are all winners!

You can get into the spirit of the 2024 Olympic Games beginning June 16, even before the opening ceremony of the Games.

To read is to win!
Go for the Gold / Viser l'Or!



Winners will be drawn from all the books read—one adult and one child will each receive a \$25 gift certificate from Leigh's bookstore in Sunnyvale.

Upcoming Events

Teen Confirmation Class The next teen confirmation class will be **Friday, July 21 at 7pm** in the library, with Pastor Salying facilitating.

Save the Dates:

- Next **Vestry Meeting Tuesday June 18** at 7pm
- **Classical Music Concert July 4**—the next classical music concert with Benjamin Belew. Details to follow.
- **Agape Circle July 5** at 6:30pm in Cowans Hall
- **Midsummer Soiree Dinner Theatre August 3rd**—details below:

A day at Cafe Maurizio
A small cafe in Sunnyvale, CA



Chance in Time

A one act light comedy

Proceeds to benefit St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Antipasto 5:00pm

Italian Dinner 5:30pm

SHOW 6:45pm

Tickets on sale - in Cowans Hall
after Sunday worship services

through **July 21**

Adults \$20

Children (under 10) \$10

General Announcements

Funeral Planning Packets are in the back of the church. Please submit your plans to Pastor Salying if you would like to store a copy at the church.

Library notes:

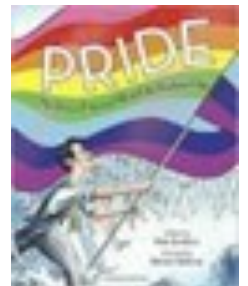
Books of the Month for June:

This month we celebrate Pride Month, the 80th anniversary of D-Day, life of Enmegahbowh and Evelyn Underhill, Flag Day, Father's Day, Juneteenth, General Convention, the nativity of John the Baptist and the apostles Peter and Paul and others.

Here are books of interest.

Pride: the story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag

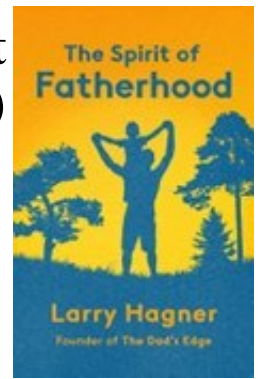
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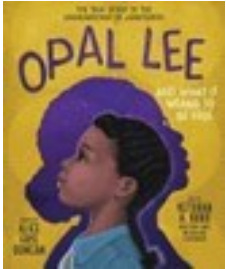
The savvy ally: a guide for becoming a skilled LGBTQ+ advocate by Jeanne Gainsburg.

An enjoyable, humorous, encouraging, easy to understand book for being an ally to the LGBTQ+ communities.

The Spirit of Fatherhood by Larry Hagner, (just released)



Larry Hagner provides fellow dads with the wisdom and tools to navigate one of life's most epic and awe-inspiring adventures. Whether you're counting down to your first child or already have a full house, this book offers inspiration to deepen your faith and leadership.

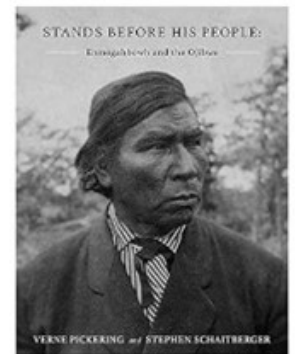


Opal Lee and what it means to be free: the true story of the grandmother of Juneteenth

by Alice Faye Duncan.

Stands Before His People: Enmegahbowh and the Ojibwe by Verne Pickering (on order)

Discover the life and legacy of Enmegahbowh, the first Ojibwe Episcopalian priest in the United States who, during the turbulent frontier days of the 1800s, worked for peace, opportunity, and cooperation among peoples



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. This class will not meet June 21, June 28, and July 19.

A class for Japanese speakers is on hiatus until August 21, but normally meets Wednesdays at 12:45pm in the Disciples room.

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 27 and July 11.**

Book Club usually meets once a month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the St. Thomas Library. We are an open book club: All are welcome, whether you have read the book or not. Our next meeting will take place on **Monday, June 24**, when we meet to discuss *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. While picking cherries in the family's orchard in Northern Michigan, Lara's three daughters beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. Please join us—contact Carol (for June and July) 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)

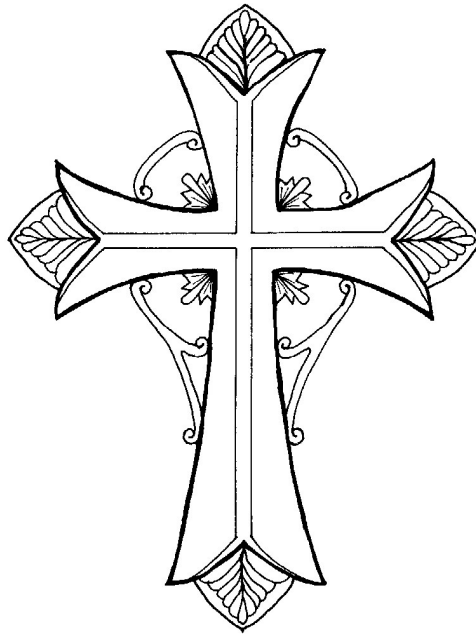
Zoom link for livestream: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

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**



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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