

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024

Rite II, 10:30am



Jesus sleeps in the boat during the storm

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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 across the courtyard in Cowans Hall and on the patio.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

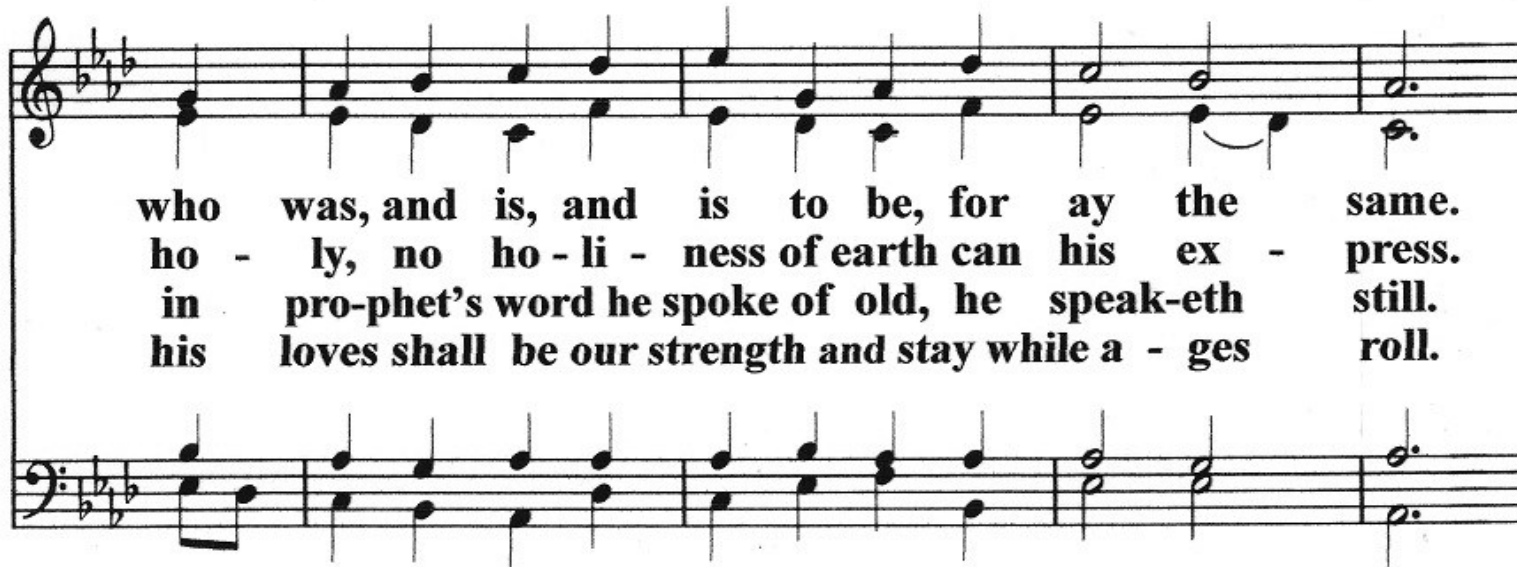
Hymnal #372

Praise to the Living God

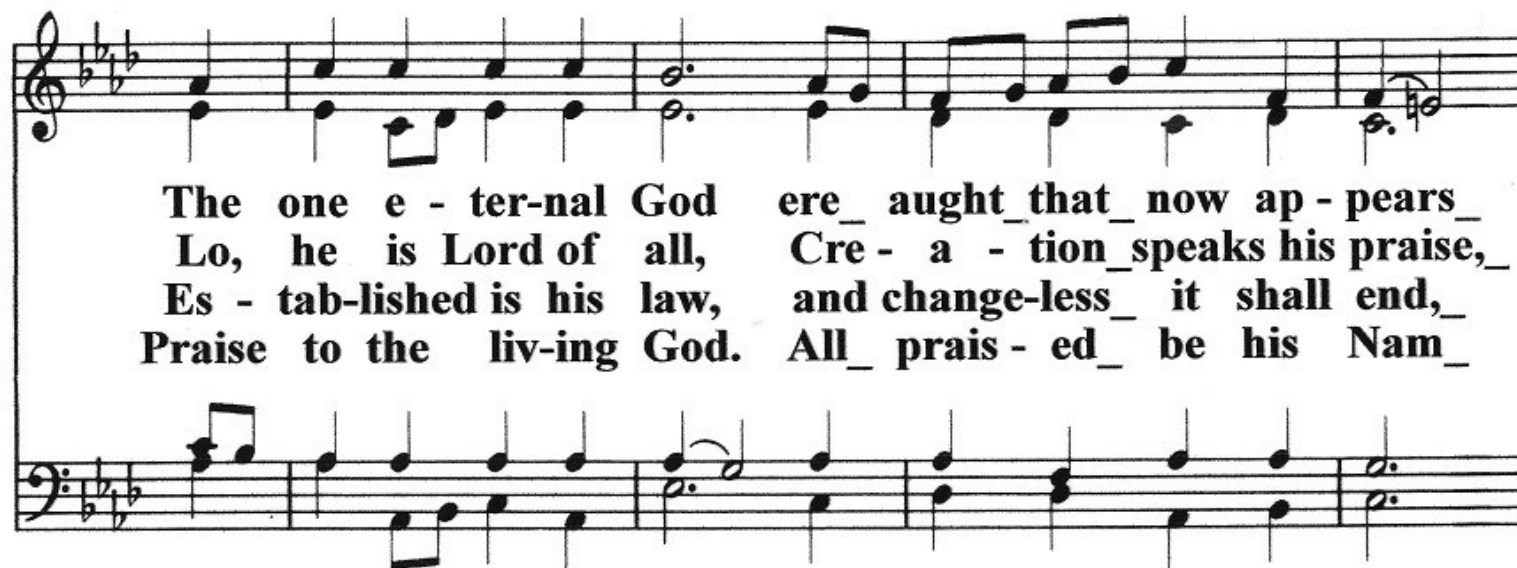
All are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.



1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will;
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old, he speak - eth still.
his loves shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere_ aught_ that_ now ap - pears_
Lo, he is Lord of all, Cre - a - tion_ speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less_ it shall end,
Praise to the liv - ing God. All_ prais - ed_ be his Nam_

the first, the last, be-yond all thought, the time-less years!
 and ev - ery-where a-bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu-man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926)
 Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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Greeting

Celebrant:

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

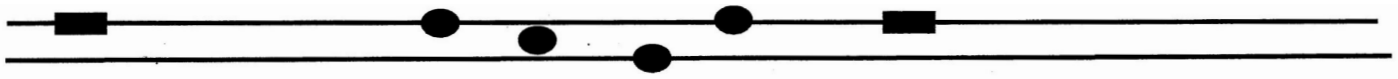
People:

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

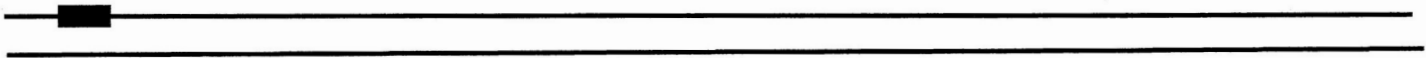
Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

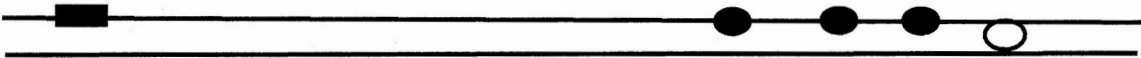
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known



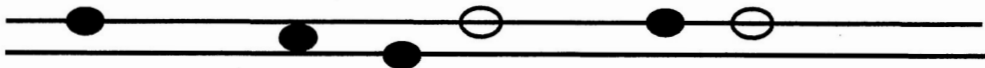
and from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our



hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly



love you and worthily magnify your ho - ly Name,



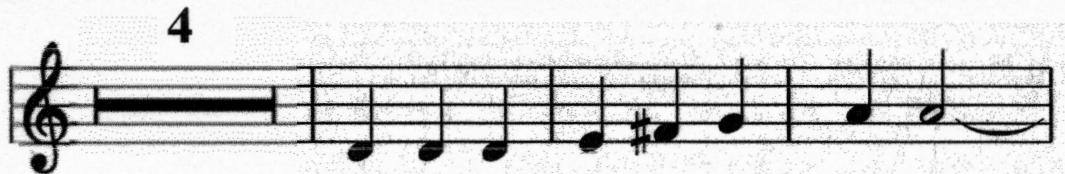
Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

Gloria

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*Please join in singing
the Gloria.*

*Zoom participants
please stay muted*



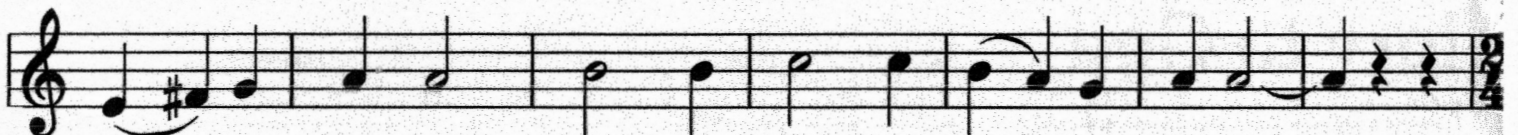
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, _



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



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



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

Fa-ther,___

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

Fa-ther,___

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

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

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

you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern

those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson 1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

The Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of

the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head;

and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 9:9-20

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

Zoom participants please stay muted.

Refrain:



Pro-claim__ to__ the peo - ple what the Lord ___ has__ done.

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in time of trouble.

Those who know your Name will put their trust in you,
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord. *Refrain (as above)*

Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion;
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

The Avenger of blood will remember them;
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted. *Refrain (as above)*

Have pity on me, O Lord;
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

So that I may tell of all your praises
and rejoice in your salvation
in the gates of the city of Zion. *Refrain*

Refrain:




Pro-claim__ to__ the peo - ple what the Lord____ has__ done.

The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug,
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

The Lord is known by his acts of justice;
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

The wicked shall be given over to the grave,
and also all the peoples that forget God. *Refrain*

Refrain:



Pro-claim__ to__ the peo - ple what the Lord____ has__ done.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand;
let them be judged before you.

Put fear upon them, O Lord;
let the ungodly know they are but mortal. *Refrain (as above)*

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:18-6:13

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

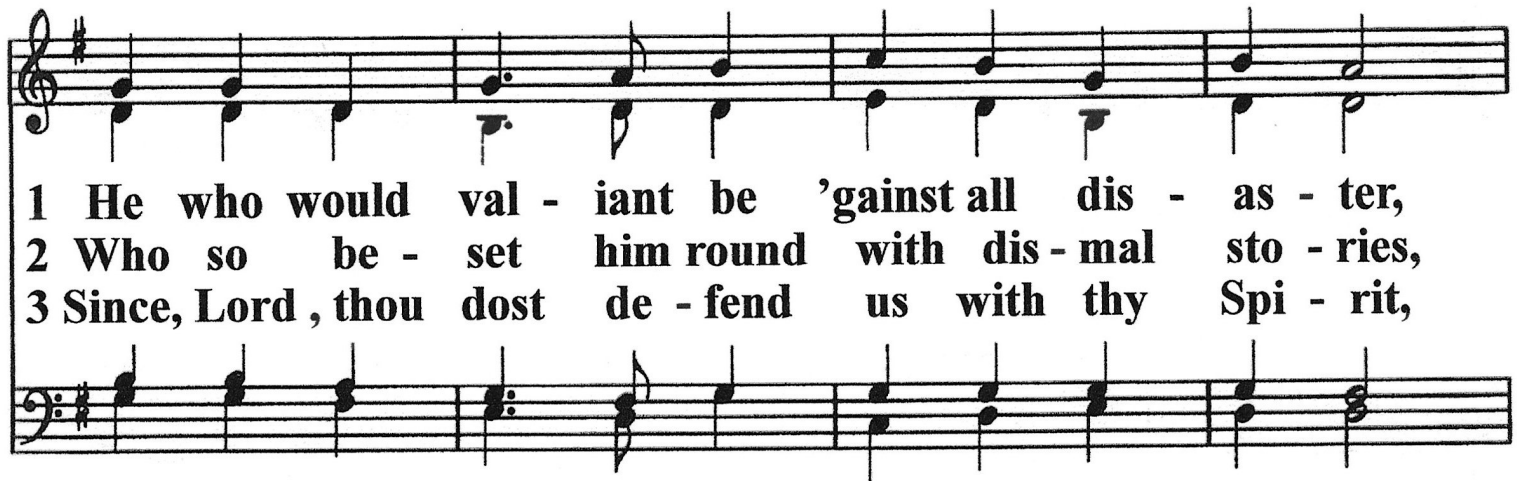
‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.


We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

*He Who Would Valiant Be**All are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.*


1 He who would val - iant be 'gainst all dis - as - ter,
 2 Who so be - set him round with dis - mal sto - ries,
 3 Since, Lord, thou dost de - fend us with thy Spi - rit,



let him in con - stan - cy fol - low the Mas - ter.
 do but them - selves con-found his strength the more is.
 we know we at the end shall life in - her - it.



There's no dis - cour - age - ment shall make him once re - lent
 No foes shall stay his might, though he with gi - ants fight;
 Then fan - cies flee a - way; I'll fear not what men say,

his first a-vowed in - tent to be a pil - grim.
 he will make good his right to be a pil - grim.
 I'll la - bor night and day to be a pil - grim.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), after John Bunyan (1628-1688)

Music: *St. Dunstan's*, Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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The Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey 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 Rutter

All Things Bright and Beautiful
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

EP3 / *Enriching Our Worship*

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

WLP #858

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__

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

Hymnal #699

see next page

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om
 2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on
 3 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest
 thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and
 sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high; hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
 com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;
 pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

continued next page

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the
 all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
 free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive_ my soul at last.
 fense-less head, with the_ sha - dow of thy wing.
 in my heart, rise to_ all_ e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

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Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant and People:

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

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

The Blessing

Closing Hymn


Hymnal #535

Ye Servants of God

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



1 Ye ser - vants of God, your_ Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3 Sal - va - tion to God who_ sits on the throne!
4 Then let us a - dore, and_ give him his right:



and pub - lish a - broad his_ won - der - ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his_ pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and_ hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all_ wis - dom and might,

the_ Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The_ great von - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The_ prais-es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

his king-dom is_ glo - rious; he_ rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to_ Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their_ fa - ces, and_ wor-ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and_ in - fin - ite love.

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

Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765;
 harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

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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: Joe Gutierrez

Lectors: Lou Poulain, Marilyn Winans

Cantor: Patricia Pietrzyk

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: Aer van de Water

Today in the Parish

Introductions to Lectionary Readings

for proper 7 (track 1), year B

from Sundays and Seasons

1 Samuel 17:[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49

Reading semicontinuously through 1 Samuel we come to the court histories about King David. Although including some very old material, perhaps contemporaneous to the events near 1000 bce, 1 Samuel took its current shape centuries later during the exile. One option for this Sunday is the archetypal tale of the boy shepherd conquering the giant. Goliath, ten feet tall, personifies the giant kingdom of the Philistines, who were among the residents of the Holy Land that ancient Israel understood had been given them by God. Thus the Old Testament frames Israel's military victories as led by the Lord, whom David credits. Christians have used the brilliantly narrated story of David and Goliath as a picture of Christ's victory over the devil in his resurrection as an inspiration to believers when evil looms, and as an exciting story beloved by children. On this Sunday, the story connects well with the stilling of the storm.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

In a rhetorical tour de force, Paul summarizes the difficulties and qualities of a life of missionary activity. The quote in verse 2 comes from the Septuagint of Isaiah 49:8, which referred to return from exile, which for Paul is a precursor of the death and resurrection of Christ. The “now” indicates Paul’s realized eschatology. Like his contemporaries, Paul thought of the heart (v. 12), not the brain, as the organ that controlled bodily emotions. A literal translation of verse 12 refers to one’s bowels: this exemplifies the interesting issues involved in biblical translations.

Mark 4:35-41

Mark’s narrative of the stilling of the storm means to demonstrate Jesus’ divine power, through which he has healed the sick and by which he proclaims God’s kingdom. The ancient world believed that the deity has power over nature. In the Old Testament, one descriptor of God’s creative might is that God conquered the sea demon. Jesus rebukes the wind, just as he did the demon (Mark 1:25). The present tense of “obey” (v. 41) indicates that the narrative is not merely a record of a past event, but means to call forth the faith of those who hear this text in assembled worship, who are asked to have faith under their current duress.



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

Summer Reading program continues!

Fill out one of the Paris landmark cards with your name and the title of your book, and add it to the Olympics poster

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.

A New Directory The administrator hopes to print an updated parish directory in the next few weeks. A draft directory, based on our best information including our newcomer tracking, is located on the table at the back of the church. If you have recently changed your address, phone number or other contacts, please check the draft and make your corrections. If you are new to the parish and would like to be included, please add your information in the space provided. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Noonday Prayer - special study Beginning **Wednesday, June 26**, Noonday Prayer will be following a study of the psalms for several months. Please join us on Zoom, using the usual link, noted on page 37 of this bulletin: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313271549>

Fourth of July Classical Music Concert with Benjamin. This concert will feature American composers. Suggested donation is \$20. Half the proceeds will benefit Episcopal Migration Ministries, which supports refugees and immigrants. Doors open at 6:30pm and concert begins at 7pm in the church sanctuary.

Agape Circle: Food, Friendship and Fun on July 5 at 6:30pm in Cowans Hall. Please bring food or drink to share and utensils to serve it. Our activity will be sharing your ancestry. Bring an item that represents the land and culture of where you or your ancestors came from and share a story of your origins.

Midsummer Soiree Dinner Theatre - Saturday August 3

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



Chance in Time

A one act light comedy

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

*Proceeds to benefit
St. Thomas Episcopal Church*

Next **Vestry Meeting Tuesday August 20** at 7pm

St. Thomas Rummage Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, September 28, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Please save your gently used treasures for the upcoming rummage sale fundraiser!

AND

Goodwill Neighborhood Donation Drive

Sunday, September 29, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors. St. Thomas receives a donation based on the weight we donate.

Additional details on these events will be forthcoming in the July/August issue of *Beyond A Doubt!*

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:

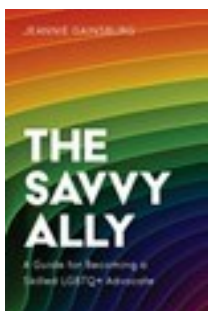
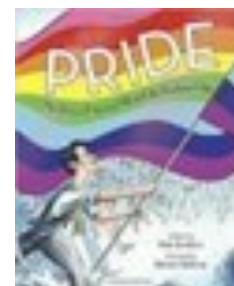
Books of the Month for June:

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

by Rob Sanders

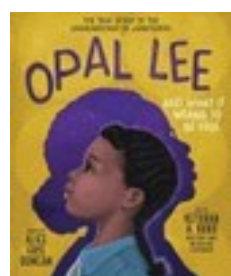
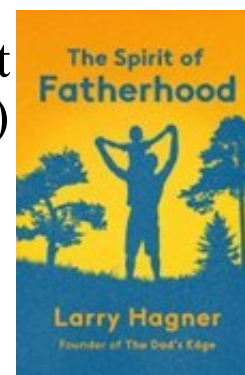


The savvy ally: a guide for becoming a skilled LGBTQ + advocate by Jeanne Gainsburg.

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.

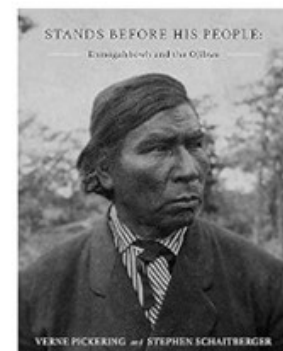


Opal Lee and what it means to be free: the true story of the grandmother of Juneteenth

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.

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 hours 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.

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 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 Study of the Psalms,
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)

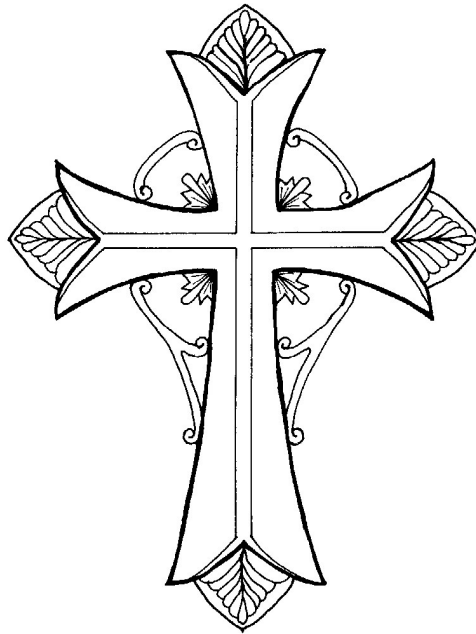
Zoom link for livestream: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

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/
d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M_iFUN25FBuxOVTr0UKw6mokVcdE9iNII9RFrPIKNAg)**

and updates of various parish events and activities may also be
found on our website at **www.stthomas-svale.org**



Welcome

St. Thomas' Parish is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love, and service to welcome all people just as God created them. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity and gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical, or mental ability. God delights in the diversity of creation, and so do we!

Parish Mission Statement

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!

We are becoming whom Jesus calls us to be: a spiritually-centered community dedicated to creating connections with God, each other, and our neighbors, so that we might walk together with love toward justice, compassion, and hope.

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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