

# *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 6, 2025 10:30am

Morning Prayer Rite II



*He Sent Them Out Two by Two* - Greg Collins

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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:*

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*2. by telephone (audio only):*

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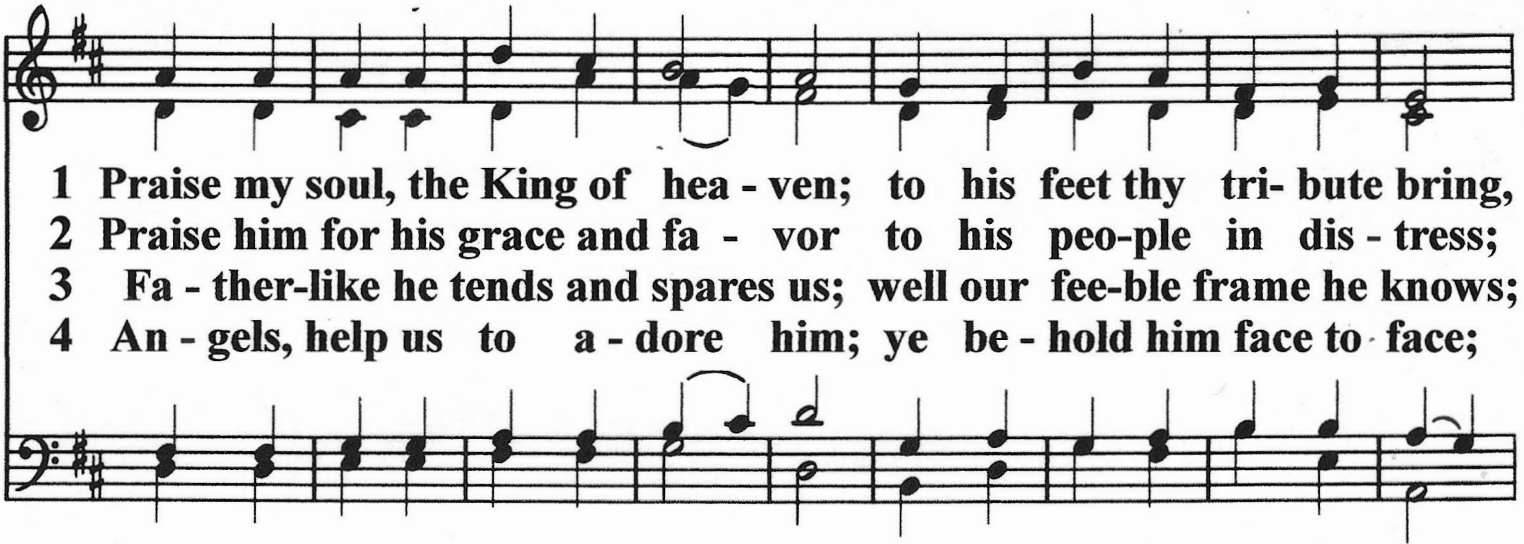
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*Please follow the usual procedures for muting and unmuting (\*6) and raising a hand (\*9).      For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.*

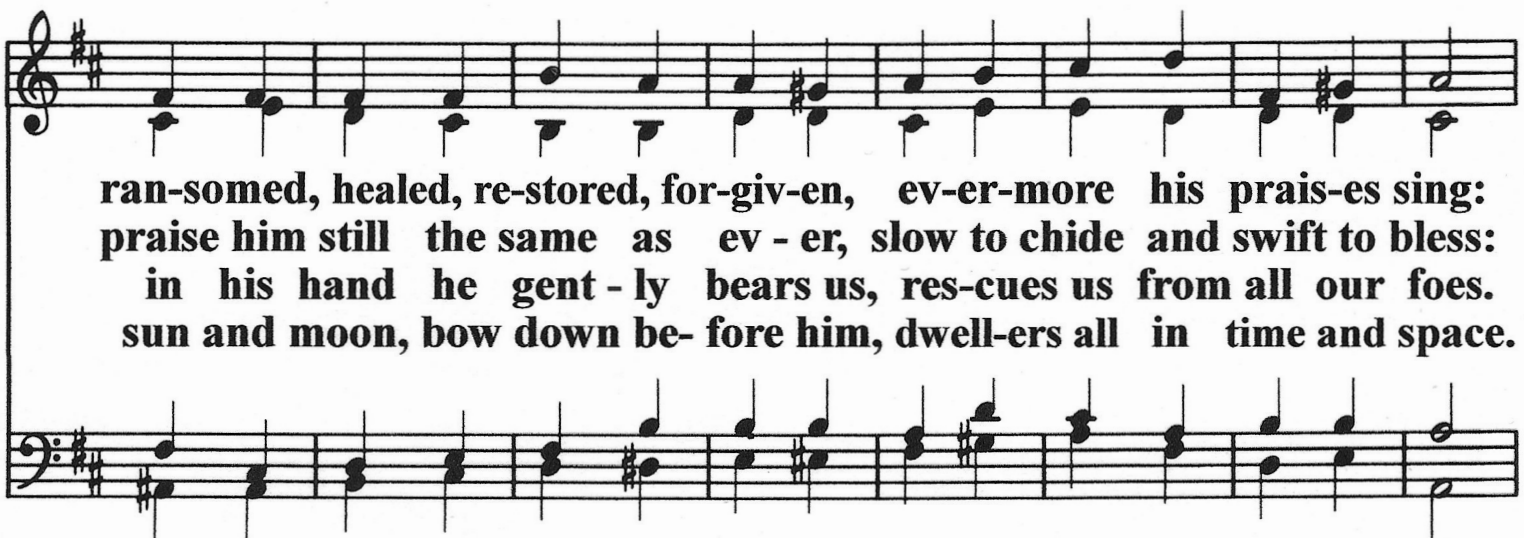
*Please note: Regarding joining us on Zoom, we welcome newcomers and appreciate your **on-time** attendance. If you arrive more than 15 minutes after the service begins, our Zoom protocols may not permit your joining the service. Equally important, please be sure that your zoom account ID includes your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



**Prelude**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**All are invited to sing along. Zoom participants, please stay muted.*


1 Praise my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring,  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to - face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless:  
 in his hand he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## Opening sentence

Officiant: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father,  
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

## The Confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and **People:**

**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.**

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

## Invitatory and Psalter

### Opening versicle

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Doxology*

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.**

**Antiphon**

V. The earth is the Lord's for he made it.

**R. Come, let us worship.**

**Invitatory Psalm: Venite**    *Psalm 95:1-7*

*The people join in speaking the responses;  
Zoom participants please stay muted*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving \*

**and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*

**and a great King above all gods.**

Holding all the caverns of the earth, \*

**along with the heights of the hills.**

The sea belongs to our God \*

**whose hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For the Lord is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. \*

**Oh, that today you would listen to the Lord!**

# The Lessons

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 30

ELV

*The people join in speaking the responses;  
Zoom participants please stay muted*

I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
**and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \*  
**and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \*  
**you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

Sing to the Lord, you faithful servants; \*  
**give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness.**

For God's wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
**God's favor for a lifetime.**

Weeping may spend the night, \*  
**but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
**You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."**

Then you hid your face, \*  
**and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O LORD; \*  
**I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
**will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \*  
**O LORD, be my helper."**

You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
**O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

## **The Old Testament Lesson            2 Kings 5:1-14**

Lector: A reading from the second book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and

halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle 9    *The First Song of Isaiah***

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

**from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say, \*

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

**and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## **The Epistle: Galatians 6:1-16**

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Galatians.

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast

about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

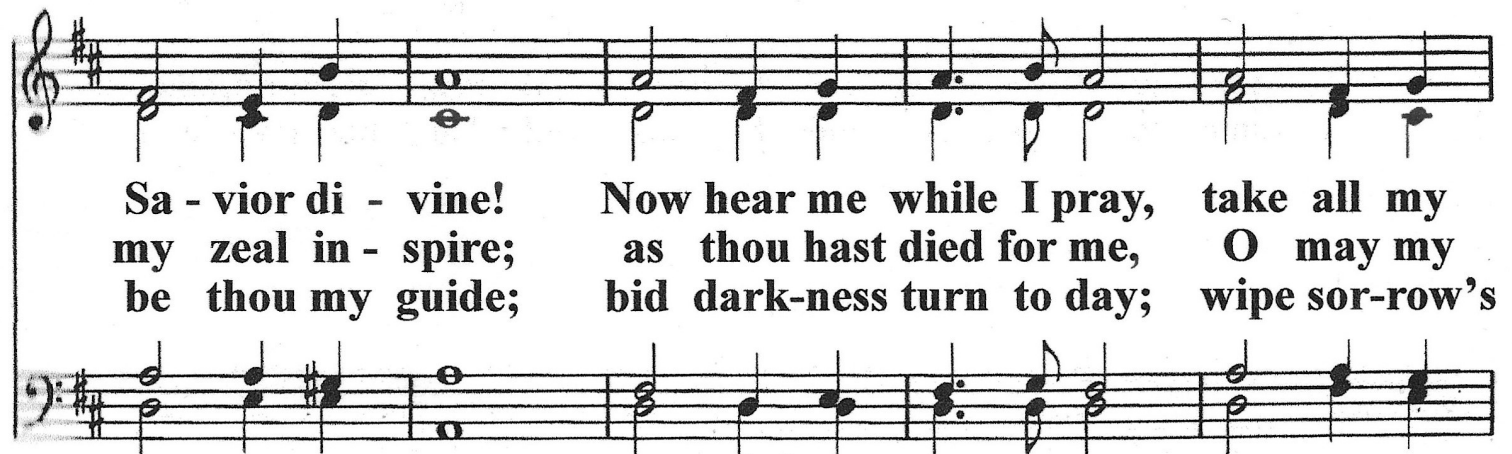
Hymnal #691

### *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint-ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,



Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's

guilt a-way; O let me from this day be whol-ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm and change-less be, a liv- ing fire.  
 tears a-way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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## The Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Gospeler: A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come

near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Gospeler: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*There will be a period of silence for meditation.*

## Anthem

G. F. Handel

*Rejoice Greatly* from **Messiah**

Jean Platner, soprano

Benjamin Belew, accompanist

## The Apostles Creed

*Enriching Our Worship*

Officiant and People:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

## **The Suffrages - B**

**V.** Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R.** **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

**V.** Day by day we bless you;

**R.** **We praise your name for ever.**

**V.** Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R.** **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

**V.** Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R.** **For we put our trust in you.**

**V.** In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R.** **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collects

### Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 9

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Child our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

*The people may add additional petitions.*

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## General Thanksgiving

**All: God, of all mercies,  
we your children give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your  
praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Child that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

## Announcements

### The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

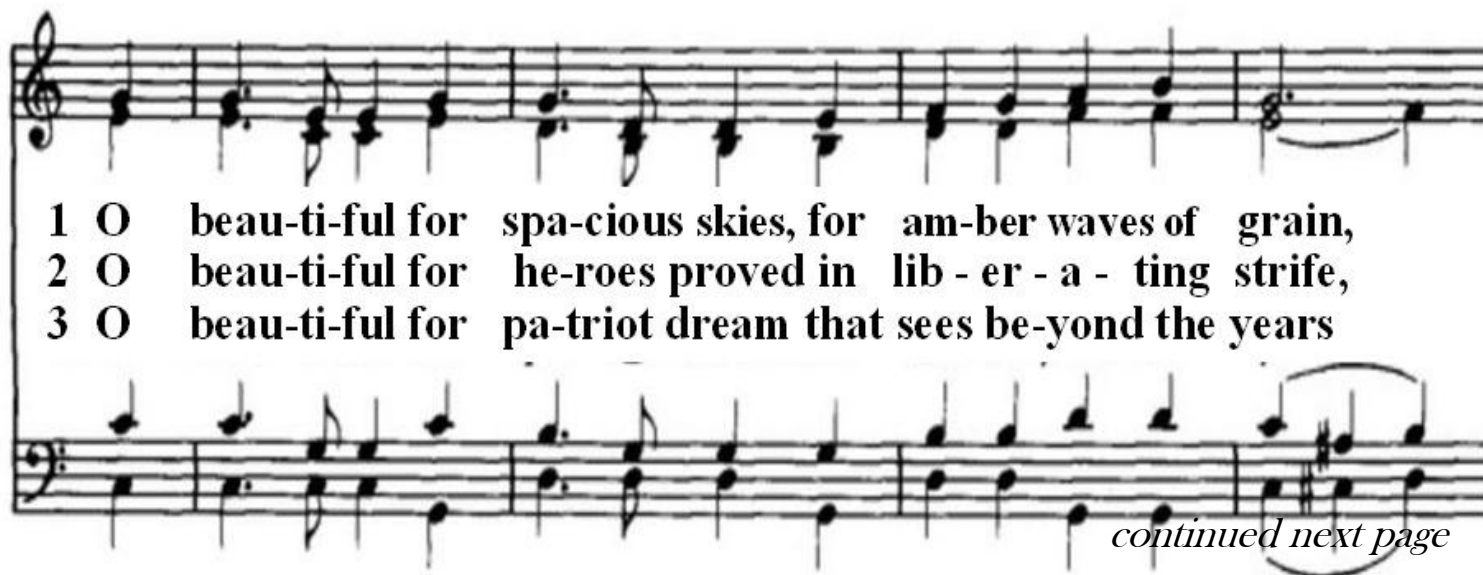
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Hymn

Hymnal #719

### *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

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



1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib - er - a - ting strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

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for pur-ple moun-tain ma-jes-ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain!  
who more than self their coun-try loved and mer-cy more than life!  
thine al - a - bas - ter ci-ties gleam un-dimmed by hu-man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
con - firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.



Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt.  
Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

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Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

## Postlude

Benjamin Belew, piano



**Serving us at 10:30 am**

**The St. Thomas Altar Guild**

**Officiant:** Aer van de Water

**Preacher:** Lou Poulain, LLP

**Liturgical Assistant:** Ann Kopischke

**Lectors:** Dorothy Furgerson, John Pietrzyk

**Greeters:** MaryJane Johnson,  
Pat Turnbull, Stephanie Daugherty

**Accompanist:** Benjamin Belew

**Tech lead/Zoom host:** Tian Zhu/Susan Powers

**Introductions to Lectionary readings** from *sundaysandseasons.com*

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Year C - proper 9 track 1**

### **2 Kings 5:1-14**

Reading semicontinuously through the books of Kings, the lectionary comes to the well-known, even somewhat comic, story of the nameless girl, a prisoner of war, who testified to the power of the Israelite prophet, and Naaman, a commander of the army of Israel's enemy Aram—that is, Syria. First Naaman assumed that the king of

Israel would dispense such divine power, then debated the efficacy of the prophet Elisha's orders, and finally was cleansed in the Jordan. For the Deuteronomic author, even a believing enemy can be saved by the LORD. The term "leprosy" was used for many different skin ailments or fungal outbreaks. According to the Torah, victims of leprosy were quarantined, yet Naaman is not. The Jordan was the symbolically important marker in the Promised Land. The prophet's words can predict, even effect, a miracle. The narrative does not suggest that the muddy Jordan has magical powers. Christians have used this story to proclaim the power of God over illness, to testify that God's domain is wider than national borders, and to encourage believers in their faith. Often the story has been used to tell children that they too can speak to others about their faith. Whenever such miracle stories are proclaimed, we need to deal with a natural reaction that asks whether God still works such miraculous healings.

### **Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16**

The optional verses 1-6, near the conclusion of Paul's letter to the church in Galatia composed in the early 50s, include the contradictory messages that Christians are to bear one another's burdens and that all must carry their own loads. Paul continues his use of the categories of flesh and spirit. The harvest time refers to Paul's belief in the imminent eschaton. The Christian freedom which this letter has described, perhaps ironically called "the law of Christ," is centered in the cross and the new creation, rather than in religious obligations such as circumcision required by the Torah. Yet in Christian freedom we are to attend to the needs of others. Paul's reference to his own handwriting suggests that he normally engaged an amanuensis.

### **Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

This excerpt, an expansion on the sending of the twelve (Luke 9:1-6), fits better in the early church's missionary movement, when Luke wrote in the 80s, than during the lifetime of Jesus. However, in Luke's gospel, the seventy join Jesus in his journey. Some manuscripts read seventy-two, some seventy: both numbers carry several symbolic

references. Not carrying a purse and not returning greetings suggest the urgency of the missionary task. Jewish dietary laws no longer have force (v. 9). The book of Acts continues Luke's theme that the disciples now have Jesus' power to heal and exorcize. The reference to the legend of the fall of Satan (see Rev. 12:9) both indicates Jesus' eternal knowledge and offers a religious framework to explain the exorcizing powers in the missionary movement.



## **Today in the Parish**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**Coffee hour today** will be in Cowans Hall.

**Nametags** are appreciated by newcomers and others, too. You are welcome to write your name on one of the blanks available at the table at the back of the church OR bring your own from the glove compartment in your car or wherever you may stash them.

**New Parish Directory** A new parish directory will be put together in the coming weeks, with a goal of making it available - **to members only** - by mid-July. **TODAY** there are proof copies on the table at the back of the church. If your information has changed, you may make your edits there.

If you are not currently included and would like to be, you may add your data to the clipboard, along with any limitations you may wish to place on the information.

**OR** in either case, you may let us know by email to the office: [office@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:office@stthomas-svale.us)

If you wish to have your photo included (or change to a new one), you may also submit one by email.

**Please be assured that we do not share any information outside the parish.**



## **New Lunch and Discussion Group: Meeting TODAY** **QED** (Queer Episcopal Discussions)

This new discussion group meets the first Sunday of each month following the 10:30 service in the St. Thomas library.

All are welcome to explore an LGBTQ+ perspective on faith and the Christian experience in an open and affirming environment. It is our intention to create a safe, inclusive, Spirit-led sacred space where all identities are celebrated and beloved. Better understanding leads to a closer relationship with ourselves, each other, and with God. For questions or to get involved, please talk to Aer or email them at [arivevdw@hotmail.com](mailto:arivevdw@hotmail.com)

**Meeting TODAY**— we will start off our meeting with a potluck, after which Lana will lead a discussion on Queer Perspectives on Scripture. If a piece of scripture has had a special resonance for you in light of your personal queer experience or experience as an ally, please bring that with you, or just come and hear other's thoughts.

## **Upcoming/continuing Events**

**Rector's vacation:** Pastor Salying continues on vacation through **July 7**. Please contact Rev. Barbara for pastoral emergencies, and the parish office **by e-mail** (administrator works remotely except on Fridays) for other urgent matters.

**Summer Reading Program continues!** Details p.23.

**Agape Circle** is the parish potluck gathering for food, fellowship and fun. These engagements usually happen on a Friday evening with an activity. For 2025, we are scheduling Agape Circle in months that are light with activity.

The next circle will be this **Friday July 11 at 6:30pm** in Cowan Hall. Bring a dish to share and your ideas for activities going forward!

**Next Vestry Meeting** will be **Tuesday, July 15th** at 7PM.

**Coming in August—Writing Retreat with Debie Thomas**

*Sacred Unfolding:*  
*Writing as Spiritual Discovery*

August 8-10, 2025  
Colette Lafia & Debie Thomas

The graphic includes a photo of hands writing in a notebook, a portrait of Colette Lafia, a photo of a coffee cup and pen, and a portrait of Debie Thomas. The Mercy Center logo is also present.

**Date & Time Details:** Starts on **August 8** at 5:30pm with dinner, ends on August 10 at noon with lunch

**Location:** Mercy Center Burlingame

**Address:** 2300 Adeline Drive, Burlingame, CA, USA

**Contact:** Mercy Center Burlingame [mcweb@sistersofmercy.org](mailto:mcweb@sistersofmercy.org)  
(650) 340-7474

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 25, 2025

Additional details (fees, etc) at

<https://mercy-center.org/mercy-center-sponsored-programs/689/sacred-unfolding-writing-as-spiritual-discovery/>

# General Announcements

## Peace and Justice - Mailing list

Would you like to be involved in the activities of the Peace and Justice Committee? We have been working for a long time with PACT (People Acting in Community Together, an interfaith community organizing group of 22 congregations) to support the interests of vulnerable members of our community. PACT is conducting efforts to support immigrant rights, enhance public safety by ensuring proper police training, promote access to health services, and support affordable housing.



If you would like to be on an emailing list to get notifications about activities you could participate in please send an email to: [peaceandjustice@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:peaceandjustice@stthomas-svale.us).

Being on the list does not obligate you to do or attend anything. It just lets you know what is happening in our community so that you can participate. If you are interested in deeper involvement on the committee, please say that in your email. Let's see what we can do together to stand up for our neighbors! If you have questions, please speak with Cal Cornwell and Lana Sheridan.

## Library notes:

### Summer Reading Program continues!

This year's Summer Reading Program is:

#### *Resources at Your Library*

This annual tradition continues through Sunday, August 10.

In keeping with our theme, each week we will give you highlights of a particular library, foundation or a special program.



This week's resource: **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**

The [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute](#) (OLLI) provides a unique opportunity for individuals to engage in low-cost, non-credit programs amongst a world-wide community of lifelong learners. Since 2001, philanthropist Bernard Osher has made grants from the Bernard Osher Foundation to launch OLLI programs at 120 universities and colleges throughout the United States. See the [Listings of Institutes](#)

OLLI members get access to formal lecture courses, discussion groups, creativity and movement courses, 1-day seminars, and leadership & intergenerational volunteer opportunities.

Here are two examples for you -

[Santa Clara University](#) participates in the OLLI program. We suggest you wait until after the summer program is over to register. [Annual Membership](#) Fee is \$55.00 (fall, winter, spring & summer)

[UC Berkeley](#) also has the OLLI program. The [Annual Membership](#) is \$100.00.

Perhaps you would like to teach a class. See [Teaching at OLLI](#).



For our summer reading program this year, there will be a bulletin board at the back of the church, with “Book” cards for you to write the book title and your name for each book you have read. For those who cannot attend church in person, the Library Committee will be happy to record your

information. Please send your book titles to [Library@stthomas-svale.us](mailto:Library@stthomas-svale.us). Gift certificates will be awarded in both adult and child categories at the end of the program.

Please let us know if you have discovered something special at **your** favorite library. We would like to pass that information on.

### **Archives Display - New Archives Display**

In keeping with the theme of this year’s Summer Reading Program, the Archives display case is featuring the history of the St. Thomas Library. The library was originated in 1979 by Carol Campbell at the request of Reverend Bill Cowans.

One of the most interesting treasures in the library is the *Summa*

*Theologia* written by St. Thomas Aquinas(1225-1274). The *Summa Theologia* was dedicated to the library by Julia and Dick DeLisser in 1982.

The library also collects adult and children's books and stocks the Little Free Library. Many of our neighbors take the books and also stock the LFL.

In coordination with Carol Campbell the St. Thomas Book Club books are selected by the members and supplied for their monthly meetings.

Each summer the library sponsors the Summer Reading Program with a new theme each year. This year the theme is Resources at the Library. For each book read (or listened to) the participant places a card with the name of the book and their name on the bulletin board. Each becomes eligible for the drawing to win a gift certificate to a local book store.

We encourage everyone to visit our amazing library.

Submitted by the Archives Committee

**More library news:** We are providing copies of the [US Constitution](#) in a small pamphlet form. They are available on the back table in the narthex. We are also providing copies of the [Episcopal Church Constitution](#). Please feel free to print your own copies. (You can use the live links included here.)

US flag pins are also available. Please help yourself.

**Livable Sunnyvale** Livable Sunnyvale promotes a livable, sustainable city with affordable housing and transportation solutions for all members of our community through education, outreach and advocacy. Members of St. Thomas have become involved with this project.



Next meeting is **Wednesday, July 26** on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89450286622?pwd=Wm5iWWQ3T3I1MnRHTEZKY3JueWpUUT09>

See Angela Rausch with questions.

## 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.

**FYI: The Nigerian Anglican Church** (of San Jose) will be renting the sanctuary and hall on the second Sundays of the month, from 1-3pm in the sanctuary and from 3-4pm in the hall. Their first Sunday will be **July 13**. If you have any questions, please speak with the Sr. Warden, Joe Gutierrez.

## Pledges, Offerings & Donations

Your pledges and other donations may always be mailed to the church office and marked to the attention of the Treasurer.

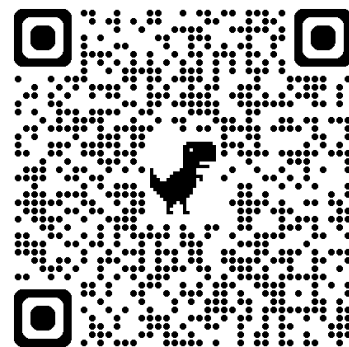
*When donating by check, please make the check payable to “St. Thomas Episcopal Church”.*

We encourage you to mail in your pledges and offerings to the church or use our online donation option, described below.

**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:

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OR by scanning the QR code



If you choose to give online, please be aware that St. Thomas does pay a fee for each transaction.

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!

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. Please contact them through the church office or website: [www.stthomas-svale.org](http://www.stthomas-svale.org)

**Companionship Ministry** (formerly known as Senior Ministry)  
“To make a connection with those who are unable to attend services on a regular basis and to support those who have gone through a significant event.” Contact Pastor Salying, or Carol Campbell.

### **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 church. A class for Japanese speakers meets Wednesdays at 12:45pm in the church.

The Friday class will be off on **July 11**, and August 15-29.

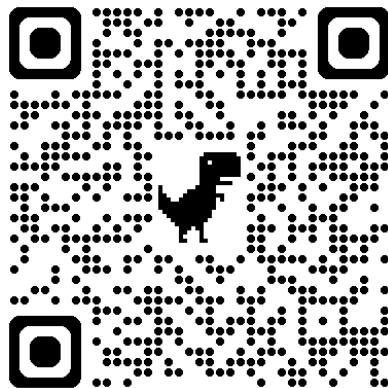
The Wednesday class will be on summer break beginning June 18 and resuming August 27.

**Craft Group** The Craft Group continues meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the library. The next meetings are **July 10** and **July 24**. Please join us!

**Book Club** The Book Club meets once a month via Zoom, usually the last Monday evening of the month, at 7pm. 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, July 27** when we meet to discuss ***Sons of Chinatown*** by William Gee Wong. Born in Oakland's Chinatown in 1941, the only son of his father, who was born in China and emigrated as a teenager during the Chinese Exclusion era in 1912, Wong poignantly weaves these father and son stories together with admiration and righteous anger, reflecting on the hardships Asian Americans endured—and continue to face—with American exceptionalism. This dual memoir is a personal history that also raises the question of whether America welcomes or repels immigrants.

Please contact the host, Dorothy F, through the website: [www.stthomas-svale.org/contact](http://www.stthomas-svale.org/contact) to request the Zoom link.



*Please see website*  
[www.stthomas-svale.org](http://www.stthomas-svale.org)  
*for additional week-to-week up-dates.*

# Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

**Tuesdays, 5pm Centering Prayer (Zoom only)**

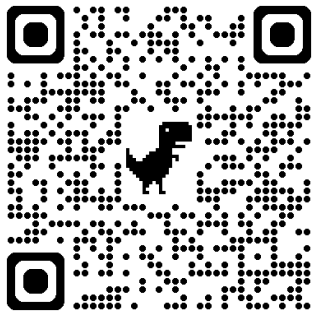
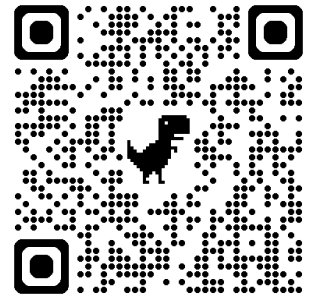
led by Pastor Salying

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**Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer**

with Commemoration of Saints led by Pastor Salying:

**(Zoom only)**

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**Thursdays, 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group on Zoom (only)**

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**Sundays:**

**8am Holy Eucharist Rite I** in the church

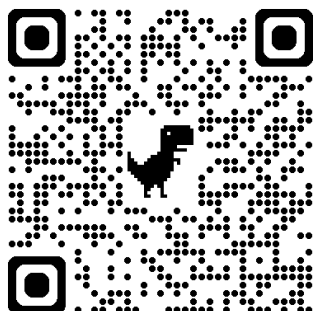
and **10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II** in the church

**with simultaneous livestream on Zoom: :**

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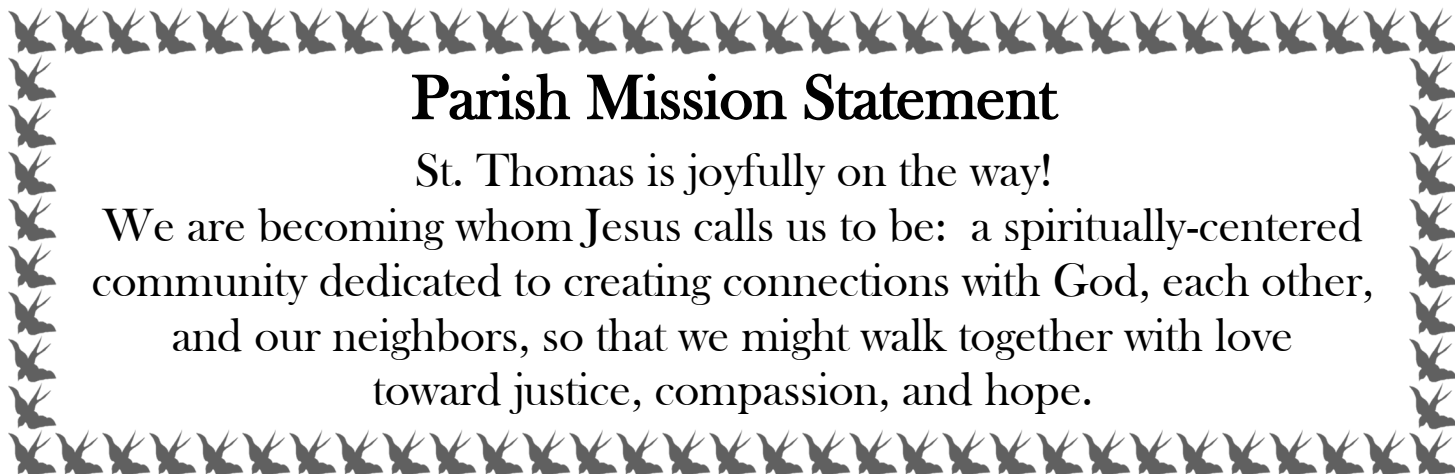
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# Welcome

*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
- Adjunct Priest:** The Rev. Barbara Stewart.....barbarastewart001@gmail.com
- 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 Campbell .....resourcecenter@stthomas-svale.org
- Music Director:** Patricia Pietrzyk,..... patriciapietrzyk@gmail.com
- Newsletter Editor:** Anne Buelteman.....office@stthomas-svale.org
- Accompanist (organ/piano):** Benjamin Belew ..... mephistoape@gmail.com
- Our Daily Bread (ODB) Coordinator:** David Barnes.....408-736-4108, odb@stthomas-svale.org

### THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

Joe Gutierrez, <b>Senior Warden</b>	2025	2026	2027
Emilee Wilhelm-Leen, <b>Junior Warden</b>	Joe Gutierrez	Jeannie Battagin	Ann Kopischke
	Pam Storrer	Naveen Raja	Eric Larkin
Ann Kopischke, <b>Clerk</b>	Emilee Wilhelm-Leen	Tian Zhu	Charlie Mendoza

### DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Mabel Cheng    Stephanie Daugherty    Susan Durham Powers    Aer van de Water

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