

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

10:30am Rite II



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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!

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Families with Children

There is a comfortable sitting area in the back of the sanctuary with toys and books for children.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal #180

He is Risen! He is Risen!

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it_ out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad_ smile and
3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our_ Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath_ o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the_ whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der_ glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en_ to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long-ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
 Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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Greeting

Celebrant:

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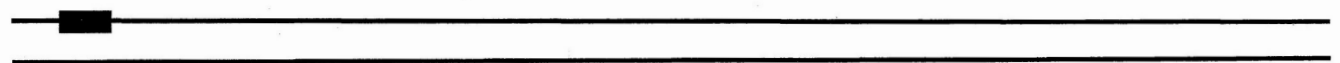
People:

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia

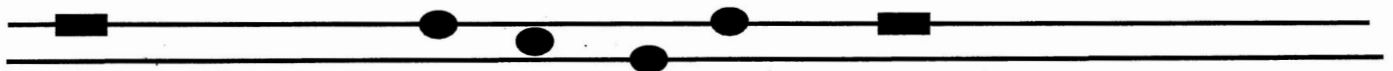
Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Collect for Purity

Celebrant:



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



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

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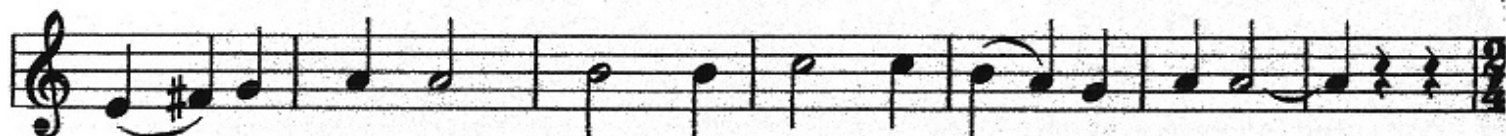
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, _



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

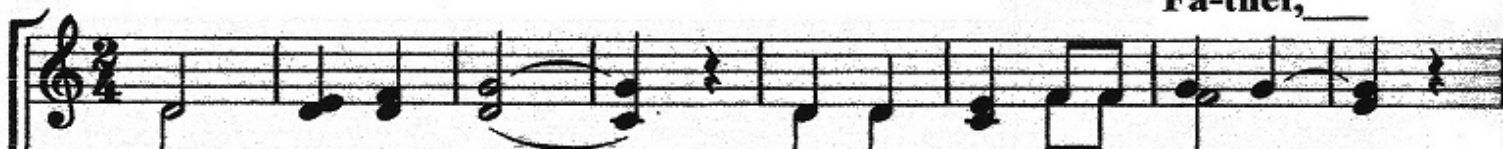


heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God_ and Fa - ther, _ we wor-ship



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

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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

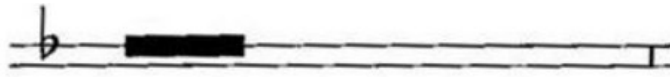
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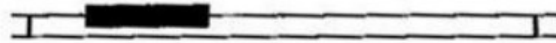
in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for two staves, treble and bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on 'men.' marked with a fermata and a repeat sign.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you



Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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: Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus

of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

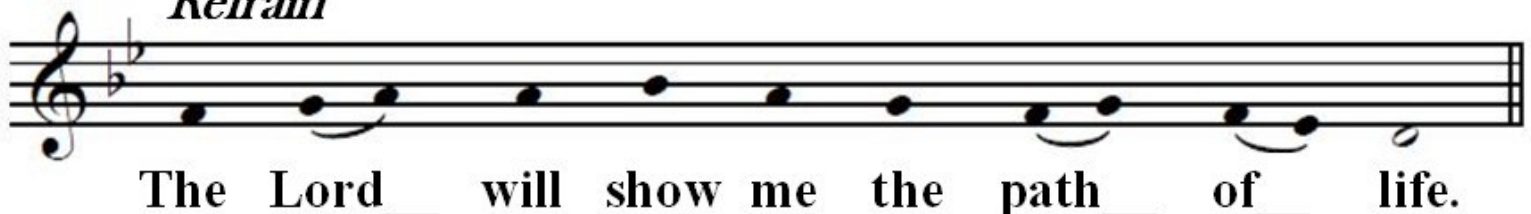
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Expansive Language Version

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.


Refrain



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people. *Refrain*

Refrain




The Lord__ will show me the path__ of__ life.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. *Refrain*

Refrain




The Lord__ will show me the path__ of__ life.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. *Refrain*

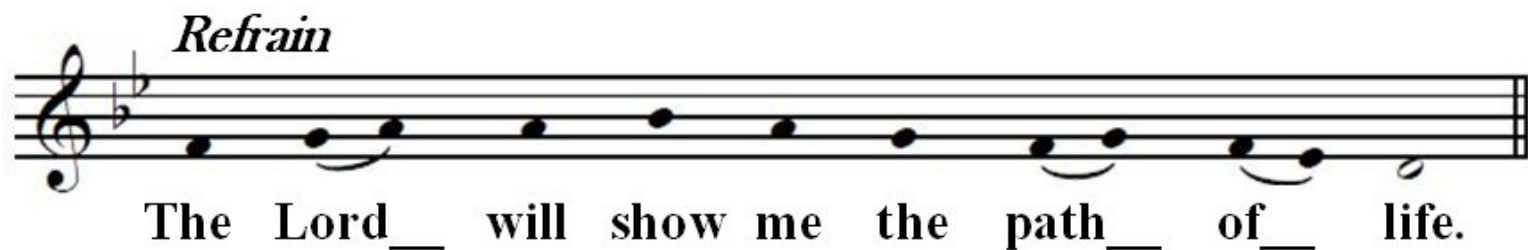
Refrain



The Lord__ will show me the path__ of__ life.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; *
because you are at my right hand I shall not fall. *Refrain*



My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Refrain (as above)

The Epistle 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Gradual Hymn

Wonder, Love, and Praise #817

Christ is Risen from the Dead (Troparion)

Please join the choir in singing the troparion three times.

Christ is ri-sen from the dead, tram-pling down death by death and on
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be-stow-ing life!

Setting: Early American, adapt. Richard Fabian (b. 1942)

The Gospel:

John 20:19-31

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace

be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

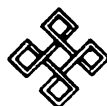
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

The sermon is followed by a period of silence for meditation.



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 for Easter

from the Lutheran Church of Australia.

Celebrant: Let us pray that the results of Christ's resurrection may be seen throughout the world.

Leader: Lord God, our loving heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Your Son, our Passover Lamb, has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people.
Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country.
Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving.
Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives.
Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Reveal him to us and all people through the teaching of your word and the celebration of your holy meal.
Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling

him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness.

Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying, and lead them to life with you forever.

Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people and the ministers greet one another.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Offertory sentence

Christ Is Alive

Members of the St. Thomas Choir
 Karen Huyser, interim music director
 Benjamin Belew, accompanist

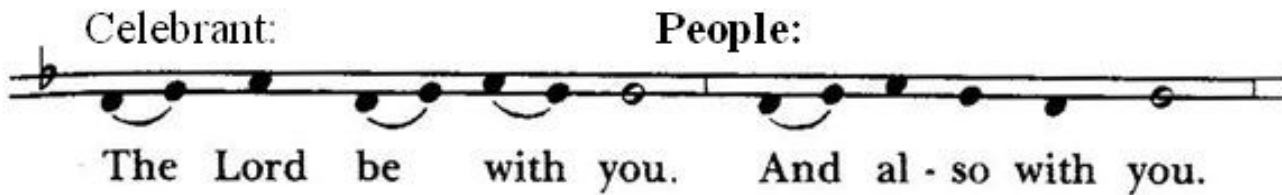
Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

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

Sursum Corda

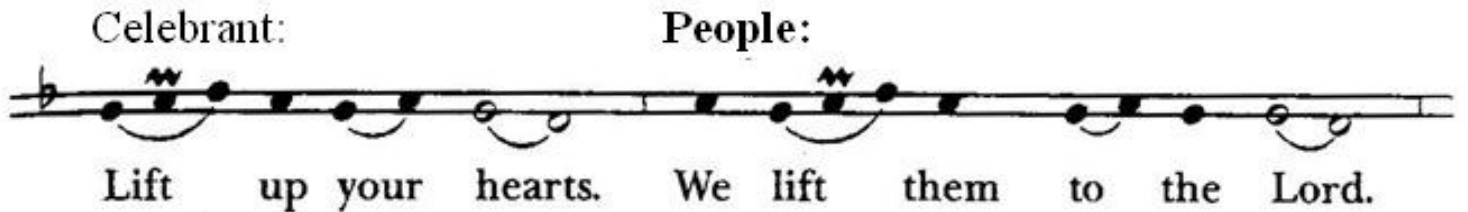
Eucharistic Prayer EOW2

Celebrant: People:



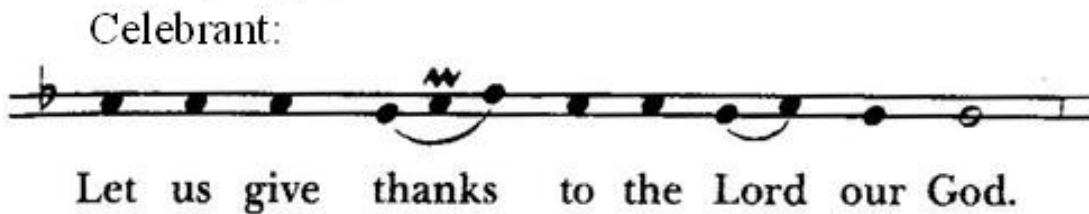
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant: People:



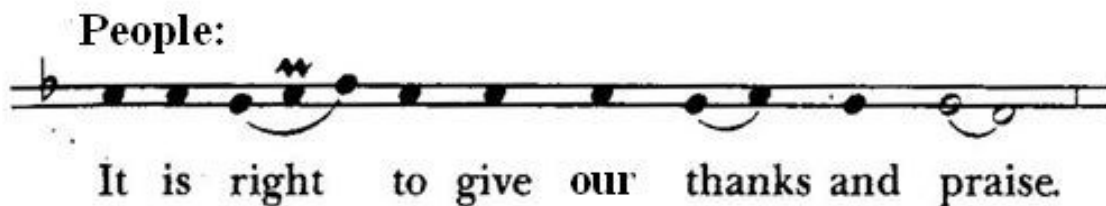
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
 source of life abundant.
 From before time you made ready the creation.
 Your Spirit moved over the deep
 and brought all things into being:
 sun, moon, and stars;
 earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

LEVAS #255

All are invited to sing along,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo

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ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for two staves, treble and bass clef. The lyrics 'est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

Music: Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948), *A Mass for a Soulful People*

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Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
 that she might conceive and bear a son,
 Jesus the holy child of God.
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
 the sacrifice of his life,
 and to be glorified by you.
 On the night before he died for us,
 Jesus was at table with his friends.
 He took bread, gave thanks to you,
 broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
 "Take, eat:
 This is my Body, which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."
 As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
 Again, he gave thanks to you,

gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

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



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the u - ni - ty



of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or,



glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er.

Celebrant and People:



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

WLP #875

Be Known to Us

The Choir will lead the Fraction Anthem. All are invited to sing the responses.

Choir: *(1st time; Congregation repeats)*

A musical staff with a treble clef, 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written with lines under the words to indicate where to breathe or pause.

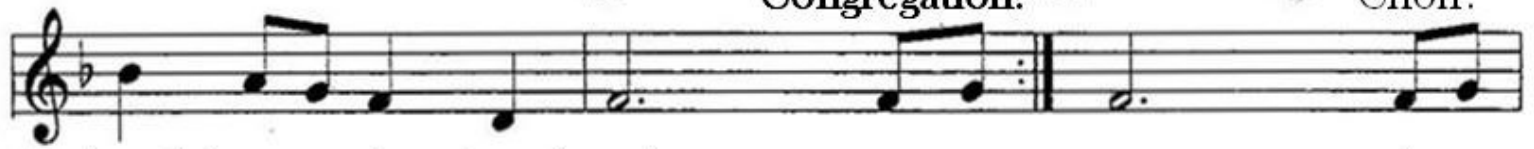
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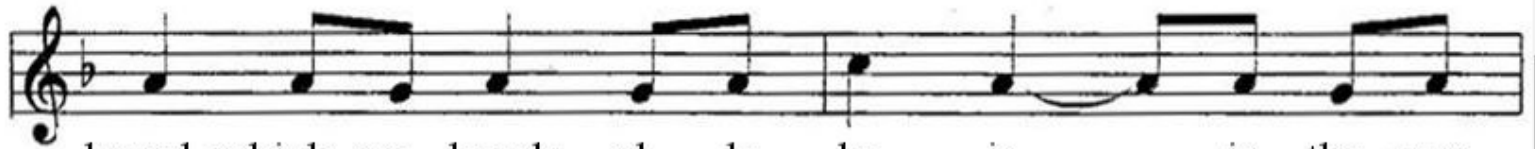
Congregation:

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Choir:



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break-ing_ of the

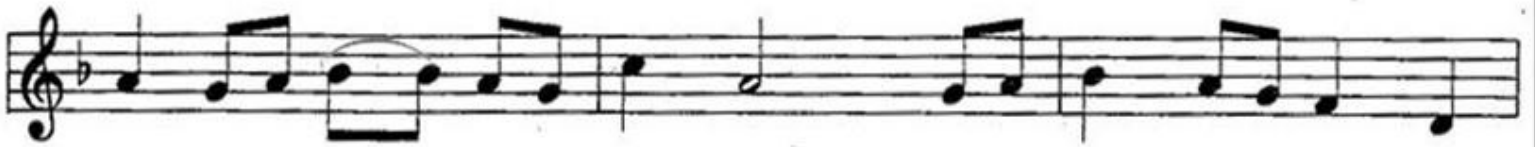


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Congregation:

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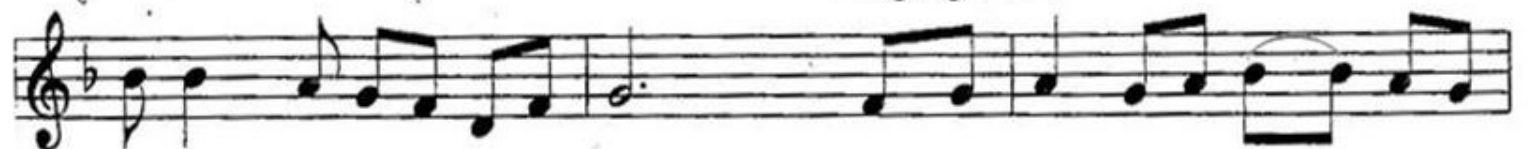
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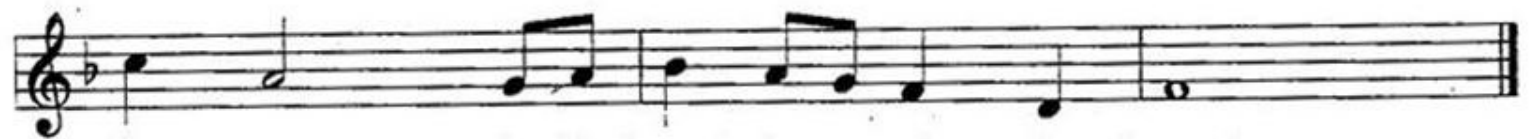


bread. One_ bod - y are we al - le - lu - ia, for though

Congregation:



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



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

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive Communion.

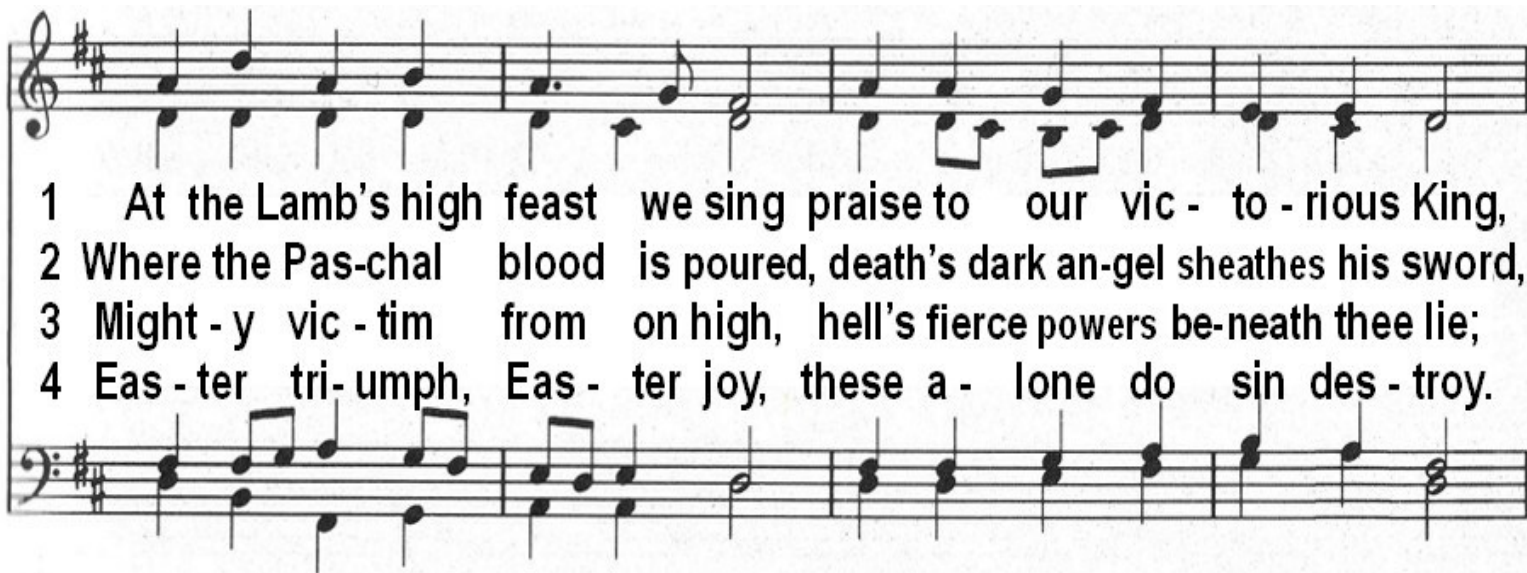
Please come to the rail.

- *Wine will be served from the common cup.*
(There is an alcohol wipe in the napkin for the cup.)
- *Please do not dip the bread into the wine.*
- *Full communion may be in one kind: just the bread, or just 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 #174

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword,
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin des - troy.

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who hath washed us in the tide flow-ing from his pierc-ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con-quer-ed in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose Blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas-chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin- cer - i - ty and love eat we man-na from a - bove.
 thou hast o-pened par - a - dise and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Book of Occasional Services

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.
Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal #210

The Day of Resurrection! Earth, Tell It Out Abroad

Descant

3. Now let the heav'ns be joy-ful, let earth her song be-gin,
1. The day of re-sur-rec-tion! Earth, tell it out a-broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e-vil, that we may see a-right
3. Now let the heav'ns be joy-ful, let earth her song be-gin,
The round world keep high tri-umph, and all that is there-in;
the Pass-o-ver of glad-ness, the Pass-o-ver of God.
The Lord in rays e-ter-nal of re-sur-rec-tion light;
The round world keep high tri-umph, and all that is there-in;

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Let_ all things seen and un - seen their_ notes to - geth - er blend_ ,

From_ death to life e - ter - nal, from_ earth un - to the sky,
and_ , lis - tening to his ac - cents, may_ hear so calm and plain
Let_ all things seen and un - seen their_ notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the_ Lord is ris - en, our joy_ that hath no end.

our Christ hath_ brought us o - ver with hymns_ of vic - to - ry.
his own "All_ hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise_ the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the_ Lord is ris - en, our joy_ that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Ellacombe*, from *Gesangbuch . . . der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.;

adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889);

desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)

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Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude



Serving today

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Cobb

Lectors: Susan McVey, John McVey

Psalmist: Susan McVey

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

Members of the St. Thomas Choir

Karen Huyser, interim music director

Benjamin Belew, accompanist

Tech lead: Eric Larkin

Zoom Host: Abby O'Connell

Introductions to Lectionary readings

from *sundaysandseasons.com*

Second Sunday of Easter Year A

[Acts 2:14a, 22-32](#)

Peter's sermon on Pentecost established the homiletical pattern common throughout Acts: a correction to the hearers; an explanation of the current situation; a summary of the meaning of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection; and the call to repentance and baptism.

According to Luke's biblical hermeneutic, David wrote Psalm 16, and it prophesied Christ's resurrection. Psalm 16 speaks of Sheol, understood by the Semitic people as where the dead resided. Acts renders this as Hades, the Greco-Roman name for the place of the dead. Neither is what medieval Christians meant by hell, a place of eternal punishment.

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Purported to be the work of Peter, a witness to the resurrection, the letter called 1 Peter, probably written several decades after Peter's martyrdom and addressed generally to Gentiles in the Christian

churches, describes the new birth of Christians through baptism and the community that gives hope during times of persecution. The letter speaks of the radical difference between the values of the society and of the baptized life; it is as if Christians are aliens in a foreign land. The opening summary calls the believers to strength of faith.

[John 20:19-31](#)

In this the first conclusion to the gospel of John, the Spirit handed over at the death of Christ (John 19:30) is distributed to the disciples. The narrative indicates that by the time of the writing of the gospel, Christians were regularly assembling on the first day of the week. The chapter moves the Easter proclamation from the disciples, through the unbelievers, to those who encounter this gospel. The evangelist claimed that the gospel book, proclaimed at the Sunday assembly, manifests Jesus as Christ, the Son of God, who gives life in his name.



Today in the Parish

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mabel Cheng, in thanksgiving for blessings.

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.

QED TODAY (postponed due to Easter) Following 10:30 worship we will meet to examine how we love and how we should love, using a liberation theology lens with critical compassion. We have considered these subjects for millennia, from the Iliad, Queen Esther, Ruth, Song

of Songs and Corinthians 13 to King Arthur, Shakespearean plays, soap operas, modern romance novels and fanworks. In our discussion we will explore how honoring the fullness of how we love, from agape to eros, may bless our lives and why it's at the heart of Jesus commandments, to love God and our fellow human beings.

You are invited to consider your favorite love story, no matter the type of love or story, and bring it to the discussion. You may also bring a snack to share and lunch to tide you over, and some coffee to the St Thomas library for the social time before the discussion starts ~12:15

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This discussion group meets the first Sunday of each month after the 10:30 service in the St Thomas library. All are welcome to explore an LGBTQIA+ 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

Upcoming & Continuing Events

Pr. Salying will serve as preaching faculty at retreat, April 17-19. The West Coast Collaborative, a school for training lay preachers and deacon across three diocese (El Camino, Northern California and San Joaquin), has invited Pr. Salying to teach for the weekend. Thank you to Rev. Barbara for filling in while she is gone.

In addition, Pr. Salying might have to serve Jury Duty the week of **April 20-24**, so some disruption in her availability may occur.

The Non-Violent Jesus from the Beatitude Society.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus hosts the supper during which he institutes the Sacrament of the Eucharist and gives, as well as demonstrates, his last instructions about how to. It is striking that Jesus

said nothing harsh to Judas. He knew what Judas was going to do and only told him to do what he needed to do. An incredible action without violence. That degree of non-violence demands hard work but is necessary in all of us.

The Diocesan Social Justice Committee is offering a series of videotaped talks created by Rev. John Dear, Founder of the Beatitudes Center, to inspire us to follow Jesus in non-violence. Father Dear brings his energy and deep commitment to non-violence to an stirring and inspiring discussion of Jesus' path of non-violence. Each Thursday throughout Eastertide at **6:30pm continuing April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21** on Zoom. All are invited! There is no cost. Please register at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91234567890>.

General Announcements

Peace and Justice Did you know that the Episcopal Church has Public Policy and Witness Weekly Prayers?

They are in English, Spanish, and French, with a tab at the top of the page to switch languages. Check it out to pray together with the Episcopalians across the country:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/category/office-of-government-relations/public-policy-and-witness-weekly-prayers/>

Action items:

- Support the [Episcopal Church in Minnesota's Migration Caucus](#) with your prayers or donation
- Contact your Senators ([Schiff](#) and [Padilla](#)) and [Representative](#) to let them know how you feel.
- Keep [Sunnyvale Community Services](#) and [Helping Hands Silicon Valley](#) in your prayers or consider a donation as they work to prevent homelessness and aid our homeless neighbors.
- Livable Sunnyvale www.livablesunnyvale.org

St. Thomas Library ...from the Archives Committee

What do you know about the Resurrection Chapel?

Our library moved from its old space (Epistle/street side of the altar) to its new home in the office wing in 1984. With the old room being available, construction began for the chapel, thanks to a \$10,000 gift donated by the mother of then-rector the Rev. William Cowans, in memory of her husband.

The altar, Icon, and wood sculpture were donated by members of the parish. The Rev. Bill Cowans designed and made the altar candle sticks and the cross on the wall. The sculpture was designed by a well-known artist, Ernst Schwidder. His works are in many museums. The archives committee has not been able to locate the artist of the stained-glass window. At its dedication, the chapel was named Resurrection Chapel by Harold Anderson, M.D.

Gage McKinney and Ilka Weber were the first couple to be married in the chapel. After completion, the office staff used it every weekday for Morning Prayer. The Wednesday Noon Eucharist and the 5:30 service on Sunday evenings were also celebrated there.

For the 75th anniversary of the church (September 17, 1986), Randi Schmidt designed a commemorative plate with the drawing of the Resurrection Chapel. The plates were made available to members of the church.

Please stop by the Archives case in the narthex to view the plate and several photos.

(The history gathered was a joint effort by Chris and Randi Schmidt and the Archives Committee.)

St. Thomas Library - QR code:

You will find new books listed including the Book Club roster, library hours, topic walls, magazines, ministry resources and links to the Diocese of El Camino Real and the Diocese of California.



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.

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

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.

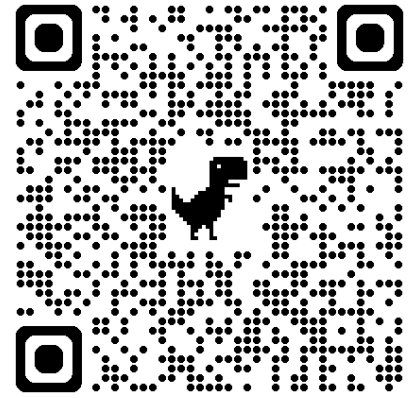
Online Giving Please look for the “GIVE” option on the main menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located on the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “GIVE”, you will be taken to a new page where you may donate through PayPal, using a debit or credit card. OR, if you prefer, you may go directly to the PayPal site through the following link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9C43D8TLRQCLU&source=url
or scan 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



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). Naveen Prasad is 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 the website: www.stthomas-svale.org

Companionship 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 or the website: www.stthomas-svale.org

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. Note: this class will NOT meet on Friday, May 8.

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

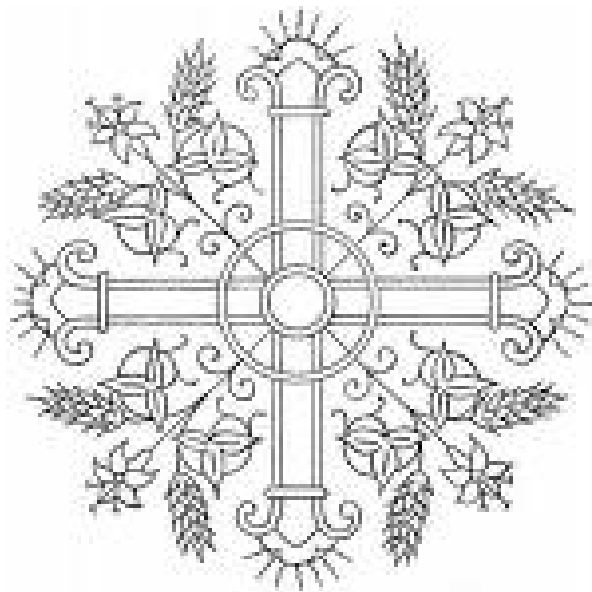
Craft Group The Craft Group continues meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the library. The next meetings are **April 23** and **May 14**.

Book Club The Book Club meets once a month by 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, April 27**, when we meet to discuss *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* by Jose Antonio Vargas, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, who shares, with affection and humor, the deeply personal and multilayered story of living undocumented in America for 25 years. More than that, this book—at its core—is about homelessness, the unsettled, unmoored psychological state that undocumented immigrants live in, “about

constantly hiding from the government and, in the process, hiding from ourselves”.

Please join us—contact Carol through our website:

www.stthomas-svale.org/contact for the Zoom link.



Weekly Worship at St. Thomas

Tuesdays, 5pm Centering Prayer (Zoom only)

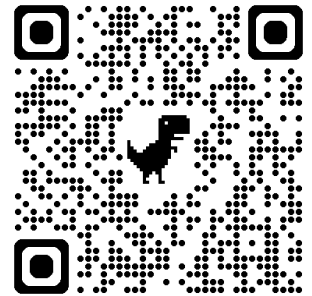
led by Pastor Salying

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Centering Prayer is canceled this week and will resume Tuesday April 7.

Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer

with Commemoration of Saints led by Pastor Salying:

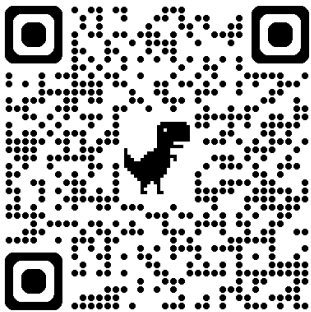
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*Noonday Prayer is canceled this week
and will resume Wednesday April 8.*

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

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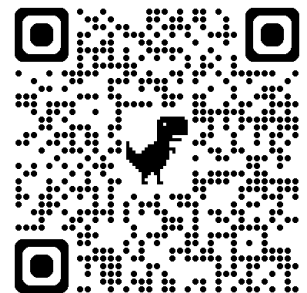
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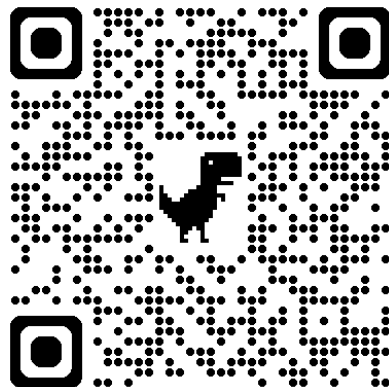
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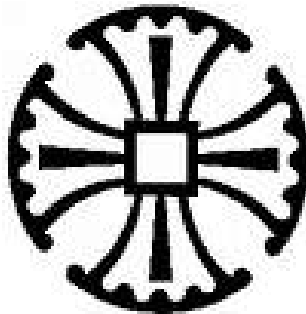
*Please see website
www.stthomas-svale.org
for additional week-to-week up-dates.*



Parish Mission Statement

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!

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



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