

Easter Sunday



Orthodox icon *Anastasis - Stand Again*

Sunday, April 5, 2026

10:30am

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Sunnyvale, California

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Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30am

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!

After worship today, we invite you to join us for a special Easter brunch, and Easter Egg Hunt. Details at the back of this bulletin.

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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Families with Children

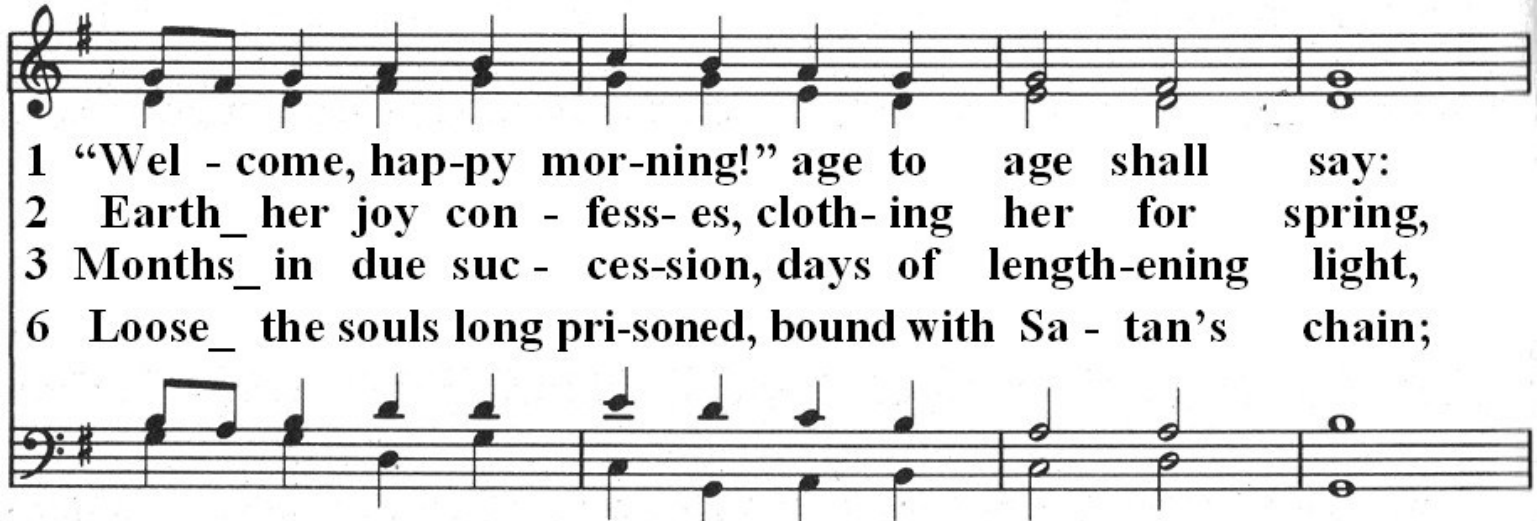
There is a comfortable sitting area in the back of the sanctuary with toys and books for children.

Prelude

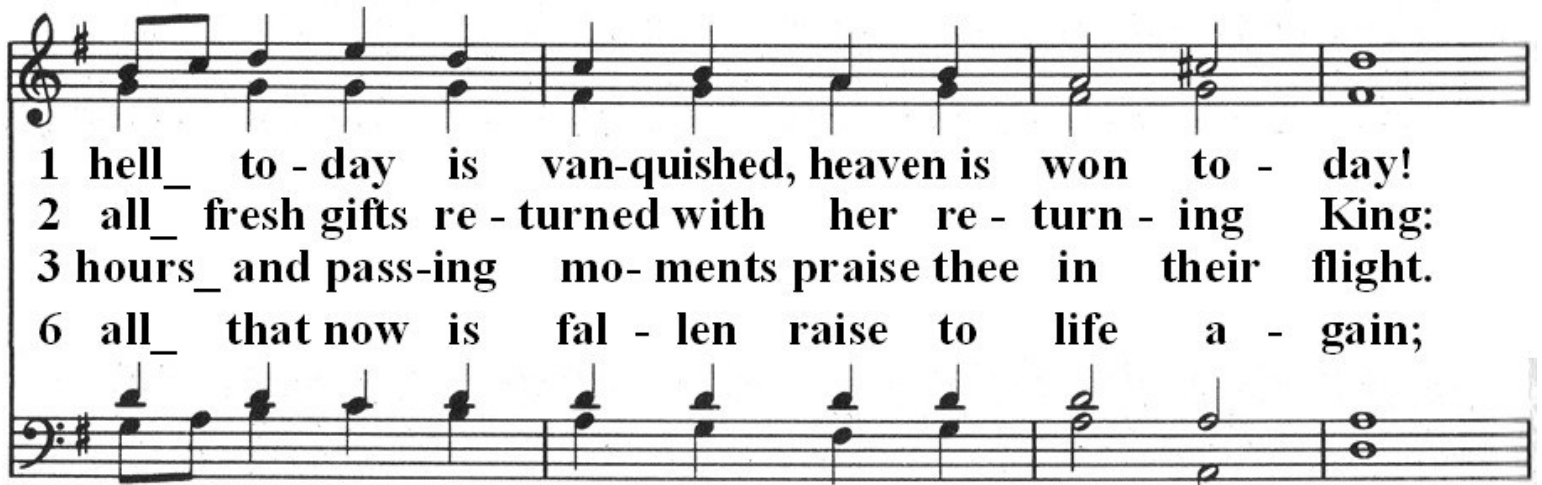
Opening Hymn

Hymnal #179

Welcome, Happy Morning verses, 1, 2, 3, 6



1 "Wel - come, hap-py mor-ning!" age to age shall say:
2 Earth_ her joy con - fess- es, cloth- ing her for spring,
3 Months_ in due suc - ces- sion, days of length- ening light,
6 Loose_ the souls long pri- soned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



1 hell_ to - day is van- quished, heaven is won to - day!
2 all_ fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:
3 hours_ and pass- ing mo- ments praise thee in their flight.
6 all_ that now is fal - len raise to life a - gain;



1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
3 Bright-ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
6 show thy face in bright-ness, bid the na - tions see;

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1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van-quist-er of dark-ness, bring their praise to thee.
 6 bring a - gain our day-light: day re - turns with thee!

Refrain

“Wel - come, hap-py morn-ing!” age to age shall say.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.
 Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

Greeting *(Sung 3 times)*

Celebrant:

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

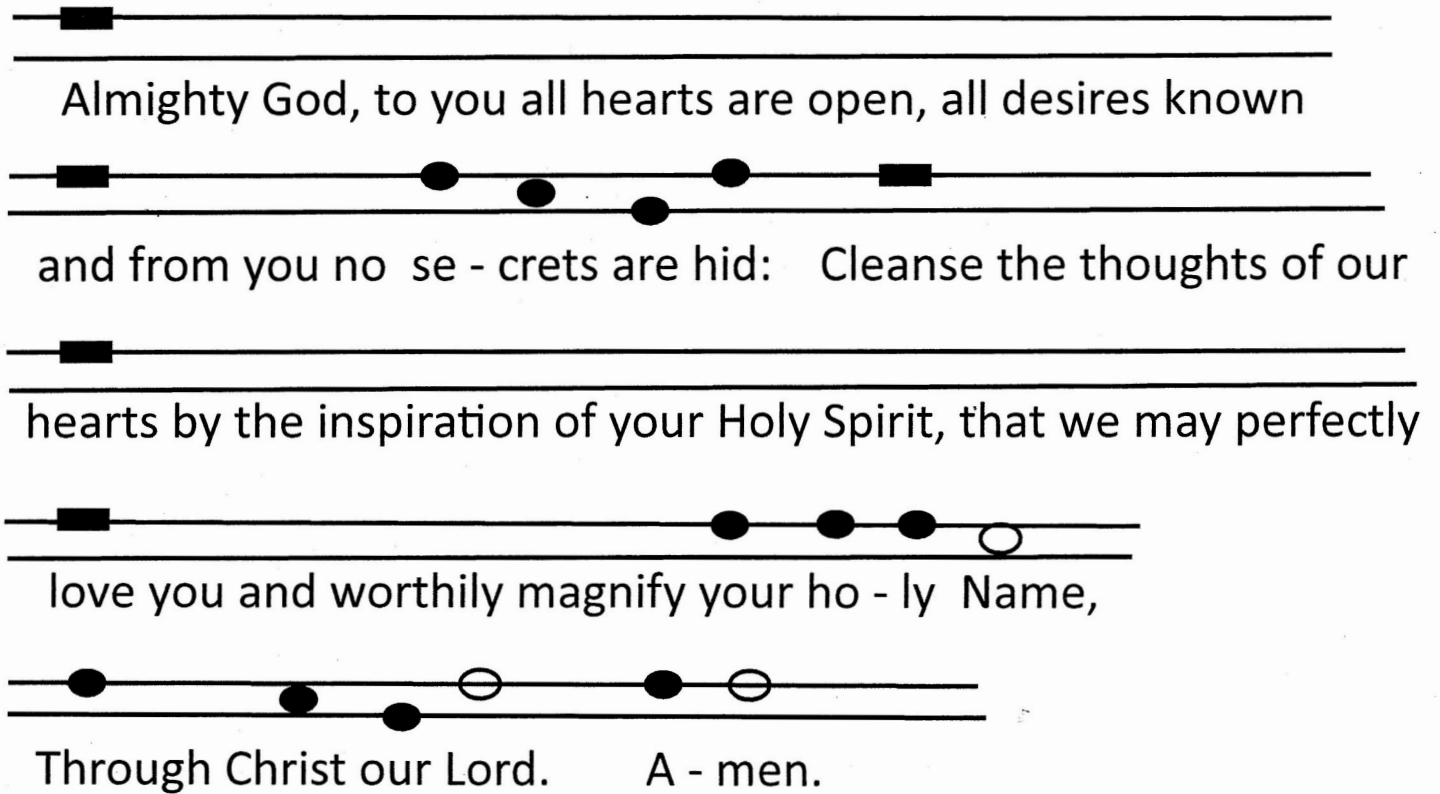
People:

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

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant:



Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known
and from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify your ho - ly Name,
Through Christ our Lord. A - men.

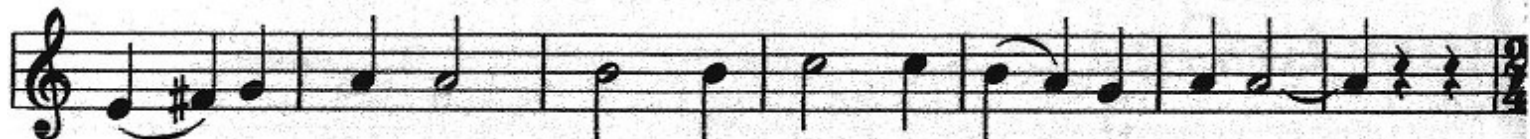
Gloria

WLP #900

*Please join in singing
the Gloria.*

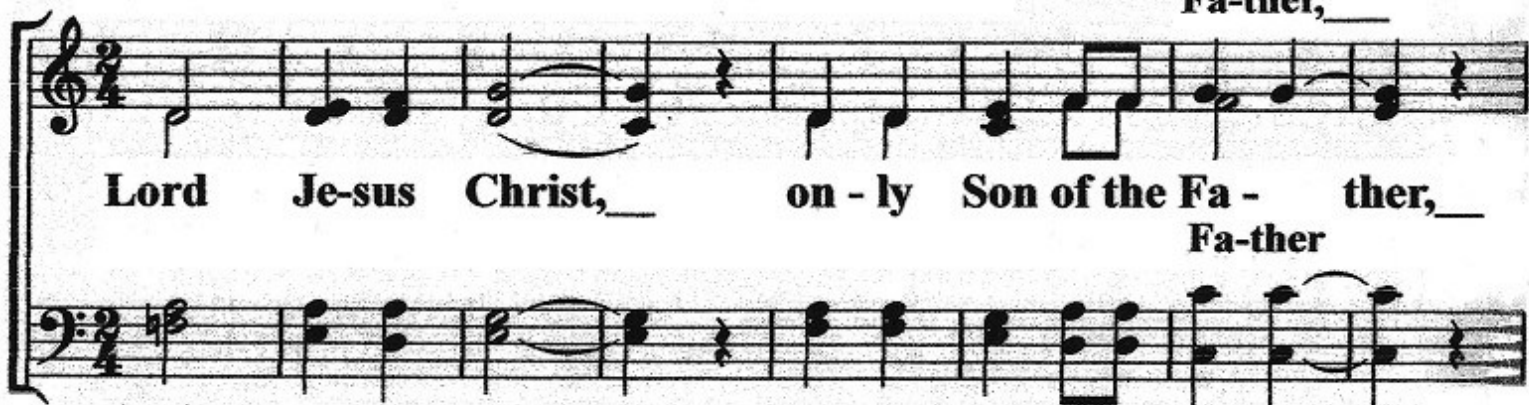


4
Glo-ry to God in the high-est,
and peace to his peo-ple on earth Lord God,
heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship



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

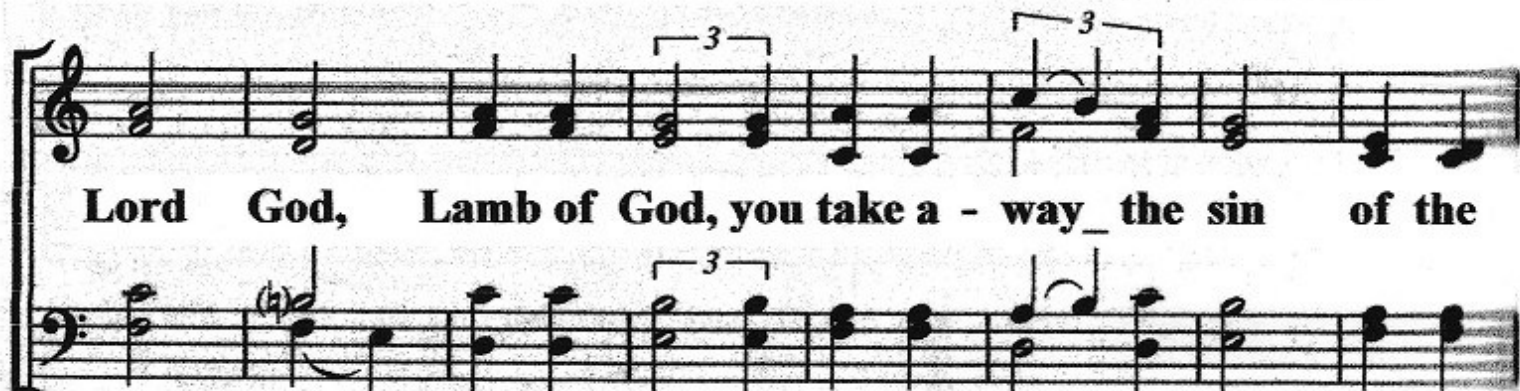
Fa-ther,



Lord Jesus 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

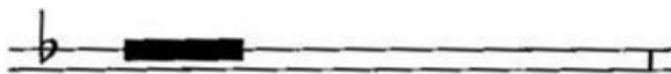
you a - lone are the Ho-ly One,___ you a - lone are the

Lord,___ you a - lone are the Most High

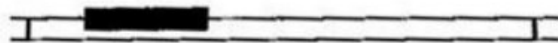
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,___

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

Collect for Easter Day



Celebrant: God be with you.



People: And also with you.



Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power

of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Acts 10:34-43

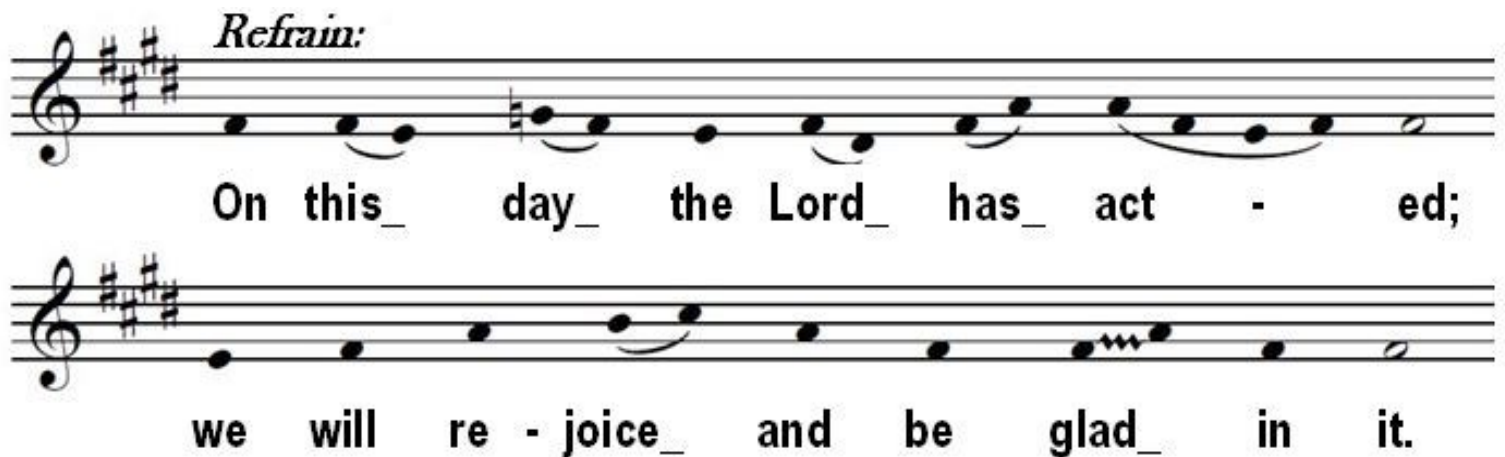
Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The choir and the congregation sing together the refrain.

Refrain:



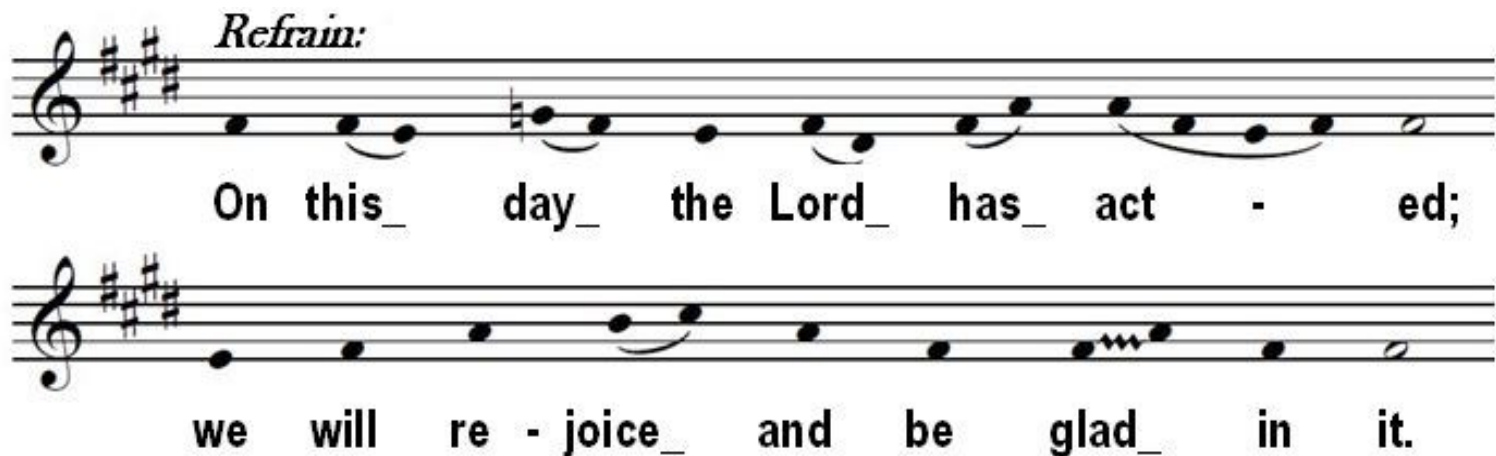
On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good;
whose mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation. *Refrain*

Refrain:



On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

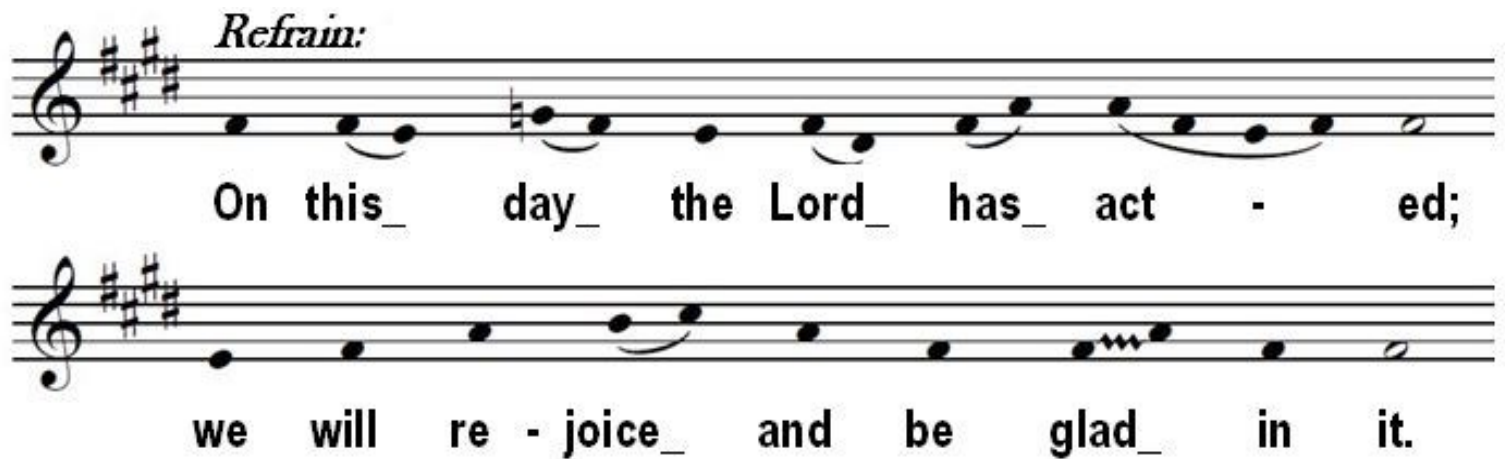
"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" *Refrain (as above)*

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good; *
whose mercy endures for ever. *Refrain*

Refrain:

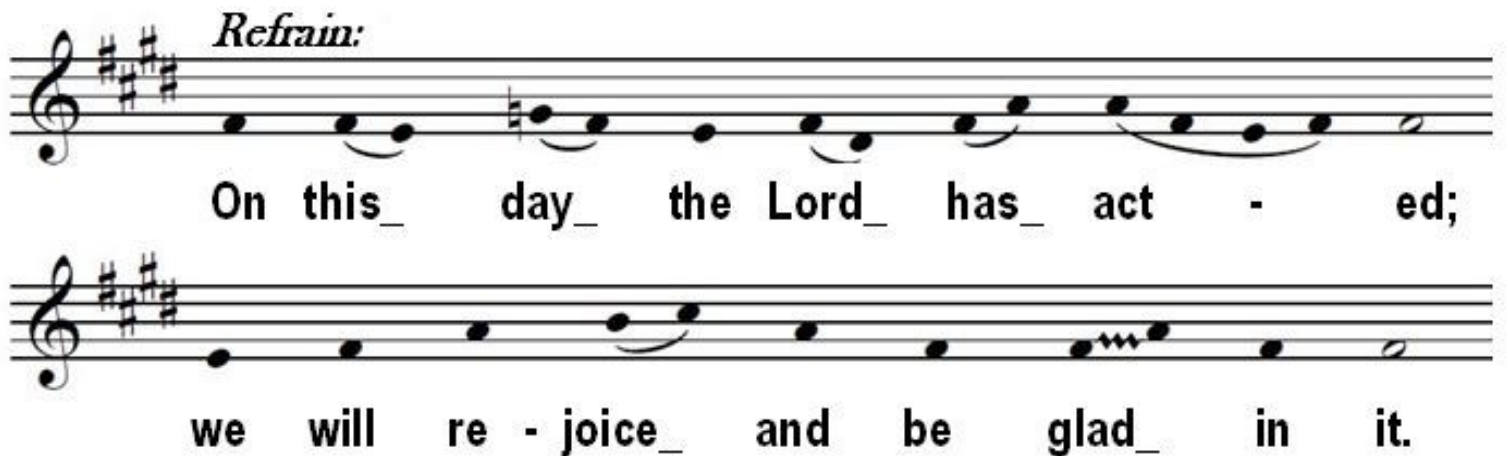


On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD;
those who are righteous may enter." *Refrain*

Refrain:



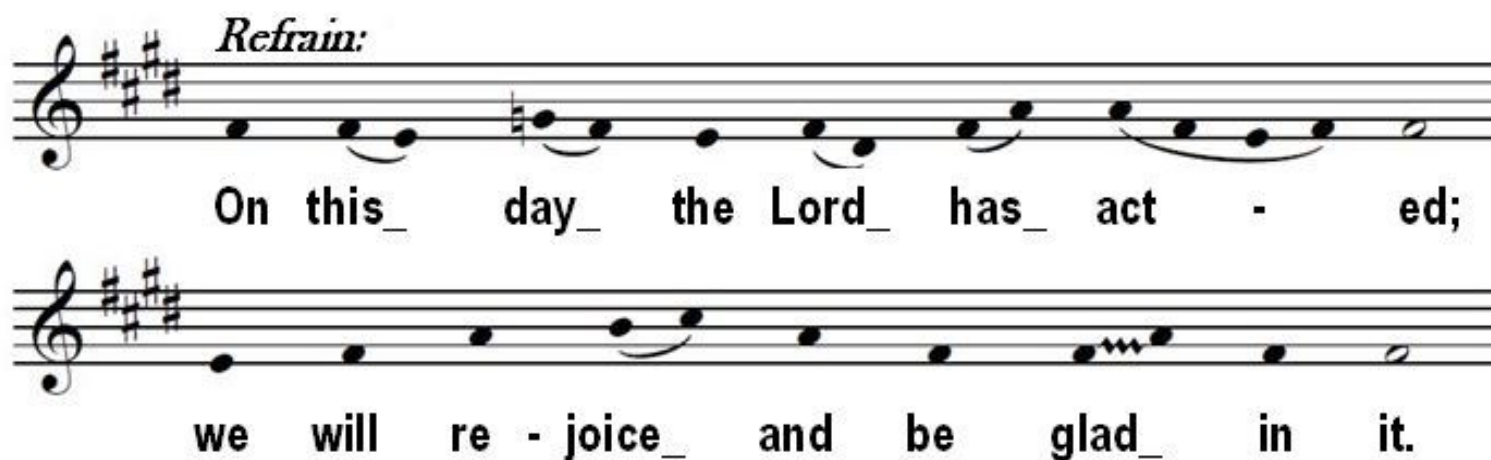
On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes. *Refrain*

Refrain:



On this_ day_ the Lord_ has_ act - ed;
we will re - joice_ and be glad_ in it.

The Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Wonder, Love, and Praise #817

See next page.

Christ is Risen from the Dead

Please join the choir in singing the troparion three times.

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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: Matthew 28:1-10

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his

disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

As you are sprinkled, it is appropriate to make the sign of the cross.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News
of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your
neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and
respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy
Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

People: Amen.

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 Hea-ven and earth are filled with your
 glo - - - 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.

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

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

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

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

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,

we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

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

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth

and make us your new creation,

the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,

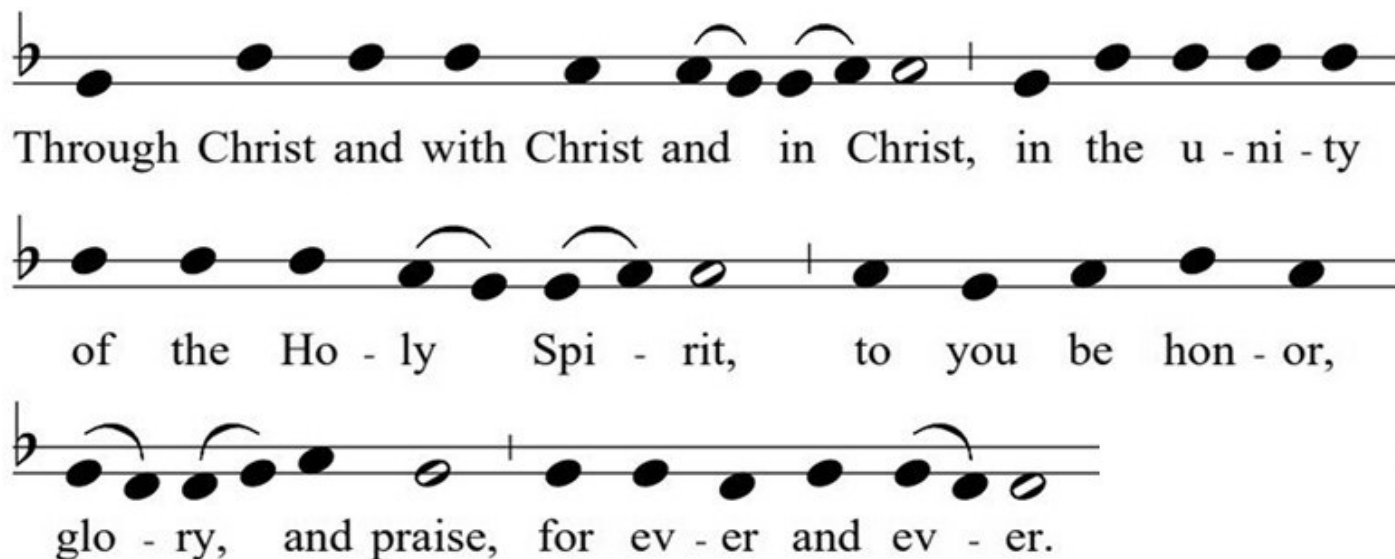
with Thomas and all your saints,

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

to feast at the banquet prepared

from the foundation of the world.

Celebrant:



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

Celebrant and **People:**



A - MEN_

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread


The Fraction Anthem

WLP #875

Be Known to Us

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

Choir: (1st time; Congregation repeats)



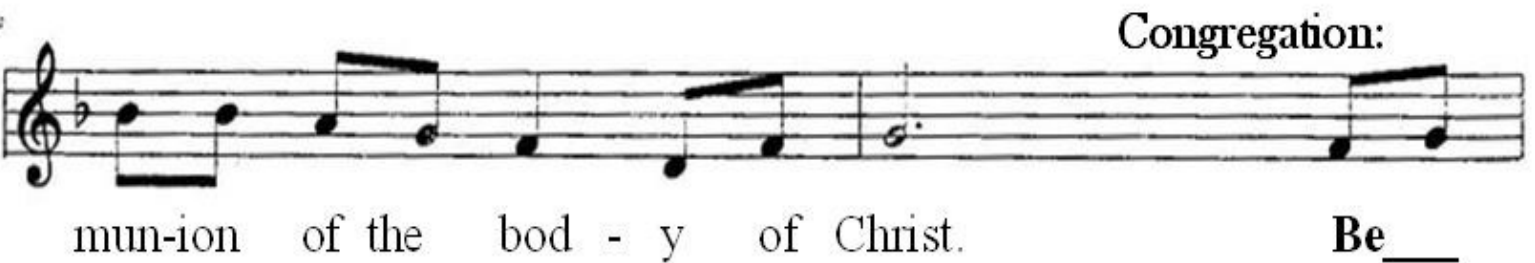
Be _ known to _ us, Lord _ Je - sus, in the
Be _ known to _ us, Lord _ Je - sus, in the




1. Congregation: 2. Choir:
break-ing _ of the bread. **Be _ bread. The _**
break-ing _ of the



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



Congregation:
mun-ion of the bod - y of Christ. **Be _**



known to _ us Lord _ Je - sus, in the break-ing _ of the

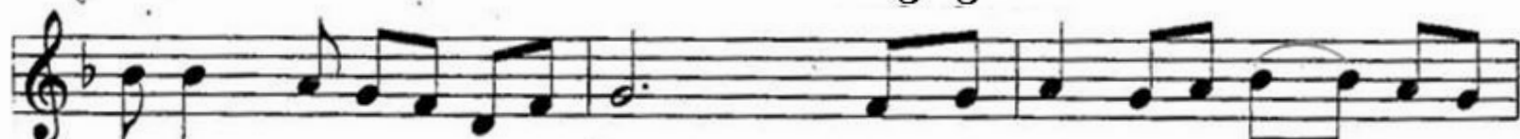
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Choir:




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

Congregation:



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



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

Setting: Gary James (b. 1957)
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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 #305

Come Risen Lord and Deign to Be Our Guest

Descant

3 one bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
2 We meet, as in that up-per room they met; thou
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

Ped.

Church u - nit - ed in com-mun-ion blest; one Name we

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
at the ta-ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;
Church u-nit-ed in com - mun - ion blest;
art one Sa-vior and one liv - ing Head;

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bear, _____ one Bread of life we break with all thy
 thy- self at thine own board make man - i - fest ___ in ___
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv- est yet: ___ faith ___
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, ___ with ___
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; ___ be ___

saints ___ on earth ___ and ___ saints ___ at ___ rest.
 thine own Sac-ra-ment of Bread and Wine.
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 known to us in break-ing of the Bread.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.

Music: *Rosedale*, Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

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Reserving the Sacrament and Lighting the New Aumbry Candle

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

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.**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Descant

1 Je-sus Christ is risen to-day__
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing__ Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured__
4 Sing we to our God a-bove__

our tri-um-phant ho - ly day,__
un - to Christ, our hea-ven-ly King,__ Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal-va - tion have pro-cured,__
praise e - ter - nal as his love,__

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who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, **Al - le - lu - ia!**
 now a - bove the sky he's King,
 praise him, all ye heaven-ly host,

suf - fer_ to re - deem our loss._
 sin - ners_ to re - deem and save._ **Al - le - lu - ia!**
 where_ the_ an - gels ev - er sing._
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost._

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt.;
 desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950

77. 77 with Alleluias

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude



*After worship there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children:
Following the bell ringing at the end of the service,
we will meet in the courtyard where you will get further instructions.
Parents are encouraged to help in the hunt.*

*Please join us for a festive brunch reception
in Cowans Hall across the courtyard.*



Serving today

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Salying Wong

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kopischke

Lectors: Abby O'Connell, Fran Hostettler

Psalmist: Karen Huyser

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: Tian Zhu

Zoom Host: Susan Durham Powers

Acts 10:34-43

In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, the second part of Luke's two-volume work, the evangelist extends the power of the Holy Spirit, who was first encountered in the angel's announcement to Zechariah (Luke 1), to the apostles' preaching of the cross and resurrection, first in Jerusalem (Acts chap. 2–8), then in Judea and Samaria (chap. 8–9), then to the Gentiles (chap. 10–15), and finally to the ends of the earth (chap. 15–28). Luke's narrative demonstrates how, with the blessing of the Spirit, the church expanded throughout the Greco-Roman world, especially through the efforts of first Peter and then Paul. Acts describes the church in a positive light. Its twenty-eight sermons and speeches convey Luke's message to his readers in the late 80s. In chapter 10, the story of Peter's testifying to the Roman centurion Cornelius, Luke included a summary of the Christian proclamation, concluding with his customary emphasis on the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 3:1-4

Because the rhetoric and theology of Colossians differ substantially from that of the uncontested Pauline letters, most scholars judge that this letter to the church in Colossae, a city in what is now western Turkey, was written in about 75 CE by a disciple of Paul. Opposing a current teaching in the Colossian community that believers ought to experience angelic visions, the author argued that baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ is enough for salvation. In Colossians 3, the author repeats the Pauline theology: you have died and have already been raised to life in Christ.

Matthew 28:1-10

Matthew, writing in the mid-80s, added some significant details to Mark's description of the empty tomb. In Matthew, an earthquake accompanied the descent of a radiant angel; there are guards who

became immobilized with fear; the women experienced not only fear, but also great joy; and Jesus himself appeared to the women, who take hold of his feet and worship him. The details lend verisimilitude to the mystery of Christ's resurrection, and the narrative concludes with the believers worshipping the risen Lord.



Today in the Parish

The Altar Flowers

are given for Easter by the following:

For family members:

Carol Campbell

Jim and Donna Cobb

Peg Prior

Nancy Tucker



In loving memory of Sue Beckham
by Carl Beckham

For Frances and Albert Maloney, and Mary Carol Rudel
by Peter and MaryBeth Baust

In celebration of Easter and in loving memory of Jane Doman
by Sharon Glassett

After worship there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children: Following the bell ringing at the end of the service, we will meet in

the courtyard where you will get further instructions. Parents are encouraged to help in the hunt.

AND

Please join us in Cowans Hall across the courtyard for a special **Easter brunch**. We will be serving a chopped Caprese salad along with some warm bread. We will also be serving a wine punch, and a non-alcoholic punch, in addition to our normal beverages. Please do not feel that you need to bring something to come to the brunch. All are welcome at our tables.

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.

Offerings During Holy Week and Easter Each year, the offering given on Good Friday goes to the Diocese of Jerusalem in the Holy Land. Our Easter Offering will be shared with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming & Continuing Events

This Week following Easter Sunday, there will be no Centering Prayer on Tuesday nor Noonday Prayer on Wednesday. We will resume the normal schedule the following week.

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 beginning April 9**, 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/meeting/register/L9FuXM_ET2-vNS4rFbH0xQ.

For more information on John Dear, see <https://johndear.org/>

Earth Day Festival: Empowering Our Community

Sunnyvale's Earth Day Festival features family-friendly and sustainability-focused activities. Bike to the event and explore a variety of environmental activities hands-free after checking your bike at our free valet.

For more information, [email us](#) or call 408-730-7717.

Location: Sunnyvale Civic Center, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Date & Time: Saturday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Event Activity

This Earth Day, turn your curiosity into community science! As part of the 2026 Sunnyvale Earth Day Festival, we are [hosting a city-wide BioBlitz through the iNaturalist app](#). Download the app before the event and stop by the BioBlitz booth at Earth Day to participate.

Whether you're an experienced naturalist or a curious beginner, your observations help scientists track local biodiversity and protect our unique ecosystems.

Dearly Departed from St. Thomas

Pat Williams

passed away in November. The family is now planning a service for her on **Saturday April 11, 2026 at 10:00am.** (No reception.)

QED (Queer Episcopal Discussions) Group: Love

On **April 12** (postponed due to Easter) we will be examining 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 2LGBTQIA+ 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

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 (below)

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 9 & 23**.

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)

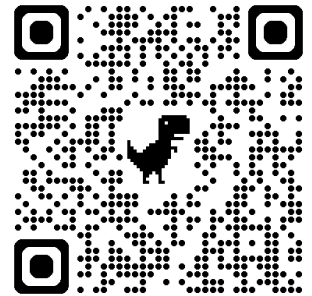
led by Pastor Salying

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Centering Prayer is canceled this week and will resume Tuesday April 14.

Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer

with Commemoration of Saints led by Pastor Salying:

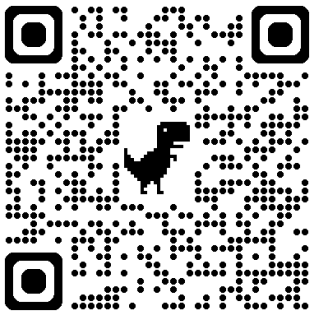
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*Noonday Prayer is canceled this week
and will resume Wednesday April 15.*

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

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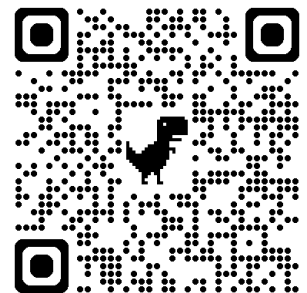
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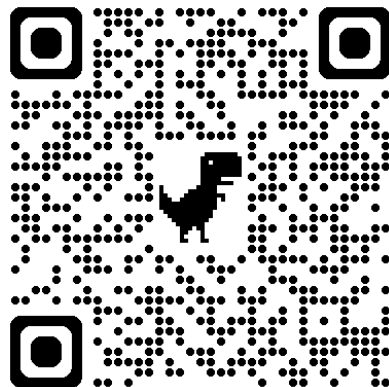
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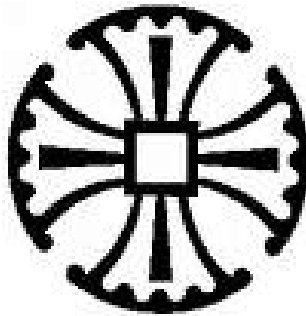
*Please see website
www.stthomas-svale.org
for additional week-to-week up-dates.*



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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THE VESTRY OF ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNNYVALE

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Carol Campbell, Junior Warden	Carol Campbell	Ann Kopischke	Karen Huyser
	Naveen Raja	Eric Larkin	Quique Munoz
Eric Larkin, Clerk	Tian Zhu	Charlie Mendoza	

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Mabel Cheng Stephanie Daugherty Susan Durham Powers Aer van de Water

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