Welcome to ZOOM worship at St. Thomas.

This Sunday at 10:00am, you are invited to join Pastor Salying for open conversation before worship begins at 10:30am.

Now that most of us know how to use Zoom, the half hour before service usually dedicated to trouble-shooting will also be an open time to connect with one another and with the pastor. All are welcome. Just sign in as usual.

All others, at 10:20-10:25am Sunday, please connect to our worship meeting.

There are two ways to do this:

1. by computer or smartphone (video and audio):
   You may access our ZOOM meeting on the following link:
   https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101

2. by telephone (audio only):
   Dial +1 669 900 9128     Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101

This will be our link/ID going forward.

When prompted for a participant number, touch the pound key #
Notes for dial-in users: *6 (star 6) to mute/unmute the audio from your phone to the meeting. This doesn't stop audio from the meeting to you.
*9 (star 9) raise your hand to (hopefully) let someone else at the meeting know you'd like to speak. You may use *9 again to lower your raised hand. Actual connection time may take several minutes; please be patient.

Once you are connected, your face (or phone number) should appear in a square on your screen, as will the faces of others who have signed in.
Note: For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.

We will begin with introductory remarks, announcements, and then worship with Morning Prayer together as one large body; we will then break out into small groups for “coffee hour” and sermon discussion.

You may print the order of service from this document, OR you may follow along when the order of service appears on the screen.

When all are ready, the officiant will begin.
General Announcements

Zooming Along Six Months Strong
On Sunday, September 20, we will celebrate our community gathering for six months online. The Shelter-in-Place mandate could have left us feeling isolated and alone. We are grateful, then, for being able to gather online. There have been ways we’ve been blessed even in this time. Our community has grown in ways we have not imagined. Let’s celebrate this together with an open “Coffee Hour” session after the service. Thank you to Pat Dare and the Parish Events Planners for planning the day with the Re-entry Team.

Peace and Justice Committee Report
Voting Matters! Please Vote!
We are supporting PACT (People Acting in Community Together) and PACT’s parent organization PICO CA this election season to encourage potential voters to commit to vote in the Presidential Election and to support California Proposition 15. This will be done by phone & text canvassing and writing cards & letters. We need volunteers who are interested in helping. Please contact Cal Cornwell at 408.529.2066 or calcornwell@yahoo.com.

YES on Prop 15 – Schools & Communities First
Will bring $12 Billion to schools and local communities each year by closing a corporate property tax loophole. PICO CA has been working on this initiative for over 5 years and it represents a key pillar for our racial justice agenda because it will begin to rectify over 40 years of disinvestment in communities of color in California.

Weekly Diocesan Conversations About Race
The Revs. Karen Cuffie and Jani Wild are leading weekly pastoral conversations on racism every Thursday at 4:30 pm. There will be a brief introduction to the focus of the session followed by discussion and prayers. Please join us; there is no better way to learn, process, and share together than in a faith community.

There is no preparation required and no homework. Each meeting has a short video and then a discussion in breakout groups.

Please come to the conversation whenever it fits your schedule.

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83575948022?pwd=eUVMeDcrTTkzTHNKYUQ0c2J4b1YvUT09
Meeting ID: 835 7594 8022 Passcode: 748467
One tap mobile: 16699006833, 83575948022#, 0#, 748467#
St Thomas Library: Delivering to your Doorstep!
The library is excited to announce a trial of a no-contact delivery service starting September 6, 2020 and ending October 5, 2020. Due to Covid-19, we’re closed to in-person visits, but we will bring the books to you! Make requests by email to library@stthomas-svale.com or through your online account at https://stec.booksys.net/opac/cl/#menuHome We’ll put your items in a bag and leave it on your doorstep at a pre-arranged time. When you’re ready to return the items, send us another email and we’ll arrange a pick-up, preferably on a Friday. Simply leave the items in the bag on your doorstep at a pre-arranged time and we’ll pick them up! If you live more than 30 minutes from the church, then we can mail items to you. You’re responsible for return postage.
If you’d like to read the procedures we use to minimize risk, including health checks, hand sanitizer and quarantining returns, a document is available on the website or can be requested from the library.
We’ve acquired new titles since the start of the year! Why not try...
Wrestling with God by Valerie Ann Hart
They Call Us Enemy by George Takei – Teens and older/Book Club choice
The Painting Table: A Journal of Joy and Loss by Roger Hutchinson

Children’s Ministry Hour gatherings on Thursday Afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for a lesson on Moses. Be sure to join us on Thursday at our new Zoom address. The new address is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86433323177

Re-Keying the Campus
Dorothy Furgerson
The Vestry has approved a new Key Control policy that spells out how we control access to our buildings to safeguard our people and property. Before we are able to gather at St. Thomas again, we will be getting the exterior doors and most of the interior doors re-keyed.
The Vestry has developed a list of the roles that may require people in those roles to have keys, and to which buildings. Before getting a new key, each person identified in an eligible role will need to complete on-line training in Safeguarding God’s People and/or Children, and to sign an agreement to abide by the policy: to use the key only for sanctioned entry, to not copy the key or give it to someone else, and to return it when no longer in the role or when requested. The Parish Administrator will maintain a roster of who has keys. We are discussing requiring a deposit from non-St. Thomas people getting keys.
Members of the congregation identified as needing keys are the staff, Vestry, Altar Guild, LEMs, library volunteers, and leaders of groups/programs that meet or work at St. Thomas. Pam Storrer will be coordinating the on-line training and will notify people of which modules they need to complete and how to access them. We will give people at least a month to complete the training and sign the agreement before we have the re-keying done.

If you currently have a key and want to see if your role is included in the list we have developed, please contact Dorothy Furgerson: drdfurg@mac.com.

Re-entry Team Report

As you know, we are in Phase II of the response to the COVID crisis. This means we shelter-in-place and do worship, programs, and meetings online. Only essential business is conducted on campus. Our Daily Bread volunteers conducting the business of the meal program are managed by David Barnes while on campus.

All others must have Pastor Salying's permission to be on campus and follow the protocol of masks and disinfection.

For the present time, we will worship online for the rest of the year. At the beginning of 2021, the re-entry team will reassess the plan. Even so, our current reentry plan provides a protocol for extraordinary worship gatherings, (funerals and memorial services) to be held outdoors, with attendance limited to the numbers allowed for gatherings in Santa Clara County. Our protocol requires social distancing, wearing of masks by all participants, and that the service be non-contact (no Peace, Eucharist, etc). We will require that the requester cover the cost for janitorial cleaning / sanitation services. Written attendance lists will be maintained in the event that a post-event positive diagnosis is made and contract tracing information is required.

Protocols for the lunch program, Our Daily Bread have been in place since the switch to take-out meals, and are an addendum to the parish reentry plan. A return to sit-down dining depends on a lifting of restrictions on in-door gatherings and group sizes in the County and approval from the Bishop.

At this time the library remains closed and the office is minimally staffed. AA and AlAnon are not meeting at the parish at this time.

If you have specific questions regarding the reentry plan, please contact Lou Poulain at lou.poulain@comcast.net.
**Online Giving Update:** Online donations has gone live on our website! Online Giving: Please look for the “Donate” option on the main menu bar on the St. Thomas website. It is located in the upper right side of the home page. Once you select “Donate” you will be taken to the PayPal site for our St. Thomas account. You may donate through PayPal, use a debit card or use a credit card. Or if you prefer you may go directly to PayPal through the following link:

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

As always, we want to say “Thank You!” We have received strong support during this time of crisis and are most grateful for your continued support of the church’s operations.

**Bishop’s COVID-19 Fund helps diocesan family**
As cases of COVID-19 rise within California, the “Bishop’s COVID-19 Fund” is responding to the alarming need of people in our parishes for the basics of food and shelter. The fund provides for those whose livelihoods have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. To make a gift online, visit the “Donate” page at the diocesan website (click here). Or mail a check to the diocesan office: Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real, PO Box 689, Salinas, CA 93902. Please state “Bishop’s COVID-19 Fund” in the memo area of checks. Thank you!

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**Small Groups and Spiritual Formation Ministries**

**Join our Prayer Chain Team** The Prayer Chain at St. Thomas is a group of people dedicated to lifting up our concerns to God. If you would like to join this team, please email to prayerchain@stthomas-svale.us and let Deacon Bertram know that you would like to join. Also, this email address receives prayer requests, so please send your concerns here.

**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.

**Craft Group** is on hiatus, with the next meeting TBD.

**Book Club** usually meets once a month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the St. Thomas Library. We are an open book club: All are welcome, whether you have read the book or not. **Please note that the Book Club now meets on the last Monday of the month.**

On **Monday September 28**, using Zoom conferencing, we will meet to discuss **They Called Us Enemy** by George Takei. The well-known Japanese-American actor’s firsthand account of his childhood internment years behind barbed wire describes the joys and terrors of growing up under legalized racism, his mother's hard choices, his father's faith in democracy, and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future. What does it mean to be American? Who gets to decide? When the world is against you, what can one person do?

Please join us – contact Dorothy Furgerson for the Zoom ID: drdfurg@mac.com

**The Parish Library and Diocesan Resource Center** are normally staffed from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, open on Sundays after the morning services and may be visited at any time the Parish Office is open (408-736-4155). **Currently the Library is closed through the summer, and likely the rest of the year. Please see our new delivery service described on page 3.**

The Library catalogue can be viewed at [http://www.stthomas-svale.org](http://www.stthomas-svale.org)

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**NOTABLE EVENTS**

**Zooming Along Six Months Strong**
Sunday, September 20 after 10:30am Morning Prayer
Weekly Worship at St. Thomas during shelter-in-place

**Tuesdays, 6pm Centering Prayer**, led by Pastor Salying:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/724376004
Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128  meeting ID# 724376004

**Wednesdays, 12:15pm Noonday Prayer** with Commemoration of a Saint, led by Pastor Salying:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313271549
Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128  meeting ID# 86313271549

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm Compline** with Deacon Bertram:

https://zoom.us/j/499220185
Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128  meeting ID# 499220185

**Thursdays, 9:00am Morning Prayer** with Deacon Bertram, in connection with St. Margaret’s in Washington, DC:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/151825096?
pwd=bG1hZk05TGhLdWdBYlp1U1NBR1JWdz09
Password: 184402

Dial-in option: 1 669 900 6833  meeting ID# 151825096
Password: 184402

OR
via the St. Margaret’s website, https://www.stmargaretsdc.org/
halfway down on the right, click on
**Virtual Noonday Prayer and Lectio Divina on Thursdays**
*(NOTE: 9am PDT = Noonday in Washington)*

**Sundays, 10:30am Morning Prayer** with whole congregation, led by Pastor Salying:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101
Dial-in option: 1 669 900 9128  Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101
The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Opening Music

Creator of the Stars of Night
Fulvia Govetto, soprano
Michele Kemmerling, piano

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovfpMQ2j8bY

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a namaste of peace.

The bell tolls and the officiant continues.

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
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.

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

The Confession

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.
Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Jubilate  Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

Refrain

The Lord is full of com-pas-sion and_ mercy, slow to an-ger_
and_ of great_kind-ness.

He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.  Refrain  (as above)
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. **Refrain**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him. **Refrain**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

The Lessons

**The First Lesson**  **Genesis 50:15-21**

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now
therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 10  The Second Song of Isaiah
Quaerite Dominum Isaiah 55:6-11
 Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
 Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
 And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
 So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
 But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
 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 Romans 14:1-12

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

in unison

Canticle 21: You are God Te Deum laudamus

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Parent:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
   Father, of majesty unbounded,
   your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
   and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
   Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

The Gospel Matthew 18:21-35
Gospeller: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church
sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus
said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who
wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one
who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not
pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and
all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees
before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’
And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him
the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow
slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he
said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

There will be a time of silence for meditation.

Anthem

Open My Eyes
Marty Haugen
Members of the St. Thomas Choir
Michele Kemmerling, piano
Maretha Davel, flute
Link: https://youtu.be/UyxqVDt-tKA

The Apostles Creed

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 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

The Lord’s Prayer  

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.
Leader: “God, our help in ages past and hope in years to come”, thank you for walking these days with us. Sometimes, the ground gives and we are uncertain if it will hold us; so, we hold fast to our trust in you, the foundation of our life and the Church. To you, we make our prayers:

We give thanks for the ability to gather from our various places in one Spirit. We give thanks that we can see each other’s faces and hear each other's voices, even though we are physically separated. We pray for all those who do not join in our gatherings, that they may still know the love of the gathered body and, most especially, your embracing love.

We pray also for gatherings that seek to worship you in all the world.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We pray for our nation, most especially in our time of crisis due to COVID, racial agony, severe economic hardship for many, political tumult, and now, natural disasters.

We pray for wise leadership, for politicians to serve the public good, and for laborers dedicated to the harvest of justice and peace.

We pray also for the nations and peoples around the world.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: We pray for all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, and for little children.

We pray for the protection of people who work under the threat of COVID so that we may enjoy the provisions of our daily life--for factory workers, farm workers, grocery store workers, healthcare workers, public servants, and the many laborers whom we do not see.

We pray especially for the workers of our lunch program, Our Daily Bread, and for our diners.

We pray also at this time for firefighters and first responders, for their energy, courage, and safety.
We pray for all people and creatures caught in the path of the burning. We pray for all who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes in the fires.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We pray for those who suffer even more now, especially the dying and those who wait and watch with them.
We pray for those who have died.

_Silence_

We pray especially for those who died brutal deaths.

_Silence_

We pray for those who will die today from COVID.

_Silence_

We lift our hearts in lament over all unnecessary deaths.

_Bell is tolled three times._

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We pray for our enemies and for the stranger.
We pray for compassion for others and for ourselves.
We pray for trust in your kingdom, forgiving one another’s debts as our debts are forgiven.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: God of mercy, have mercy on us. Come to our aid; come quickly to help us. Help us to calm down.
Finally, we ask for the protection of our joy and that you give us open and thankful hearts. Still the storms within us even as the storms without rage and tumult. For even as we slip and fall, we trust that we fall into you, the ground of our being.

To you, O Lord, we commend our souls.

People: **To you, O Lord. Amen.**
The Collects

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  Proper 19
O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son 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.

A Collect for Covid-19  Cameron Wiggins Bellm
May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors, remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home, remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, remember those children who will go hungry with no school meals.
May we who have to cancel our trips, remember those with no place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market, remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for quarantine at home, remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country, let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior, whose arms of love embrace us all. Amen.
The General Thanksgiving

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants 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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: 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 Son 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.

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Deacon: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.
Closing music

*Finale* from *Italian Concerto*

Benjamin Beleuw, piano

Link:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=hFBFlAFYGDI

Break-out groups:  Check-in by mutual invitation

and

Question for discussion:

*What would it be like to live in a world where there is no quid pro quo?*

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**Serving today**

Officiant and Preacher:  The Rev. Salying Wong  
Deacon: The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah  
Intercessor/Responder: Nancy Allgeier  
Lectors: Dorothy Furgerson, Cal Cornwell  
Cantor: Patrícia Pietrzyk
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