 **BOLD LIVING** March 2018

The newsletter of St. Thomas Episcopal Church
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Fred Mast

HOLY WEEK AT ST. THOMAS—MARCH 25-APRIL 1, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am – Palm Liturgy and Holy Eucharist (spoken service)

9:45 am – Palm Procession with the Donkey

10:30 am – Palm Liturgy in the Courtyard

Procession into the Church, Holy Eucharist

MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

9:15 am – Tuesday Morning Eucharist

7:00 pm – Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7:00 pm – Tenebrae

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm – Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist, Procession to the Altar of Repose,
Stripping of the Altar, and Watch

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon & 7:00 pm – Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross &
Holy Communion

2:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

7:00 pm – Easter Vigil

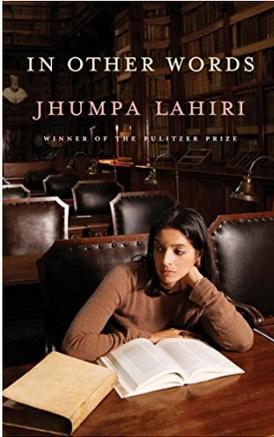
EASTER DAY

8:00 & 10:30 am – Festival Holy Eucharist

Easter Egg Hunt following both services

Learning to Speak In Other Words

By Mike Earnest



Do you write? Do you journal? Do you compose poetry? Do you love language and how it affects you? Do you enjoy an engaging memoir? Then, you must read *In Other Words* by Jhumpa Lahiri.

Jhumpa Lahiri also wrote *The Namesake*, *Unaccustomed Earth*, *The Lowland* and a Pulitzer Prize-winning collection of short-stories,

Interpreter of Maladies. Her writings poignantly explore the experiences of immigrant Indians living in Western cultures, many as lonely wayfarers struggling to belong here and yet called to reconnect to their ancient home, India.

Born in London of Bengali parents, Lahiri was allowed to speak only Bengali in her home. At an early age her family moved her to New York, where she could speak only English in school and with her new friends, but not at home. As a writer she chose English. But she never fully experienced herself in either language. Visiting Florence as a young adult, she fell in love with the Italian language. Years later, as a highly accomplished English-language writer she eventually moved her family to Rome, there immersing herself fully in speaking, reading and then writing in Italian!

In Other Words is a uniquely crafted book – One page in Italian, written by her, and the facing page, a translation, translated not by her but by an experienced professional – throughout the entire account of her linguistic conversion. What might have been a quirky gimmick actually works! Her story is deeply personal, revealing her outer struggles with the language and inner ones with herself. She courageously details her uprooting search for a new identity, as a writer and as a whole person, while she laboriously adopts Italian for her medium of expression.

I often find book review excerpts quoted by publishers very misleading. However, for this book several citations are, in my opinion, accurate. "As much a book of poetry as prose...Beautiful." *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. "Gorgeous....Lahiri gives us the most unusual of self-portraits." *New York Times Book Review*. "Exquisite....The most evocative, unpretentious, astute account of a writing life I have read." *The Washington Post*.

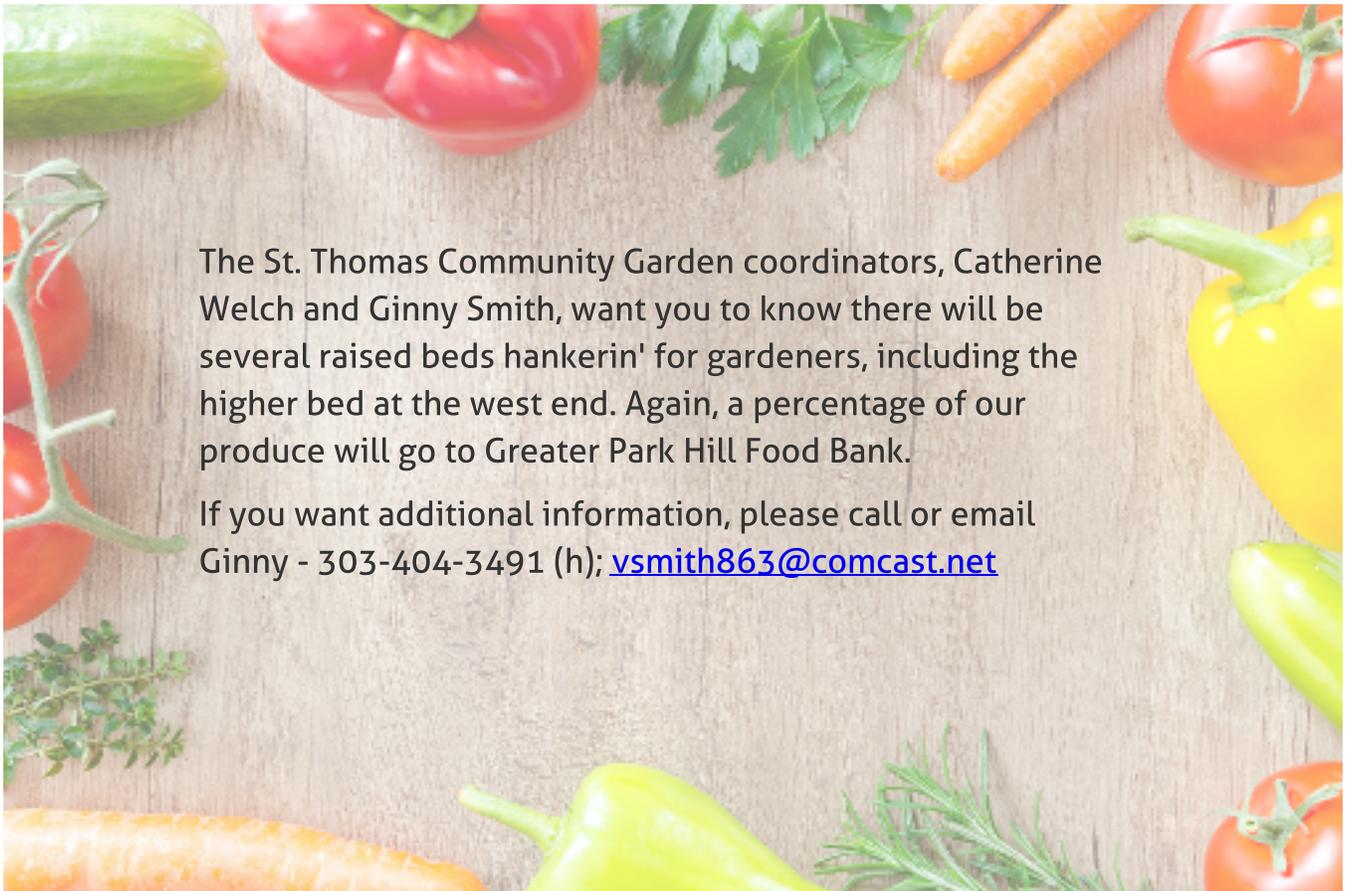
If you love the feel of deeply expressive language, you will love Lahiri's story. Then, maybe, you can dream of adopting another language – perhaps, Bengali? As for me, I am content to relish this beautiful memoir of her heroic quest.

In Other Words is available for loan from St. Thomas' John Emery Memorial Library.

Thank you to all those who made the February Sunday School/Emery Library session a success: Alex Stark, John Bullock, the parents who brought their children to the library, and most of all, the six children who were the real stars of the show. They all left the library with a book of their choice.

Our next Library Table will be March 18. We will feature books for the Easter season as well as selections that honor Women's History Month, including Jhumpa Lahiri's *In Other Words*. Thanks to Mike Earnest for reviewing it for us.

-Elsie Galbreath Haley



The St. Thomas Community Garden coordinators, Catherine Welch and Ginny Smith, want you to know there will be several raised beds hankerin' for gardeners, including the higher bed at the west end. Again, a percentage of our produce will go to Greater Park Hill Food Bank.

If you want additional information, please call or email Ginny - 303-404-3491 (h); vsmith863@comcast.net

Volunteer needed to oversee beautification of courtyard and area around sign

Wanted (and Needed): Someone with a strong interest/experience in gardening to oversee this season's beautification of the St. Thomas courtyard and the area around the St. Thomas sign at the front of the church.

The St. Thomas Building and Grounds Committee is looking for a volunteer to lead the effort to make the church courtyard a welcoming and beautiful space this Spring, Summer, and Fall by developing a plan for the seasonal flowers, organizing a team of volunteers to assist with planning and planting these flowers, and developing a watering schedule and recruiting volunteers to implement the schedule throughout the blooming season.

The Building and Grounds Committee will provide

guidance with this beautification process but will count on the volunteer leading this effort to be the main supervisor.

If you are interested in expressing your creativity and organizational skills through this beautification effort or have questions about the position, please contact one of the members of the Building and Grounds Committee: Kathi Atkins, Sean Middelswart, Karl Reuter, Marti Smith, or Grace Atufunwa (Vestry Representative).

A job description is available to help guide you through this process of making the St. Thomas courtyard and planting area around the church sign places of beauty and pride for St. Thomas and the neighborhood.

ENOUGH! STOP IT!

By Mike Earnest

Enough killing! Please stop it. Dear God, save us from ourselves...

ENOUGH! – School shootings. People are talking about “Maybe this is our new normal”. Eighteen school gun-violence events since January 1. Obscene!

ENOUGH! – People killed each year in the US. Over 33,000 - women, men and children. About 92 every single day. (2013 statistics, Wikipedia). The news reports show us the epidemic is growing even today. Beyond tragic!

ENOUGH! – Politicians who say “Our thoughts and prayers are with those who died and their families.” Then, they do nothing. Hypocritical. Do Something!

ENOUGH! – “Now is not the time.” If not now, WHEN?

ENOUGH! – “We need our guns to protect ourselves.” Read the data! Guns in the home significantly increase the odds of a suicide, murder or accidental death in that home.

ENOUGH! – “It is our right by the constitution.” Idolatry. I doubt that our founding fathers planned for us all to have assault rifles with big magazines.

Do you want to join other people of good will to stem the tide of violent death by firearms in our nation?

At St. Thomas speak to Rev. Justi, Mike Earnest, Marian Frank, Br. Scott-Michael, Morgan Harrower, Lola Wilcox, Joe Hughes, Max Power or Mary Ellen Arthur. They are our Gun Safety & Injury Prevention (GSIP) group.

St. Thomas also belongs to the larger Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence (CFCU). Through CFCU we connect to many other active people – Colorado Ceasefire, Moms Demand Action, Everytown for Gun Safety and others. Want to connect with them? Go online, donate and volunteer.

We also are working with the Department of Public Health in Denver and other city agencies to reduce gun violence in Denver.

Join us. See Mike Earnest (Email mpearnest@comcast.net or telephone 303 355-7436) for more information.

“The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men and women to do nothing.” (Attributed by John F. Kennedy to Edmund Burke)

The following prayer was said at the Colorado State House on February 15, 2018, by Rabbi Joe Black. It can be found in its original form at his blog:

<https://rabbijoeblack.blogspot.com/2018/02/opening-prayer-for-colorado-state-house.html>

Opening Prayer For the Colorado State House in the Aftermath of a Tragedy February 15, 2018

Our God and God of all people,

God of the Rich and God of the poor.

God of the teacher and God of the student.

God of the families who wait in horror.

God of the dispatcher who hears screams of terror from under bloodied desks.

God of the first responder who bravely creeps through ravaged hallways.

God of the doctor who treats the wounded.

God of the rabbi, pastor, imam or priest who seeks words of comfort but comes up empty.

God of the young boy who sees his classmates die in front of him.

God of the weeping, raging, inconsolable mother who screams at the sight of her child's lifeless body .

God of the shattered communities torn apart by senseless violence.

God of the legislators paralyzed by fear, partisanship, money and undue influence.

God of the Right.

God of the Left.

God who hears our prayers.

God who does not answer.

On this tragic day when we confront the aftermath of the 18th School shooting in our nation on the 46th day of this year, I do not feel like praying.

Our prayers have not stopped the bullets.

Our prayers have changed nothing.

Once again, a disturbed man with easy access to guns has squinted through the sights of a weapon, aimed, squeezed a trigger and taken out his depraved anger, pain and frustration on innocents: pure souls. Students and teachers. Brothers and sisters. Mothers and fathers- cut down in an instant by the power of hatred and technology.

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We are guilty, O God.

We are guilty of inaction.

We are guilty of complacency.

We are guilty of allowing ourselves to be paralyzed by politics.

The blood of our children cries out from the ground.

The blood of police officers cut down in the line of duty flows through our streets.

I do not appeal to You on this terrible morning to change us. We can only do that ourselves.

Our enemies do not come only from far away places.

The monsters we fear live among us.

May those in this room who have the power to to make change find the courage to seek a pathway to sanity and hope.

May we hold ourselves and our leaders accountable.

Only then will our prayers be worthy of an answer.

AMEN

Dear Partners in Mission,

God uses all sorts of people to teach us of his love and his sacrifice for us. One Sunday a little boy was visiting with his mom and grandfather. He was quiet and respectful during the service, so I was surprised to find him crying when I returned from communion. He was crying because of what had happened to Jesus. I tried to comfort him with the positive outcome for us of his sacrifice, but knew it had been a long time since I'd been touched so deeply by the crucifixion. Jesus told us we need to come to him as children, and this innocence, unjaded by life's experiences and stresses of the world pulling us this way and that way, is requisite for our hearts to fully open to the Holy Spirit. Lent is a perfect time to reflect on what is pulling us away from our commitment to be faithful servants of Christ and go about repenting and breaking these barriers down, all with God's help.

Thank you for your support and prayers! Please continue praying for wisdom with my teaching and for the construction team as we consider whom and how to help.

In Christ,

Cathy Donahoe

Cathy Donahoe is a missionary with SAMS, the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders. She is serving in the Dominican Republic as a physical therapist in San Pedro de Macoris and Santo Domingo. E-mail: cathyd@turbonet.com Donations can be sent to SAMS (checks made to SAMS with Cathy's name in the memo line for the general ministry or "Donahoe Project" for the construction ministry): PO Box 399, Ambridge, PA 15003. Snail mail: Apartado 587, San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic 21000 website: www.cathydonahoe.net

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 4 – Eric McClam
- 7 – Melissa Jones; Joan Newsum
- 10 – Michael Caston
- 14 – Joyce Ortiz
- 16 – Tuula Fai
- 21 – Lola Wilcox
- 22 – Sarah Hall-Shalvoy; Erica Pomerenk
- 23 – Jon Moore
- 24 – Vicki Earnest
- 26 – John Pritchard

ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 – George & Marti Smith

Men's Winter Clothing Needed – Denver Health Medical Center urgently needs clothing to give to men who came in by ambulance but do not have warm clothing nor family to help them at discharge. Please join us by bringing gently used or new winter coats, scarves, hats, sweaters, shirts, pants, socks, boots etc. (Any undergarments must be new.) Bins will be awaiting your donation at St. Thomas, both in the Great Hall, for Sundays, and in the office entry vestibule, for drop off during the week. Each bin will have a sign. We will be collecting clothes from Sunday, March 4 through Sunday, March 25. If you have questions contact Martina King, Mike Earnest or the St. Thomas office.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS IN MARCH

- 4 – Greater Park Hill Food Pantry Sunday
 - 10 – Men's Group Breakfast at the Park Hill Golf Course at 9:00 am
 - 17 – One World Singers Concerts at 2:00 & 7:00 pm
 - 15 – Social Justice Book Club at 7:00 pm
 - 19 – Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm
 - 23 – *Bold Living* Deadline for April issue
- Weekly:
- Tuesday Morning Eucharist – Tuesdays at 9:15 am
 - Theology Class – Tuesdays at 10:00 am
 - A.A. – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
 - St. Thomas Choir Practice – Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
 - Morning Prayer – Wednesdays at 7:00 am
 - One World Singers Rehearsals – Thursdays at 7:00 pm
 - Al Anon – Fridays at noon
 - Sunday Services – 8:00 am Spoken Mass & 10:30 am Sung Mass
 - Christian Education for All Ages – Sunday at 9:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Forum: Dialogue on the Gospels – During Lent, Rev. Justi and the Rev. Steve Weston will lead presentations about the gospels through dialogue with one another, followed by conversation with the larger group. Sundays at 9:15 am in the Great Hall (February 18 – March 18).

Food Ingathering for Greater Park Hill Community Food Bank: Sunday, March 4 - Our monthly ingathering of food on the first Sunday of the month benefits the Greater Park Hill Community Food Bank. The Servants for Justice Committee prepares sacks with lists of the most needed items. The sacks are available at the back of the church. If you would like to take a sack, fill it with one or many items, and return it on the first Sunday of the month, you will be helping to feed hungry neighbors.

Thursday Evening Class – The Rev. Steve Weston will lead a small group eight-week discussion of John Sanford's *Mystical Christianity: A Psychological Commentary on the Gospel of John*, from Thursday, February 15 through April 12 in the second floor meeting room from 7:00-9:00 pm. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Great Hall so we know how many books to order.

Men's Group Breakfast – This month's meeting of the St. Thomas Men's Group will be on Saturday, March 10 at 9:00 am at the 35th Avenue Grill (Park Hill Golf Course), 4141 E. 35th Avenue, Denver.

Reminder – It's time to "spring forward" – Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night!

Broadway Cabaret! The One World Singers will present favorites of the incomparable Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe on Saturday, March 17 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available for purchase at oneworldsingers.org or by calling Bev at 303-250-7202.

The St. Thomas Social Justice Book Club will discuss Ta-Nehisi Coates' book, *Between the World and Me*, on Wednesday, March 21, at 7:00 pm in the second floor meeting room. All are invited to attend.

Easter Offering – Each year St. Thomas encourages parishioners to participate in offering Easter flowers or music as a memorial or thanksgiving for a special individual. If you would like to participate, please send your donation to the church office by Sunday, March 25. Your donation of any amount helps defray costs. Please note on your check that it is for "Easter Flowers & Music" for proper designation of your donation.

Easter Candy Needed – St. Thomas will sponsor Easter egg hunting for children following each Easter Day service. Individually wrapped Easter candy is needed for this special event; please bring them to the office by Sunday, March 23. Thank you!

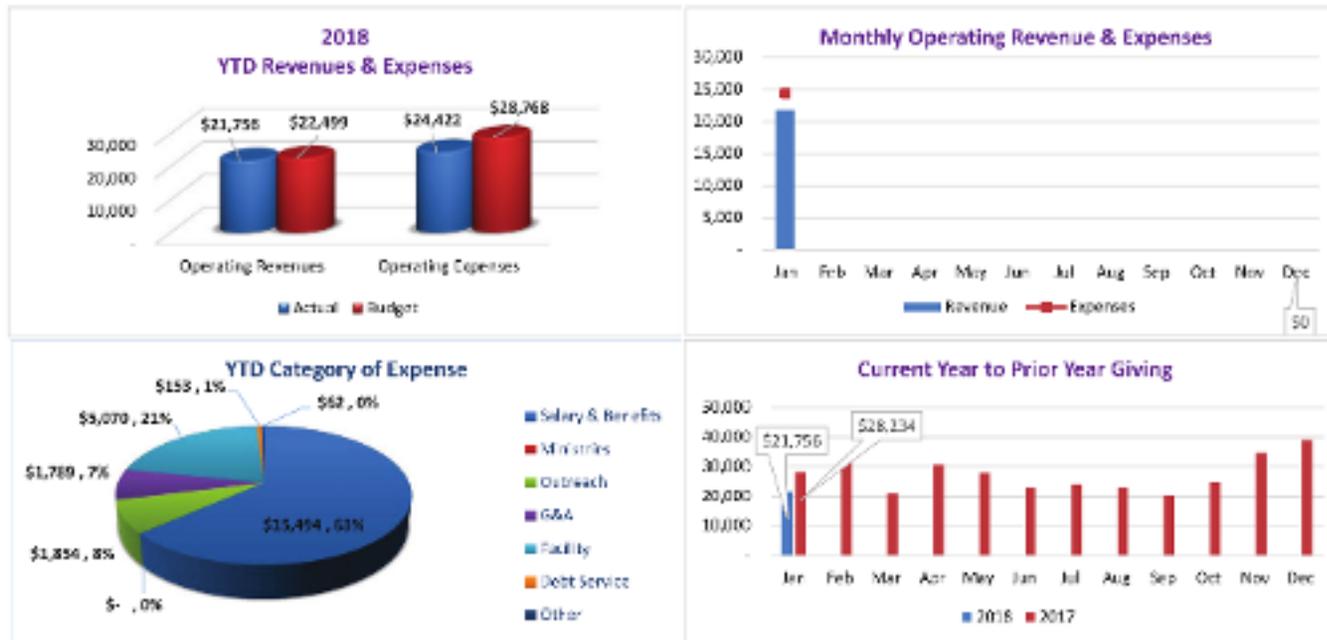
Easter Sunday Volunteers – St. Thomas is seeking volunteers to hide Easter eggs in the courtyard for 5-10 minutes during services on Easter Sunday, April 1. Please contact Maria in the parish office at 303-388-4395 or office@saintthomasdenver.org if you can help us with this quick and easy task.

St. Thomas Coffee Hour – Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Great Hall after each service. We gladly welcome any contributions (store bought or home-made) or cash donations to help cover the cost. A coffee hour sign-up sheet is on the counter. Please sign up! Contact Ginny Smith at 303-404-3491 with any questions.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018

St Thomas Episcopal Church Year-End Financial Dashboard as of Jan 31, 2018

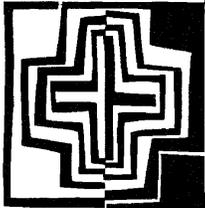


Total Cash Availability

Cash Balance 1/31/18	\$ 194,003
Current Liabilities	(1,096)
Temporarily Restricted Balances	(151,662)
Available Cash	\$ 41,245

Unrestricted Cash Availability

Cash Balance 1/31/18	\$ 42,341
Current Liabilities	(1,096)
Available Cash	\$ 41,245



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Our Mission

Boldly living with Christ, we open doors to God's household of love
as we welcome and embrace all people
through worship, service, and learning within and beyond our walls.