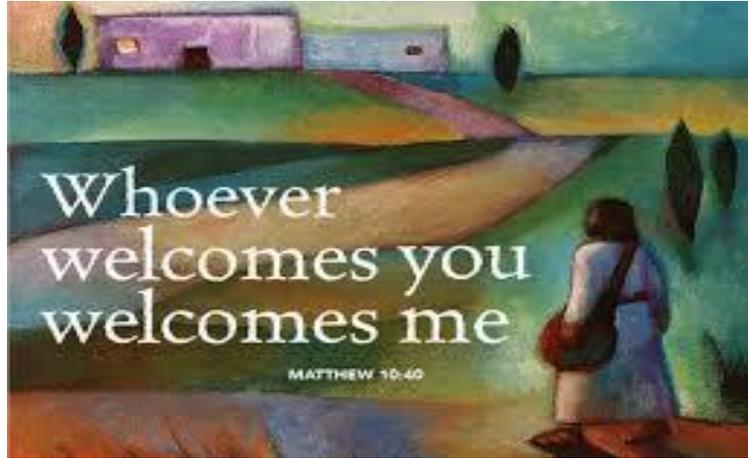




ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 28, 2020

Opening Hymn

“We All Are One in Mission”

(all verses sung)

1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise – Dignus es

Benjamin Pearce Straley (b. 1986)

(Congregation sings with choir at the congregational refrain)

Splen - dor and hon - or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

The choir sings the verses.

For you created every thing that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being; *Refrain*

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
a kingdom of priests to serve our God. *Refrain*

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore. *Refrain*

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 28: 5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Lector: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 13

(recited by all)

- 1 How long, O LORD?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10: 40-42

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon*

Prayers of the People

Leader:

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishops Mariann and Chilton; for our worship today; and for all
ministers and people. We pray especially for our new Interim Music Director, Michael Lodico.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper
knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I invite you to share your prayers of thanksgiving or petition. Please name the prayers on your heart aloud, in the chat or comment box, or in silence.

Silence

We include in our prayers today those added to the wall of our church.
Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious,

O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.
(Silence may be kept)

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

✠ *The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*



Offertory Organ

Fantasia on "Hyfrydol"

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 forever. Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:



My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Blessing

Celebrant:

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

Amen

Dismissal

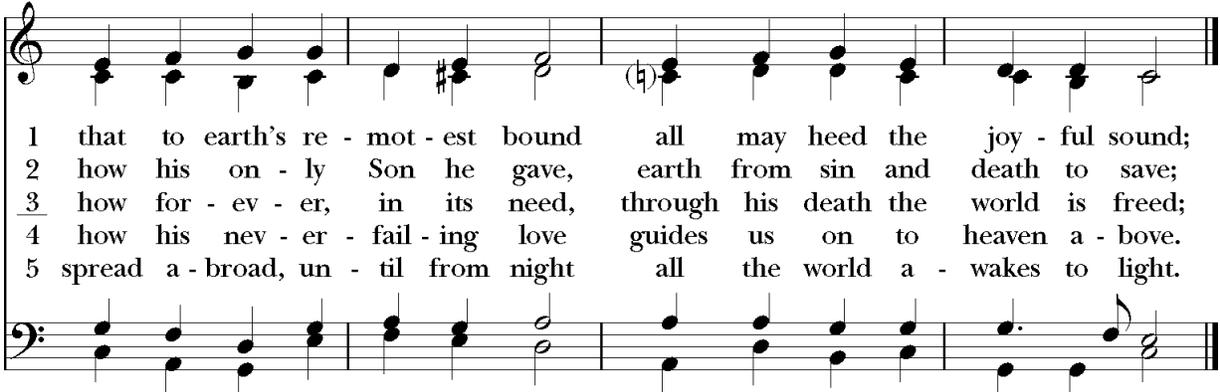
Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Hymn 530 "Spread, O Spread Thou Mighty Word" *(all verses sung)*



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,



1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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Announcements for Sunday June 28, 2020

A Note from Our Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

About halfway through my first year in seminary, some of us were feeling quite disconnected in our daily Morning Prayer, especially during the reading of the psalms which sometimes lasted for ten minutes. About the time we started mentioning this to one another, our Systematic Theology professor, Bishop Mark Dyer asked us if we ever zoned out of our worship. We sheepishly raised our hands, feeling a bit inadequate as we were training to be the future clergy of the Church! He then told us that even though we sometimes feel checked out or disconnected, he believed that saying our prayers, singing our hymns, reading our scripture and psalms made an imprint on our hearts and minds.



Recently, a number of people from our community have mentioned (sometimes sheepishly) that it is a struggle to worship online and not in person. I have shared with them that I feel that same struggle sometimes. But I do remind myself of Bishop Dyer's words, and I am constantly surprised by how I feel God's presence and a sense of connected worship with you while online.

As we move into Phase 2 or regathering as a city, we remain worshipping from our homes but have a few new ways to gather and tools to share for our worship life as a parish.

1. **Next week there will be time to stop by the church to pick up items for your home worship:** a Book of Common Prayer, Hymnal 1982, and/or holy water if you think they would add to your worship life at home. (Wednesday 3:00-6:30 or 12:30-2:30) Please sign up so we can run your materials outside to you and also wear a mask. <https://forms.gle/b1fwkq5DbkSHqdBL9> Please also let us know if you don't have transportation but would like a volunteer to make a physically distant delivery.
2. **You'll notice our choir is meeting again, and pre-recording new hymns for us!** They are meeting on Sundays in our nave with more distance than required between themselves. You'll notice in our worship that you cannot see them and it is an audio recording only. This is because they will not fit on

the same screen because they are so far apart. This also allows for us to share the music with you so you can sit up tall (or stand!) and sing out. If you do discover you love singing along, let Michael Lodico know as he has some space in the choir, and they are welcoming new members.

- 3. We are aiming to form small groups for sharing of Holy Communion outdoors** at the end of July. We will have more information on this in the coming weeks.

We continue to worship online using Zoom Monday-Friday for Evening Worship and Monday and Thursday mornings.

God bless you,
Lisa+

Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, June 28:

9:30 am	Study: Responding to Racial Violence and Police Brutality
10:30 am	Worship (on Zoom, or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am	Coffee Hour on Zoom
4:30-5:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Monday, June 29:

7:30-8:00 am	Morning Devotions and Chat
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Tuesday, June 30:

6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
7:00 pm	Virtual Museum Tour with Alex Mann <i>Chiura Obata: Spirituality and Struggle</i>

Wednesday, July 1:

3:00-6:30 pm	Stop in to pick up home worship materials!
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship with Taize Chant

Thursday, July 2:

7:30-8:00 am	Morning Devotions and Chat
5:45-6:30 pm	Spanish Conversation Time with Al
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Friday, July 3:

Holiday – No Evening Worship

Sunday, July 5:

10:30 am	Worship (on Zoom, or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am	Coffee Hour on Zoom
12:30-2:30 pm	Stop in to pick up home worship materials!
4:30-5:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Zoom Code for all of our Worship, Social (Coffee Hour, etc.), Study, and Open Office Hours.

Meeting ID: 947 6442 4718

Password: 151718th

Join Zoom Meeting

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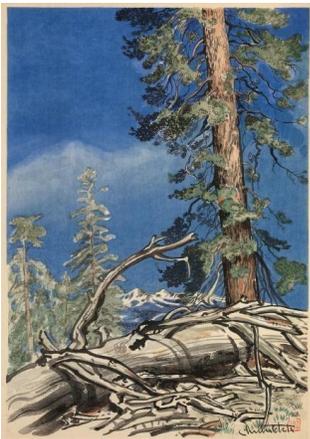
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Virtual Museum Tour with Alex Mann

Chiura Obata: Spirituality and Struggle

Tuesday, June 30 at 7 pm using Worship Zoom link

This past spring the **Smithsonian American Art Museum** presented an exhibition on Japanese American painter **Chiura Obata** (1885-1975), sadly cut short by the pandemic. Specializing in landscape views of California's mountains and coastline, Obata used his mastery of Japanese brush painting traditions to bring a new visual language to depictions of Yosemite and other iconic sites – a revolutionary trans-Pacific hybrid style. St. Thomas' parishioner Alex Mann coordinated this show and had hoped to offer a tour to our congregation, considering as a group the spiritual dimensions of Obata's work: his love of nature and his use of art to overcome racial prejudice and the atrocities of the illegal imprisonment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Since museums are closed, we're moving this event online, with a virtual tour and group reflection on how this artist found strength in God's beautiful creation. [Click here for *Washington Post* review of the show.](#)



Chiura Obata, *Life and Death, Porcupine Flat*, 1930, color woodcut on paper, 15 1/2 x 10 7/8 inches, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Gift of the Obata Family, 2000.76.3, © 1989, Lillian Yuri Kodani.

<https://americanart.si.edu/artwork/life-and-death-porcupine-flat-54551>

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JOIN WITH US AT AN ACTION FOR **LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS**

Stand with us as we Reimagine a DC that FINALLY lives up to the professed ideals of our democracy.

July 2, 2020



As the District starts to reopen in phases during the pandemic, uprisings across the country make clear that we cannot and will not go "back to normal."

Join us as we organize in our nation's capital to confront systemic racism, and fight for a District of Columbia where all can be truly free.

Space is limited. Learn more and RSVP now (deadline June 29):
windc-iaf.org/July2

WHEN: Thursday, July 2, 2020

6:45 (sharp) to 8:00 p.m.

WHO: 1,000 District Residents from
Congregations, Unions, Schools and
Community Organizations

WHAT: Zoom Strategy and Action Session

We will act on urgent issues of justice, legislation and the budget now.

More importantly, we will challenge one another to stay in the struggle for the months and years to come.

Learn how to bring people together and organize through relationships to engage 20,000+ Washingtonians and build the power to win.



Lend your voice to our Prayers of the People

Please stay after Evening Worship on Wednesday, July 8 to learn about writing the Prayers of the People for our worship and consider writing with a small group or by yourself.

Pray, Learn, Act: Responding to Police Brutality and Racism as a Church

This week, Mary Kelly from St. Stephen and the Incarnation will lead a lesson and conversation on The Case for Reparations. Join us on Zoom as we gather together parishioners from St. Thomas' and St. Stephen's and the Incarnation at 9:30 am on Sunday morning. There is no pre-work to be done; please come as you are ready to listen and share using mutual invitation.

Need for More Formula, Powdered Milk, and Diapers

St. Thomas' Member Al shares that there is current need **for powdered milk (Nido) and diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6**. Al's contact information to contribute/coordinate delivery is: (202)604-3084 or allanosdc@gmail.com

See below for the original note from Al, explaining his ministry in the community.

From St. Thomas' Member Al, who serves as a social worker in Columbia Heights.

"Hope that this note finds you well. I want to share with you a little bit about my work. Over the past six years my organization -The United Planning Organization (UPO)- has been providing Bell Teen Parents and CDC technical assistance to 32 low income families whose parents are immigrants from Central America. Some of them are teen parents (15 years old) Due to the pandemic, most parents are out of work. The children who attend the Center are between two weeks and three and a half years. Today these children stay at home with their families most of the day. Parents are in urgent need of items such as formula. (Similac Advance) Although they have their WIC checks, these funds are not enough to cover their needs. I work as a Family Engagement Specialist for UPO / Bell Teen Parents and CDC. One of my functions is to connect Parents with social services and provide them Advocacy and Child Development trainings among others. Unfortunately, in

these times of crisis the Center as well as many agencies are closed. These families are in urgent need. These parents are specifically seeking donations for formula.”

Al lives near St. Thomas' Parish on Beekman Place, NW. Call or email him for address or drop off 202-604-3084 or allanosdc@gmail.com

Grocery Contributions to Charlie's Place

St. Margaret's at 1830 Connecticut Avenue -- with whom we often worshipped when our new building was under construction -- has provided meals since 1990 to our neighbors who are living on the edge, many of whom are homeless. With Covid-19, the program continues, but Charlie's Place has shifted to providing bagged lunches rather than a hot meal.

If you would like to include Charlie's Place when you do your grocery shopping, they can use the following items, which can be delivered to the church during the day on Tuesday through Friday, preferably through the kitchen entrance off the alley (enter off of Bancroft Place, NW).

- Loaves of bread
- Protein bars
- Pieces of fruit
- Bottled water (walking size)

IMPERSONATION EMAILS – PLEASE READ

This week some members of our parish received impersonation emails asking for assistance from an email address with **Rev. Lisa Ahuja's name included. Please see this thorough note from the Diocese of Washington, regarding impersonation emails.**

Today, some emails have been sent to a number of clergy and wardens in the Diocese of Washington from personal email addresses using Bishop Mariann's name in the email. These emails are not from Bishop Mariann or from her email account but were sent from different private email addresses outside of our control. Some were brief of several lines and some contained an attachment with a link. These emails are fraudulent and should be deleted.

If you receive an email from Bishop Mariann or anyone on diocesan staff which contains suspicious or unusual language, firstly please check the address the email was sent from (in the From: line at the top of the email). If the address is not an edow.org address then please let us know and disregard the email.

In the midst of the current COVID-19 pandemic, a number of legitimate emails have been sent to clergy and parish leaders and these communications will always originate from Bishop Mariann or a member of staff **and will be sent from an edow.org email address** (such as this one!).

Impersonation emails are unfortunately a common phenomenon affecting government agencies, companies of all sizes, and non-profits including churches, and, while appearing to be from the staff of the organization, are sent from a personal email address. In this case, as the sender address does not originate from or include the edow.org domain, there isn't much we can do about stopping them. However, you can assist us by reporting them as fraudulent to your email provider (see links below on how to do this). The people sending them are often located in other countries and outside the scope of US law enforcement, but email providers will be able to shut down the accounts once they receive reports of fraudulent activity.

Steps to follow if you receive an email like this:

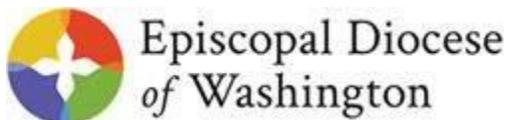
- Check the sender address to see if it is an edow.org address
- If the sender is not from edow.org, do not reply to or engage the sender in any way but forward on to a member of staff
- Do not click on any links in the email you received or provide any personal information (eg email login, credit card number, etc)
- In your email program report the email as a phishing/spam email so that hosting providers are aware and can take action (How to: [Gmail](#) | [Outlook.com](#) | [Yahoo](#) | [AOL](#))
- Be vigilant about any email you receive with misspelled or unfamiliar language. If in doubt, verify with the organization directly, do not reply to the sender.

Please let other leaders in your congregation know that some fraudulent emails have been sent out. Thank you all both for your vigilance in discerning these as fraudulent emails and for your consideration in checking with us to let us know you have received them.

Faithfully,
Peter

Peter Turner

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Celebrating Our June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

K.C. Becker (June 1)
John Wright (June 6)
Joe Rivas (June 11)
Ariel Vaagen (June 16)
Carol Coonrod (June 18)
Allison Miller (June 26)

Anniversaries

Nate & Ariel Vaagen (June 5)

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at
administrator@stthomasdc.org.*

Parish Prayer List

Anne Marie Bohler	Matthew Briggs	Peggyann Cohen	Jarrett Forman
Cindy Gangler	Len Hawley	Sid Hurlburt	Kristin Jones
Dave Kucharski	Donna Norman	Renee Pilone	Mary Ellen Reed

For the repose of the souls of:

Pastor Karen Safstrom
Lefloria Robertson

You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: administrator@stthomasdc.org



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