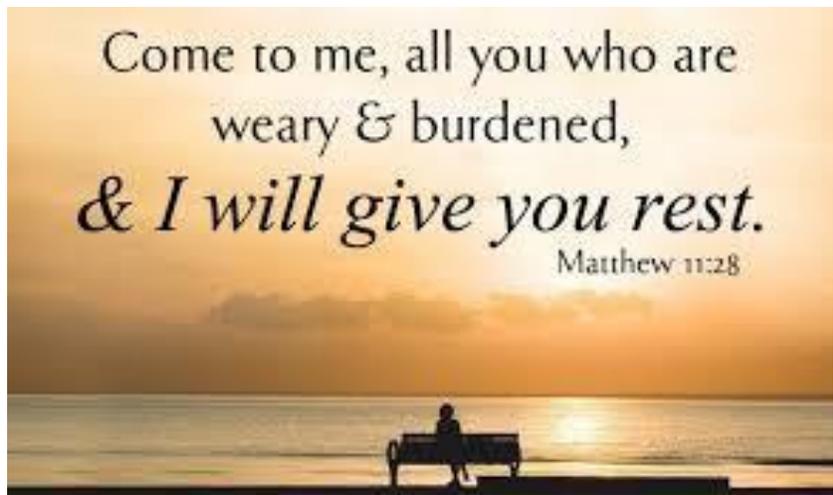




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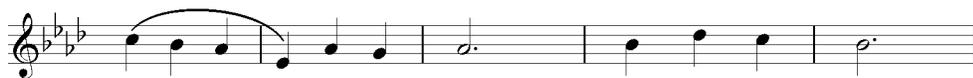


Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – July 5, 2020

Opening Hymn 412 “Earth and All Stars” *(all verses sung)*



1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!

Refrain

He hath done mar - vel - ous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor:
Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and
united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

Psalm 45: 11-18

(recited by all)

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

God of all seasons of life, we give you thanks for the summer growing period, for crops and produce, fresh fruit and grains. Pray the for the nourishment of our bodies, minds, and souls.

Silence

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.” We pray for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishops Mariann, Chilton, and Gene; and for all ministers, congregations, and communities. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of pandemic, give strength and skill to all who minister to those who are ill, and grant concord and compassion to those in positions of authority. Pray for all who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life.

Silence

With five loaves of bread and two fish, Jesus fed thousands. Pray for those in need, for those imprisoned by walls, addiction, homelessness, hunger, unemployment, trauma, and the fear of deportation.

Silence

Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” Pray for all who hunger to know the peace and the will of God, particularly those who feel judged, rejected, or ignored by religious institutions.

Silence

We pray for those who are sick or troubled, especially those on our parish prayer list. You are invited to share your prayers of petition or thanksgiving either silently or aloud, or in the chat or comment box.

Silence

We pray for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

As Jesus taught, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. During this season of growing, Lord, help us to sow our seeds on rich soil so that we may add to the abundance of your presence and ministry here on Earth. **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.*



Farewell Blessing for Mary de Boer and Benjamin Bynum

Offertory Organ Solo “Fanfare for the Common Man” *Aaron Copland (1900-1990)*

The Lord's Prayer - WLP 864

Owen Burdick

The Congregation may chant on a montone G throughout. Parts may be done by choir or organ.

Our Fa - ther in Hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

This system consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. A bracket with the number '3' is placed above the first three notes of the treble staff.

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

This system continues the musical notation with treble and bass staves. A bracket with the number '3' is placed above the first three notes of the treble staff.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our

This system continues the musical notation with treble and bass staves. Brackets with the number '3' are placed above the first three notes and below the last three notes of the treble staff.

sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

This system continues the musical notation with treble and bass staves. Brackets with the number '3' are placed above the first three notes and below the last three notes of the treble staff.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us

This system continues the musical notation with treble and bass staves. The key signature changes to one flat (Bb) for the first few notes, then returns to one sharp (F#).

from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the

This system continues the musical notation with treble and bass staves. The key signature changes to one flat (Bb) for the first few notes, then returns to one sharp (F#).

glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

This system concludes the musical notation with treble and bass staves. Brackets with the number '3' are placed above the first three notes and below the last three notes of the treble staff.

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 - WLP 791

"Peace before Us"

(verses 1-4)

1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,
2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,
3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,
4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,

peace un-der our feet. Peace with - in us,
 love un-der our feet. Love with - in us,
 light un-der our feet. Light with - in us,
 Christ un-der our feet. Christ with - in us,

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.
 love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love.
 light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light.
 Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.

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Announcements for Sunday July 5, 2020

A Note from Our Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

I appreciate the opportunity to dream, study, and create with God and our community. While our building has been closed, we've spent a lot of time doing just this within the St. Thomas' community and with St. Stephen and the Incarnation. Prayerfully working together has inspired our imaginations and deepened our connections with one another.



Following our Evening Worship on Wednesday, July 8 (starting by 7:00 pm), you are invited to join some of us to learn about writing **Prayers of the People** for our Sunday worship. This is not a commitment to write them, but you may decide to write them with a partner or small group. John Trumbo has written the Prayers of the People for a few seasons this year already. We are now in the longest season of the Church year, the Season after Pentecost, which ends with Christ the King Sunday on Sunday, November 22. We thought it would be nice to split up the season and include many voices in the creation of our prayers. I hope you will join us.

We've also shared prayer and study with St. Stephen and the Incarnation. We have planned a virtual retreat together for the end of July. We know a shared experience is that of longing for our regathering in community. We also know that we can have a spiritual retreat or pilgrimage from our homes. We are fortunate that the Rev. Martin Smith – experienced retreat leader, writer, and theologian – will lead a portion of our retreat.

Here is your invitation:

Longing for Community

Pilgrimage to the Heart of God

Saturday, July 25 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

St. Thomas' Parish and St. Stephen and the Incarnation will have a spiritual retreat on Saturday, July 25 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon on Zoom. While we will use Zoom

to gather, we will have some time on Zoom and some time in your space for a creative response to the presentations, scripture, and worship. The Rev. Martin Smith will share a reflection on Prayer: Individual and Communal. Please sign up on this google form: <https://forms.gle/PBbxxnqZtJesncMs6>

All are welcome. Please do register before Sunday, July 19 so we can plan for your participation.

Praise God for working in us and through us, doing more than we can ask or imagine.

God bless you,
Lisa+

Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, July 5:

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

Monday, July 6:

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

Tuesday, July 7:

6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
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Wednesday, July 8:

6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship with Taize Chant
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Thursday, July 9:

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 10:

6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
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Sunday, July 12:

10:30 am

11:15 am

4:30-5:45 pm

Samaritan Ministry Sunday

Worship (on Zoom, or go to our Facebook page)

The Rev. David B. Wolf, Executive Director of Samaritan Ministry

Coffee Hour on Zoom with Rev. David Wolf

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

<https://zoom.us/j/94764424718?pwd=WFhJM0M5N2VxT2dVbVpaelljaVQ2UT09>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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.

Announcing a Pastoral Phone Tree

As part of our ongoing efforts to stay connected during this time of virtual worship, St. Thomas' is beginning a pastoral care phone tree. This phone tree will be a little different than the old-fashioned emergency information sharing type. Instead, people in St. Thomas' pastoral care phone tree will be placed into small groups. Each group member will call a different person in their group once a week to check in and see how they can support each other in prayer. These groups will be set by geographic location and as we move into a period where smaller gatherings are allowed, feel free to explore how your group might be St Thomas' Parish in your neighborhood.

If you checked "yes" to the question about participating in a St Thomas' phone tree in the parish survey, then we already have your information. If you did not fill out the survey and you would still like to participate in a pastoral phone tree group, please send your name and contact info to Catherine Manhardt at catherine.manhardt@gmail.com. Catherine will be sending out the phone tree assignments on Monday, July 6.

Pastoral Care Check-In

You will speak to a different person in your group each week.

Make sure that you choose a time that is convenient for both people.

This is a conversation where both parties should feel invited to share. It may be helpful to think of the conversation in two parts, one where Person A is asking questions and listening

to Person B, and then a shift where Person B asks questions and listens while Person A speaks.

Some possible questions to get your conversation going:

- Is there anything you would like to celebrate?
- Is there anything that has been especially challenging for you recently?
- Where have you seen God present in your life recently?
- Where did you miss an opportunity to see God?
- What are you most looking forward to in the coming week? What is weighing most heavily on your mind?
- Is there anything that you would particularly like me to pray for you this week?

Remember to hold your conversation partner in your prayers throughout the week!

Samaritan Ministry Sunday

Samaritan Ministry Participant and Director to join us at the July 12 service.

Antoinette Green is one of the "success stories" of Samaritan Ministry and she, along with Rev. David Wolf, Director of Samaritan Ministry, will join us for our Sunday service on July 12.



St. Thomas' Members at Samaritan Ministry Gala



Antoinette Green

Antoinette Green is a single mother who participated in Samaritan Ministry's STRIVE job readiness training and secured a job shortly after graduating from that three-week "boot camp" encounter. She will tell her story leading up to enrolling in the training program, and then will update us on life during the pandemic as a fully-employed and successful front desk manager at an area hotel.

Rev. Wolf will be with us during coffee hour to answer any questions. You'll also have an opportunity to make a contribution to Samaritan Ministry's work or to sign up to become a volunteer.



Summer Trivia Night on Zoom

Our next Trivia Night will be Saturday, August 1, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Sign up as an individual or a team. Our trivia will have a variety of categories and include time to stretch (or scavenge around your house for an answer!) Final teams will be decided on the day. Please sign up by Thursday, July 30 with this Google form: <https://forms.gle/SgukqaBd7f8GARrb7>



Need for a MINI FRIDGE, More Formula, Powdered Milk, and Diapers!

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

See below for the original note from AI, explaining his ministry in the community. From St. Thomas' Member AI, 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



CHARLIE'S PLACE

BREAKFAST | HEALTHCARE | COUNSELING

SERVING OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS SINCE 1990

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)

Reverend Lisa's Contact Information:

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Celebrating Our July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Dan Costello (July 13)

Bob Moluf (July 16)

Brett Snyder (July 16)

John Trumbo (July 29)

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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