



# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 26, 2020

Opening Hymn 304

“I Come with Joy”

(all verses sung)

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

### 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 29: 15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

## Psalm 128

*(recited by all)*

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, \*  
and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
- 4 The man who fears the LORD \*  
shall thus indeed be blessed.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

**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 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.*



## Offertory Anthem

“O Taste and See”

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy  
LEVAS 255

Grayson Warren Brown

Piano introduction in B-flat major, 4/4 time. The right hand plays chords in the treble clef, and the left hand plays a simple bass line in the bass clef.

Vocal line 1: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef.

Piano accompaniment for the first vocal line, featuring chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Vocal line 2: ho - ly Lord God of hosts. The melody continues in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef.

Piano accompaniment for the second vocal line, continuing the harmonic support with chords and bass line.

Vocal line 3: Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef.

Piano accompaniment for the third vocal line, concluding the piece with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained bass line in the left hand.

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the Highest". It is arranged in three systems, each featuring a vocal line (Soprano and Bass) and a piano accompaniment (Right and Left Hand). The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines in both hands.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas our patron and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

### 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.*

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is a simple, repetitive G-note pattern (montone) with some rhythmic variation. The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther in Hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our". There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in the first system (over "Fa - ther"), the second system (over "king - dom"), and the third system (over "to - day").

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

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

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

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



## The Breaking of the Bread

*(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.)*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

*(The Celebrant says the following.)*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



### **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.**

### **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

# "Taste and See"

LEVAS 154

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.  
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

1. His praise shall al - ways be on my  
2. To - geth - er let us all praise His  
3. You'll want for noth - ing if you

1. lips; \_\_\_\_\_ my soul \_\_\_\_\_ shall  
 2. name. \_\_\_\_\_ I called \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 3. ask. \_\_\_\_\_ Taste \_\_\_\_\_ and

1. glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ for  
 2. Lord \_\_\_\_\_ and He an - swered me; \_\_\_\_\_ from  
 3. see \_\_\_\_\_ that God is good; \_\_\_\_\_ in

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_ so good to me. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. all \_\_\_\_\_ my trou - bles. He set me free. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Him \_\_\_\_\_ we need \_\_\_\_\_ put all our trust. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.C.*

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Announcements for Sunday July 26, 2020

## A Note from Our Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

I continue to be grateful for the ways that together we are being the Church in the world right now. Today a few people joined me to celebrate the Holy Eucharist that will be distributed (bread only) on Sunday afternoon. This will be part of our Sunday morning worship. If you are unable to join a small group to receive Holy Communion but would like to receive, please do email me to make arrangements.



We have a Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon for Cindy Gangler, Mark Gangler's sister. We've been praying for her each week on our Parish Prayer List. Please keep Mark Gangler and Steve Schembs, Mark's mother June, and all who love and care for Cindy in your prayers. Consider sending a condolence card to Mark and Steve, either by sending it to the church office or to their address found in Realm. We continue to be the Church by remembering one another in prayer, and also reaching out in times of grief.

We also look forward to next Sunday, August 2. We will have two baptisms in this worship service. This will be our first time in months to renew our baptismal covenant. I invite you to join me as we prepare for this special day by praying for Tyler and Tom.

At this time, we will only officiate funerals/burials, marriages, and baptisms in a group of less than 10 people. If you know of someone who is seeking a place for a Christian funeral, please do share my information with them. We have the liturgy, space, wifi, and technology to share with people at this time.

God bless you,

Lisa+

**Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.**

**Sunday, July 26:**

10:30 am  
11:15 am  
4:30-5:45 pm

**Small Groups - Reception of Holy Communion**

Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page).  
Coffee Hour on Zoom  
Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, July 27:**

7:30-8:00 am  
6:30-7:00 pm

Morning Devotions and Chat  
Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

**Tuesday, July 28:**

6:30-7:00 pm

Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

**Wednesday, July 29:**

6:30-7:00 pm

Evening Worship with Taize Chant

**Thursday, July 30:**

7:30-8:00 am  
5:45-6:30 pm  
6:30-7:00 pm

Morning Devotions and Chat  
Spanish Conversation Time with AI  
Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

**Friday, July 31:**

6:30-7:00 pm

Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

**Saturday, August 1:**

7:00-8:30 pm

Summer Trivia Night on Zoom

**Sunday, August 2:**

9:30 am  
10:30 am  
11:15 am  
4:30-5:45 pm

Conversation with John More of Washington Interfaith Network(WIN)  
Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)  
Coffee Hour on Zoom  
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)



### **Summer Trivia Night on Zoom**

Our next Trivia Night will be next 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>

### **Learn More about Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) on Sunday, August 2**

Next Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 am, we will have a conversation with John More, strategy team member of WIN, who will join us on Zoom to share more and listen to our cares and hopes for the city.



### **Good News! Need for Diapers and Wipes**

St. Thomas' Member AI shares the news that there is not a need for formula right now. Many of the children he serves have graduated to drinking milk! There is still a need for diapers, sizes 5 and 6, and wipes. Also, many of the parents are unemployed but desire to work. If you know of a small job, moving / cleaning need, please contact AI. His contact information to contribute / coordinate delivery is: (202)604-3084 or [alllanosdc@gmail.com](mailto:alllanosdc@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 [alllanosdc@gmail.com](mailto:alllanosdc@gmail.com)

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**Celebrating Our July Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

Benjamin Bynum (July 9)

John Johnson (July 10)

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](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org)**

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**Parish Prayer List**

Anne Marie Bohler

Kristin Jones

Matthew Briggs

Dave Kucharski

Peggyann Cohen

Donna Norman

Mary Lou Commiso

Mary Ellen Reed

*For the repose of the soul of:*

Ricky Fitzgerald

Cindy Gangler

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

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*"As St. Thomas' Parish we are followers of Jesus, striving to see Christ in each person, and to be Christ in our community, our city, and our world."*

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