



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 9, 2020

Opening Hymn 416

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

(all verses sung)

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

Refrain

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

6 For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Refrain

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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 37: 1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

(recited by all)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the LORD tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 45 Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14: 22-33

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Rondesia Jarrett-Schell
Central DC Regional Dean

✠ *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.**

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 Solo

“Nimrod”

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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 features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. A triplet of eighth notes is marked 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 melody and accompaniment from the first system. A triplet of eighth notes is marked 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 melody and accompaniment. Triplet markings are present above the first three notes of the treble staff and below the first three notes of the bass staff.

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

This system continues the melody and accompaniment. Triplet markings are present above the first three notes of the treble staff and below the first three notes of the bass staff.

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

This system continues the melody and accompaniment. The key signature changes to one flat (Bb) for the final two measures of this system.

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

This system continues the melody and accompaniment. The key signature remains one flat (Bb).

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

This system concludes the piece. Triplet markings are present above the first three notes of the treble staff and below the first three notes of the bass staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

LEVAS 196

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

1. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness,
2. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path
3. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace

1. what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
2. grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
3. with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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Announcements for Sunday August 9, 2020

A Note from Our Priest in Charge

*And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8*

Dear Friends,

As people of faith, we share a sacred story that invites us to act justly. As people with our hearts and minds open to the news of the today, our world invites us to work for justice. One concrete way to work for justice and connect the dots between our faith and our daily life is to be counted in the Census.



I hope you've already filled out your census packet. I filled mine out immediately, not because of our call to do justice, but because I was unpacking our boxes from Australia one night when I saw that our packet had arrived in the mail and I didn't want the envelope to get lost. I knew it was important but didn't think too much about its importance this year.

But the Census is important and accurate numbers are tools for bringing about justice in our community. The findings of this census will impact allocation of hundreds of billions of dollars for education, medical care, services for seniors, families, children, and infrastructure.

I hope you'll take this small step for justice, and if you haven't already responded to the Census. It takes just minutes of our time but has a potentially huge impact on our future. Here is a link to get started: www.2020census.gov

God bless you,
Lisa+

Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, August 9:

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, August 10:

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

Tuesday, August 11:

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

Wednesday, August 12:

6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship with Taize Chant

Thursday, August 13:

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

Friday, August 14:

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

Sunday, August 16:

10:30 am Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am Coffee Hour on Zoom

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)

Responding to Grief and Joy (and everything in between!) in our Community:

In this time when we cannot check in with one another face to face each week, you may wish to respond to the grief or joy in our community by sending a greeting card or making a phone call. If you do not have the individual's contact information, please check realm or send your greeting card to that person % our church. We will make sure to share with them.

Condolences:

- Rodney Pinion and Joe Rivas for the death of Rodney's mother, Juanita Irene Stewart Pinion
- Mark Gangler and Steve Schembs for the death of Mark's sister, Cindy
- Brett Snyder and Jason Forman for the death of Brett's cousin, Dennis

Baptism Joy:

- Tyler McKoy
- Tom Doolittle

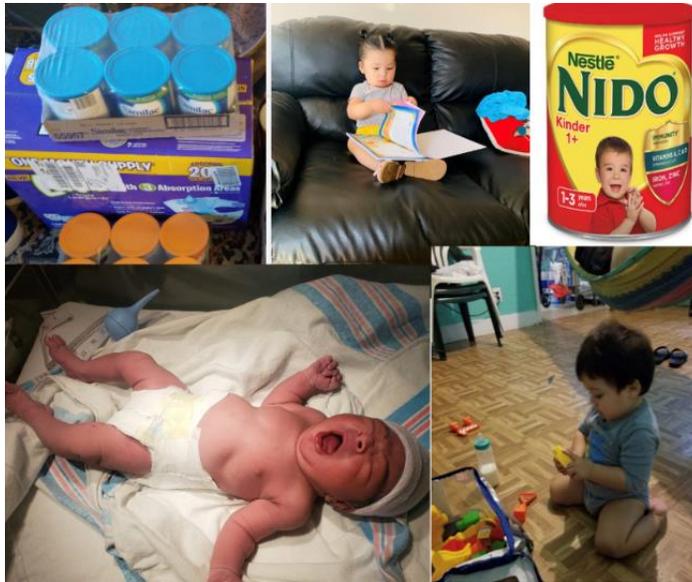


St. Thomas' Outdoor Worship in Small Groups for Holy Communion

We will gather in small groups for Holy Communion on Sunday afternoon, August 23rd. Groups of 10 persons or less will gather outside with a Lay Eucharistic Minister, who will lead a short worship service with prayer and scripture, and the sharing of consecrated communion wafers. If you feel uncomfortable receiving in a small group, but would like for a contactless drop-off and prayer, please contact Rev. Lisa directly.

Sign up at this Google form link (Google account not required to sign up.):

<https://forms.gle/N7CkjURjKJehbA7f8>



Need for Diapers Size 6, and School Supplies

St. Thomas' member Al shares that there is current need for diapers in size 6. There are six parents, aged 16 and 17, in need of: backpack, notebooks, and pens/pencils. 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



Empowering our Neighbors in Need

August Donation Drive

Items Needed

- \$25 gift cards to Safeway, Giant, CVS, and Walgreens
- Hand sanitizer
- Disposable face masks
- Disposable gloves
- Facial tissues (small/travel size)
- Sanitizing wipes (small/travel size)
- Toilet Paper (individually wrapped rolls)
- Female Toiletries
 - sanitary napkins, soap, body wash, deodorant
- Male Toiletries
 - shaving cream, deodorant, soap
- African-American shampoo, conditioner, and hair care products
- Face cloths and small towels
- Body Lotion – medium and large size bottles
- Laundry soap – individual packets
- Reading glasses
 - all powers from +1 to +4, with case
- Small folding umbrellas
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6), Pull Ups,
- Baby shampoo, soap, lotion, oil
- High-carb foods
 - Canned Fruit; Pasta/Noodles and Sauces (preferably in plastic jars); lower-sugar cereals; rice (preferably bagged)
- High-protein foods
 - regular size, for grocery bags
 - Canned tuna or salmon, peanut butter, Vienna sausages, chili, beef stew, beans (dry and canned), soups containing meat

Leave donations at church entryway
1517 18th St NW

Drop-off hours: 12noon-4pm
Tuesday Aug 11th and 18th



Other ways to help:

- Buy items from Samaritan Ministry's Amazon wish list: tinyurl.com/Neighbor2020
- Donate online via bit.ly/ENN2020
- Send a check to Samaritan Ministry, 1516 Hamilton St NW, Washington, DC 20011.

Reverend Lisa's Contact Information:

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Celebrating Our August Birthdays

Jason Forman (August 1)
Joseph Coleman (August 9)
Linda Hollingsworth (August 10)
Bobby Bosfield (August 13)
Alex Mann (August 16)
Clay Dursthoff (August 17)
Matthew Fallon (August 24)
Oz Holman (August 30)

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

Parish Prayer List

Sharon Bisco
Anne Marie Bohler
Matthew Briggs
Annette Carver
Peggyann Cohen

Jerry Donahoe
Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Kristin Jones
Dave Kucharski

Donna Norman
Elizabeth Powers-Brown
Mary Ellen Reed
Harvey Snyder

For the repose of the soul of:

Juanita Irene Stewart Pinion Dennis Swyt

You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: 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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