



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 12, 2020

Opening Hymn
LEVAS 136

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Indian Folk Melody
(all verses sung)

1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
2. Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
3. The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

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— No turn - ing back, — no turn - ing back! —
 (no turn - ing back,)

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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Romans 12: 3-13

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 10: 25-37 (NRSV)

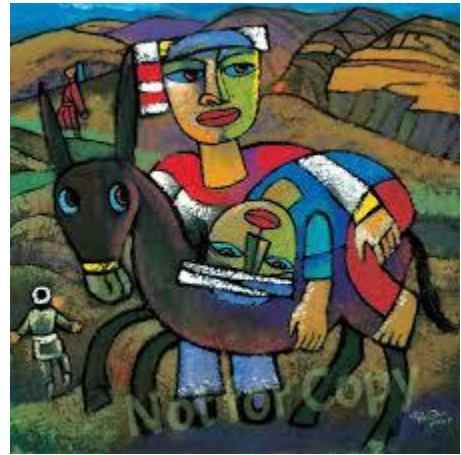
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him,

beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



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

Samaritan Ministry and a Story to Share – *The Rev. David Wolf and Antoinette Green*



Prayers of the People

Holy Spirit, be with us as we pray today and always.

We pray for the Samaritan Ministry staff, volunteers, and board as they work to build the beloved community that embraces all of your children. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for those enrolled in Samaritan Ministry's job training program. May they have the courage to overcome fears of failure as they prepare themselves for gainful employment, perhaps for the first time. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters whose lives were already in turmoil before COVID-19 and now are seeking the services of Samaritan Ministry to help sustain them during this most challenging time. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for returning citizens. Please help them make their way to places like Samaritan Ministry, where they will find compassion, guidance, and partnership as they rebuild their lives. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for our neighbors who are presently without a permanent home, who are relying on others to house them, or living in their cars or tents or on the street. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for children who grow up in substandard housing, exposed to toxic living conditions, hunger, inadequate healthcare, violence, and poor educational systems. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for the unemployed and the under-employed, and those working two jobs and still not able to support their families. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for those who seek employment without government ID, internet access to complete online job applications, appropriate clothing, or transportation to an interview or job site. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for persons who do not have access to adequate physical and mental health care. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for those risking their health to provide essential services, and for those who must ride public transportation to get to work. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for all people suffering from addiction or abuse, many of whom also must deal with hunger, housing insecurity, isolation, and violence. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray for our Black and Brown sisters and brothers whose lives are traumatized by a society that overwhelmingly says their lives don't matter. **Holy Spirit, be with them.**

We pray that you soften our hearts and awaken those still in denial about racial injustice. Please help us recognize when we are sustaining systems that benefit some at the expense of others. **Holy Spirit, change our hearts.**

We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list.

(The people are invited to offer prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud, ending with)

Holy Spirit, be with all who need the love of God poured into their hearts.

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

“Notre père”

Maurice Duruflé

French:

Notre Père
qui es aux cieux
Que ton nom soit sanctifié
Que ton règne vienne
Que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel
Donne-nous notre pain
Aujourd'hui et demain
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
Comme nous les pardonnons
à tous ceux qui nous ont offenses
Ne nous soumet pas à la tentation
mais délivre-nous du mal
Amen.

English:

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.
Amen.



Maurice Duruflé 1902-1986

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 in G major. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther in Hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,". There are three-measure rests indicated above the treble staff.

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

This system continues the musical notation from the first system. The lyrics are: "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

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

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

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

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

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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!



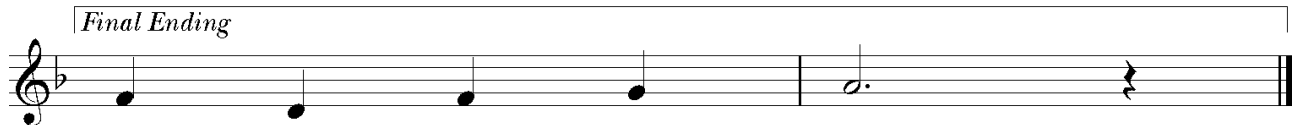
1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum-bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.



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Announcements for Sunday July 12, 2020

A Note from Our Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is **Samaritan Ministry Sunday**. Our 10:30 am worship will look similar to recent weeks, but will include a celebration of the good work of Samaritan Ministry in our city, and prayers for their continued mission work to bring neighbors who face poverty, homelessness or other debilitating challenges with resources and partners in ministry in our city. Executive Director, the Rev. David Wolf will say a few words at the time of the sermon, but then introduce Antoinette Green. Ms. Green will share her "success story" with Samaritan Ministry. The Prayers of the People for this Sunday were written by our parish representatives to Samaritan Ministry. Following the service, we will have time to celebrate the relationship and learn more about current needs at the coffee hour.



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.

I hope you will join us in celebrating this ministry partnership, learning more, and praying for their vital ministries.

God bless you,

Lisa+

Rev. Lisa away on vacation time from July 13-22.

She will not be checking email or taking pastoral calls/texts during this time. All Worship will continue as scheduled, and many thanks to those who have agreed to coordinate the hosting on Zoom. The former rector of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, the Rev. Dr. Luis León will be our guest preacher on July 19.

If you have an urgent question or concern, please be in touch with Senior Warden Jessie Eddy at 202-379-8066 or jessie.brewster@gmail.com. If you have a pastoral emergency, please do contact Catherine Manhardt at catherine.manhardt@gmail.com or 425-346-2213.

Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, July 12:	Samaritan Ministry Sunday
10:30 am	Worship (on Zoom, or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am	Coffee Hour on Zoom with Samaritan Ministry Executive Director, the Rev. David Wolf
Monday, July 13:	
7:30-8:00 am	Morning Devotions and Chat
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Tuesday, July 14:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Wednesday, July 15:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship with Taize Chant
Thursday, July 16:	
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, July 17:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Sunday, July 19:	
10:30 am	Worship (on Zoom, or go to our Facebook page) The Rev. Dr. Luis León will be our guest preacher.
11:15 am	Coffee Hour on Zoom
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

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

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Longing for Community - Pilgrimage to the Heart of God
Saturday, July 25 from 10 am-12 pm

St. Thomas' Parish and St. Stephen and the Incarnation will have a spiritual retreat on Saturday, July 25 from 10 am-12 pm 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.

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 sent out the phone tree assignments on Monday, July 6. If you are still interested in signing up, you will be added to a newly forming phone tree group.

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?

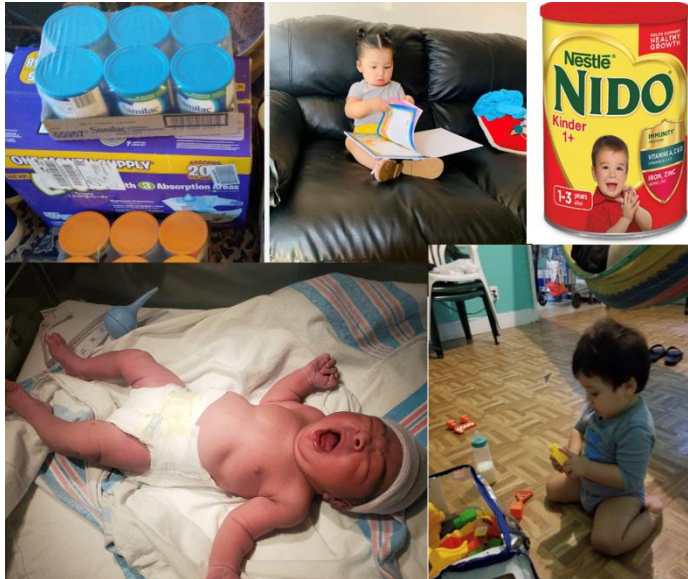
Remember to hold your conversation partner in your prayers throughout the week!



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 one mora MINI FRIDGE, More Formula, Powdered Milk, and Diapers!

St. Thomas' Member Al shares that there is current need for one more mini-fridge, powdered milk (Nido) and diapers sizes 5, 6. Al's contact information to contribute / coordinate delivery is: (202)604-3084 or 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



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

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.*

Parish Prayer List

Anne Marie Bohler	Matthew Briggs	Peggyann Cohen	Mary Lou Commiso
Jarrett Forman	Len Hawley	Sid Hurlburt	Kristin Jones
Dave Kucharski	Donna Norman	Renee Pilone	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



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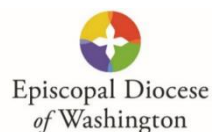
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