



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 19, 2020

Opening Hymn 594 “God of Grace and God of Glory” *(all verses sung)*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
 People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise – Dignus es

Benjamin Pearce Straley (b. 1986)

(Congregation sings with choir at the congregational refrain)

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

The choir sings the verses.

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

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

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

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Romans 8: 12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh~ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ~ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

(recited by all)

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the

devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

The Sermon



The Rev. Dr. Luis León

✠ *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.**

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

“Ubi caritas”

The Taizé Community

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

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. There are triplets indicated by a bracket with the number '3' 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 triplet is indicated 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. Triplets are indicated 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. Triplets are indicated 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 second half of the system.

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 remains one flat (Bb).

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

This system concludes the musical notation with treble and bass staves. Triplets are indicated 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 424

“For the Fruit in All Creation”



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be
 3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to



God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 God. For the good we all in - her - it,



thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
 God's will be done. In our world-wide task of car - ing
 thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,



si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in
 for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests
 for the truths that still con-found us, most of all that



earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Announcements for Sunday July 19, 2020

A Note from Our Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

It has been a number of months now since we've received Holy Communion together. I am pleased that we have prayerfully discerned a way to offer Holy Communion outdoors in very small groups. I write to share some details with you and continue to encourage you to think about what you feel comfortable with, and what is best for your own health. Below you'll read our plan for distributing Holy Communion on the last Sunday of the month, and also how to request Holy Communion if you are

uncomfortable or unable to meet with a small group. We will continue to follow the metrics in our city and the local and diocesan guidelines in our decision making, and if this causes a change of plans, we will notify you. My hope is that we will all consider what is best for ourselves and our community and communicate these decisions.



The Sunday morning worship on July 26th will include the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. It will be pre-recorded, much like our Sunday worship has been since mid-March. It will conclude with a prayer for a spiritual communion, blessing, and hymn. Later that day, you will have the opportunity to receive holy communion with a small group of ten persons or less. Each group will meet together outside, standing at least 6 feet apart with masks on. The leader of each small group will have been trained to distribute communion, following the guidelines of our bishop and local health department. This means we will only distribute bread wafers, not wine. It also means that the Lay Eucharistic Minister who leads the small group worship will not place the wafer directly on your hand, but instead will place the consecrated wafers on a large plate and invite you individually to come forward to take your communion back to your place before consuming. Please know that the Episcopal Church teaches that you have received communion even if you have only received in one kind (receiving only the bread or only the wine.)

Everyone that gathers will be required to register beforehand and include an email address or phone number for contact tracing purposes should it be needed. You will see on the signup form that you are encouraged to note the people you already see regularly, as we

hope to keep folks with groups you already see. We will also continue to remind one another that if we are not feeling well, it is best we stay home. If we are not feeling comfortable or ready to gather in these small groups, please do know there is no pressure for you to gather.

[Here is the link to sign up to receive Holy Communion on Sunday, July 26.](#)

If you are unable to join a small group on Sunday, July 26, but would like to receive Holy Communion individually or as a family, please contact me directly with an email. We will find a way to connect the week after July 26.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. I am taking vacation time from July 13-23, so I will not read your emails until I return but will respond to coordinate a visit with you or answer your questions.

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 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

Monday, July 20:

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

Tuesday, July 21:

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

Wednesday, July 22:

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

Thursday, July 23:

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 24:

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

Saturday, July 25:

10:00 am-12:00 noon Spiritual Retreat: ***Longing for Community – Pilgrimage to the Heart of God***

Sunday, July 26:

10:30 am **Small Groups - Reception of Holy Communion**
Worship (on Zoom, or go to our Facebook page)

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

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Samaritan Sunday at St. Thomas'

*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.*** (taken from the Prayers of the People on July 12, 2020)

Rev. David Wolf, director of Samaritan Ministry, and Antoinette Green, one of its star participants, joined us last Sunday as an expression of the 35-year partnership between St. Thomas' and Samaritan Ministry.

David described the *rigorous compassion* that underlies Samaritan Ministry's work -- which he described as support and encouragement along with challenge and accountability. He reminded us that most of us find support and encouragement from our own network of

family and friends, which many Samaritan Ministry participants don't have access to. Antoinette, who has maintained her job in the hospitality industry throughout the COVID-19 crisis, described how she regularly touches in with her staff to ensure they are all okay, just as Samaritan Ministry does with her. "With hope and a support system, I know we can get through this." she said.

You can support Samaritan Ministry with a cash donation or by purchasing items needed by participants during COVID-19 through Amazon to be delivered to the Samaritan Ministry office.

Donate now: bit.ly/ENN2020

Amazon list: tinyurl.com/Neighbor2020

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.**

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 more 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 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



CHARLIE'S PLACE

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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
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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