



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2020

Opening Hymn “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” *(all verses sung)*
WLP 780

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my
4. Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther,
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; “I am

sick and preach the word.” Lest the church ne -
name bap - tize and teach.” That the world may
bod - y, this my blood.” Let us all, for
what they do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as
with you to the end.” Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty. }
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty. } With the Spir - it's
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty. }
 to a just so - ci - e - ty. }
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty. }

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit.

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Creator of All.

Glory to God

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The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest for three measures, followed by a half note G4 and a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with chords and a left hand with a steady bass line.

Glo - ry,

The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and a bass line.

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

The third system concludes the vocal line with the lyrics "Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —". The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained bass note in the left hand.

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

Verses:

- 1 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- 2 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

Refrain

- 4 You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
- 5 You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
- 6 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
- 7 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Refrain

Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the new day you have given us and your steadfast presence in our community. We pray for your blessing upon our ministries and mission, and that in our worship today you would open our hearts and minds to new opportunities to serve within our community. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with

greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon*

Being the Church through Worship, Study, Action, and Fellowship

Invitation to Participate

Prayers of the People

Lord, help us empty our hearts and minds now of all cares of this world, and allow your Holy Spirit to deliver our innermost sighs and desires to you. Open our eyes and ears to receive your response.

Silence

Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.” During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, remind us that we are not, and cannot be, in control. We pray for your divine safekeeping.

Silence

Paul also says, “We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.” Help us remember how wonderfully we are made, and that each of us has a special ministry you have placed on our hearts. We pray for the right use of our gifts to advance your mission on Earth.

Silence

Isaiah promises that “the Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.” We give thanks and pray for our Bishops— Mariann, Chilton, and Gene—and for all ministers, congregations, and communities.

Silence

The Psalms teach us that you forgive all sins and heal all diseases. We pray for those who are sick, homeless, unemployed, alone, hungry, addicted, or abused. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

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 newborns. We pray for all celebrating birthdays. We pray for those who have died.

Silence

Forgive our complacency, Lord, and for wishing to stay in comfortable, predictable, yet perhaps unproductive places. Your world is constantly changing. Show us how to be good stewards of each new day. We pray for your direction, conviction, and compassion. **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.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



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.

People: 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 582

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

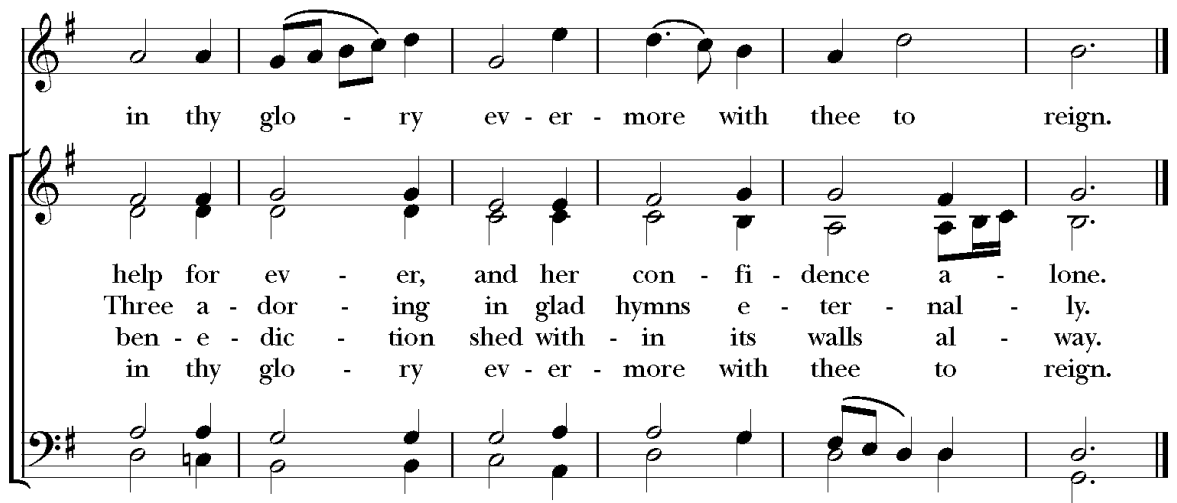
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
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bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
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 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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Announcements for Sunday, September 13, 2020

A Note from Our Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you well! It's funny, even though most everything we do is online, this week has felt a lot like other weeks after Labor Day in the Church! Our ministries are gearing up for the fall, and newcomers have inquired about ways to get connected. During this period of worshiping mostly from home, we have found ways to creatively honor the customs and rhythms of the Church year at St. Thomas' Parish.



This Sunday, we will try something new in our worship. We will take time to listen to and reflect on the way the Spirit is calling us as individuals and a community to worship, study, act (through charity and justice), and be in fellowship. Friends, whether you live down the street from our parish or you join us from afar, there are ways to participate in the building up of God's Kingdom with us. You are warmly invited to listen to our focused areas of ministries for the fall and see how you'd like to participate. Consider this a virtual ministry fair of sorts.

In the coming weeks, we'll include some ministry commissionings for the new program year. I hope to see you this Sunday and would enjoy speaking with you if you are working to determine the ministries God has called you to in our community.

Peace to you,

Lisa+

Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, September 13:

9:30-10:15 am Exploring our Faith Class: Into to Confirmation, Reception, and
Renewal and The Practice of Prayer
10:30 am Worship (Zoom or Facebook streaming of the service)
11:15 am Coffee Hour on Zoom

Monday, September 14:

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

Tuesday, September 15:

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

Wednesday, September 16:

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

Thursday, September 17:

5:45-6:30 pm Spanish Conversation Time with AI
6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Friday, September 18:

6:30-7:30 pm **Yoga and Prayer (different Zoom link -please see
announcement below with details)**
7:30 pm **Virtual Concert**

Sunday, September 20:

9:30-10:15 am Exploring our Faith Class: Baptism
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)

Study at St. Thomas' this Fall

This fall we have dedicated two primary times for study in our community. First, we will offer a study most Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 using Zoom. We will offer a study most Wednesday evenings following the Evening Worship, which will start at 7:00 pm. Please see the calendars below for our study. Most of our studies are designed for your short-term commitment to a series or participation in an individual session.

Sun. Study	9:30 – 10:15 am	Wed. Study	7:00 – 7:45 pm
September 13	Confirmation – Prayer	September 16	Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart, Ph.D.
September 20	Confirmation – Baptism	& 23	“How Do We Get Closer to the Kingdom of God?”
September 27	Confirmation – Holy Eucharist	September 30	Rev. Peter Jarrett Schell
October 4	Confirmation – Holy Scripture		“Seeing My Skin”
October 11	Confirmation – Church History	October 7	Indigenous Peoples’ Day
October 18	TBD	October 14	Grief – Individual
October 25	Bishop’s Visit Q&A	October 21	Grief – Individual
November 8-29	Julian of Norwich	October 28	Grief - Collective

The Thirteen – Virtual Concert held at St. Thomas’ Parish this Friday

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St. Thomas’ will be hosting a livestream from our nave of a concert of music by women composers in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment titled **“Not for the Sun I Sing,”** performed by the professional chamber choir, The Thirteen. The livestream will be on Friday, September 18th at 7.30pm, and then available to view on demand until Friday, September 25th at midnight. The Thirteen is pleased to offer a discount code for St. Thomas’ parishioners to experience the performance for \$15 per household using the discount code STTHOMAS15. Tickets may be purchased at: <https://www.thethirteenchoir.org/>



YOGA and PRAYER:

**In Partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Washington,
Evening Prayer on Fridays will be streamed from our building**

We will gather weekly (via Zoom) to center and ground ourselves with simple yoga and prayer. We explore ancient psalms and contemporary poetry that resonate in today's world, within a framework drawn from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. Yoga poses and sequences take us more deeply into a weekly theme.

The class is led from candlelit St. Thomas' Parish Dupont Circle. All students, regardless of experience or ability, are welcome to share in the movements of the body and spirit. Roll out your mats and sign onto Yoga and Prayer online.

About the Instructor:

The Rev. Diana V. Gustafson has led innovative yoga and prayer at a number of churches in the Diocese of Washington. She is a Registered Yoga Teacher (500 -hour certificate) who trained at several studios in the Washington area. She received her M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary and most recently served as a Curate at All Souls Episcopal Church. This event is hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Washington and St. Thomas' on Dupont Circle.

A Zoom link will be emailed in advance of the start of each class.

Sign up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yoga-and-prayer-finding-sacred-ground-in-a-fractured-world-registration-117185243217>

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.

Healing:

- **Jerry Donohoe:** Here is a link to his Caring Bridge page for updates on his health: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jerrydonahoe>
 - Please be in touch with Heather Hurlburt by email if you would like to sign up to bring Jerry and Dan a meal: hhurlburt@hotmail.com



Music Intern Program at St. Thomas' Parish

St. Thomas' Parish requests applications for its **Fall 2020 Music Intern program** for Washington, D.C.-area college students. The primary duties of Music Interns will be to sing with the choir during approximately 13 weekly Sunday afternoon recording sessions at St. Thomas'. The recordings will be included in virtual liturgies produced by the St. Thomas' Parish. Beyond exploring the repertoire of sacred music, there will be opportunities to compose, conduct, or implement a specialized musical project. In-person rehearsals will be with a maximum of ten people in the nave socially-distanced by at least 20-feet per person and guidelines required by the Episcopal Diocese of Washington will be followed. Apply through the link below or contact Interim Director of Music Michael Lodico. Thanks for helping us spread the word about this program.

Additionally, parishioners of St. Thomas' are most welcome to include singing in the choir as part of their ministry. If you would like more information regarding joining the choir or trying it out, please contact Interim Director of Music Michael Lodico.

Michael Lodico — Mlodico@stthomasdc.org

Form to apply for Music Intern Program — <https://forms.gle/Vaac4rJYPqi6Fjnk8>

Reminder to fill out your census and register to vote:

Two actions you can take for justice are: filling out your census and registering to vote. Already done? Remind people you know to do the same.

www.2020census.gov

Check that you are registered to vote and/or register!



<https://vote.gov/>

VOTE FAITHFULLY

"We are blessed as a nation to vote. As citizens of this country, this is a right, an obligation, and a duty. Go vote. Vote your conscience. Your conscience informed by what it means to love your neighbor, to participate in the process of seeking the common good, to participate in the process of making this a better world. However you vote, go and vote. And do that as followers of Jesus."

-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



REGISTER MOBILIZE COMMUNICATE ADVOCATE

#VoteFaithfully

You cannot vote unless you are registered! Don't procrastinate — get registered today!

✓ Visit <https://vote.gov/> to get registered NOW.

✓ Even if you believe you are registered, double-check your voter registration status to make sure.

✓ You don't have to register alone! Find friends and fellow parishioners who are not yet registered and sign up together. You can even make it a virtual event if you are able to register online or request registration form by mail.

✓ Talk to youth and young adults about the importance of registering and help get them registered. Many states allow young people to register as long as they will turn 18 on or before the next election.

United Planning Organization's Needs and Photos of Recipients



Need for Diapers Size 6 and Pull-Ups sizes t3 and t4

St. Thomas' Member AI shares that the children are growing and now in need of Pull-Ups (size t3 and t4) in addition to diapers in size 6. Eight babies are due this fall. Prayers for the expectant mothers.

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



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Celebrating Our September Birthdays

Barbara Hays (September 3)

Braxton Dyer (September 11)

Florence Asha Lodico (September 13)

Bob Sheavly (September 13)

Doug Dreier (September 22)

Cindy Adkins (September 24)

Mary de Boer (September 27)

John Stanton (September 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

Benjamin Bynum

Annette Carver

Peggyann Cohen

Mary de Boer

Jerry Donahoe

Karen Garlick

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Mark Herzog

Kristin Jones

Mike Knapp

Dave Kucharski

Donna Norman

Elizabeth Powers-Brown

Mary Ellen Reed

Harvey Snyder

For the repose of the soul of:

Lewis East

Annie Untied Mirra

Jim Snedegar

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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