



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



All Saints Day – November 1, 2020

Celebration of Baptism

Opening Hymn 287 “For All the Saints” *(all verses sung)*



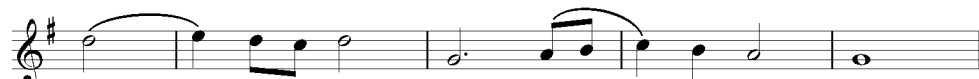
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:____
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,____
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!____



thee____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;____
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O____ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness, drear, the one true Light.
win, with____ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are____ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

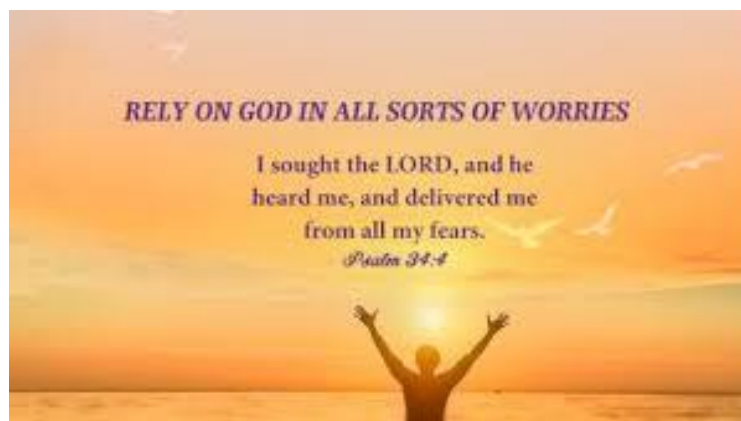
"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.



Sequence

“Laudate Dominum”

Jacques Berthier

First system of the musical score for "Laudate Dominum". It features four staves: Oboé (top), Voz (voice, with lyrics), Violão acústico (acoustic guitar), and Baixo elétrico (electric bass). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics for the voice part are: "Lau - da - te Do - mi - num Lau - da - te".

Second system of the musical score for "Laudate Dominum". It features four staves: Ob. (oboe), Vo. (voice, with lyrics), Viol. (violin), and B. El. (electric bass). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics for the voice part are: "Do - mi - num Om - nes gen - tes Al - le - lu - ia". A first ending bracket is shown above the oboe staff.

Taize

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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*



The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for Louis Navneet Desai Lodico who was baptized this week.

Let us now pray for Louis, who on Saturday received the Sacrament of new birth and for all who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

(A person appointed leads the following petitions)

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

(The Celebrant says:)

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. ***Amen.***

Welcoming the Newly Baptized

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Prayers of the People

written by Jennie Allison

O Lord, we pray for our world community– those of us who are members of the church and those who aren't. That we all may know we are one and loved and accepted by you. Pray for our church leaders.

Silence

Holy God, we pray for this nation and the upcoming election. Show us that there is more that unites us than divides us; that we may heal and be one people with joyful hearts whose sole desire is to be an instrument of your will. Pray for unity.

Silence

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are suffering, those with support and those without. That we learn to be kind to ourselves, accepting that this human experience isn't always easy and that we may always help each other along the way – knowing that we should lean on you. Pray for those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

Almighty Father, we pray for those who have influenced our lives and are no longer here. That we carry their memories with happiness and know that we will be reunited someday in your glory and light. Pray for the departed.

Silence

Most Loving God, we give thanks for the gift of this life and the beauty in it – for the gifts of community, solitude, song, silence, laughter, tears, blue skies, gray skies, and all that's in between. Help us notice the little things our surroundings and world are made of and remember all are part of your creation.

Silence

In memory of those who have died

James Ernest Adams	Mary McDonald
Doris Adkins Groves	Sally McDonald
Isabel Allison	Violet Mesarick
Louise Allison	Mulgrew Miller
Jerry Beals	Annie Untied Mirra
Isabel Bilecki	Edward & Oriole Moluf
Andy Bonilla	Toni Morrison
Eldan Bray	Juanita Irene Stewart Pinion
Alice Carter	William Puckett
Louie Crew Clay	Liz Rhiddlehoover
Clyde Coker	Diana Rigg, DBE
Esther Mary Coleman	Lefloria Robertson
Mary Willis Coleman	Pastor Karen Safstrom
Doug & Lorraine Dahlquist	Klaas Salomonson
Lewis East	Dale Saunders
Ricky Fitzgerald	Dave Saunders
Jerry Foreman	Richard Saunders, Sr.
Paula Foreman	Elizabeth Ann Scott
Cindy Gangler	Barbara Shaw
James Gangler	Jim Snedegar
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Nancy Littlefield Stine
Thomas James Hamilton	John Stone
Jennie Collins Harlan	Dennis Swyt
Ed Harri	Wilfredo Torres
Vincent & Mildred Insinga	Maria Valdes
Eileen Kane	Barbara Vogel
Willard & Sarah Klair	Patrick Justin White IV
Wesley Lausted	David Yoder
Arthur & Bernice McDonald	Ben Young

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

“Grant Us Thy Peace”

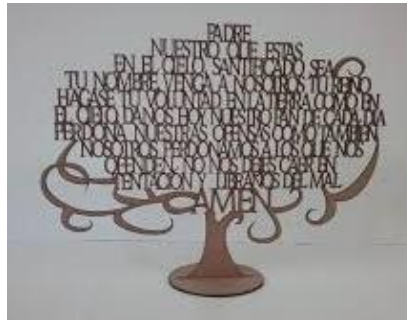
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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.

PADRE NUESTRO, que estás en el cielo.
Santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos
del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



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.

Closing Hymn 293

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"



1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
 hund-reds of thou-sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
 by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son—
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

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!

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Announcements for Sunday, November 1, 2020

A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

This week we've had a number of people stop by the church to vote! We are not a polling place this year due to COVID-19, but it seems some people still have us listed as their polling place or they remember voting here in the past! We have posted signs with the correct voting information, and also written to DC Board of Elections about this issue. I share this with you with an invitation: Please join us next Tuesday, Election Day, as a prayerful and helpful presence.

A team of us will stay at the church and respond to inquiries about where to vote, and a team of us will go over to Reeves Municipal Center at 14th and U. Please read more about the diocesan effort to be a prayerful presence at the polls:

<https://www.edow.org/news-events/election-day-prayer-presence>

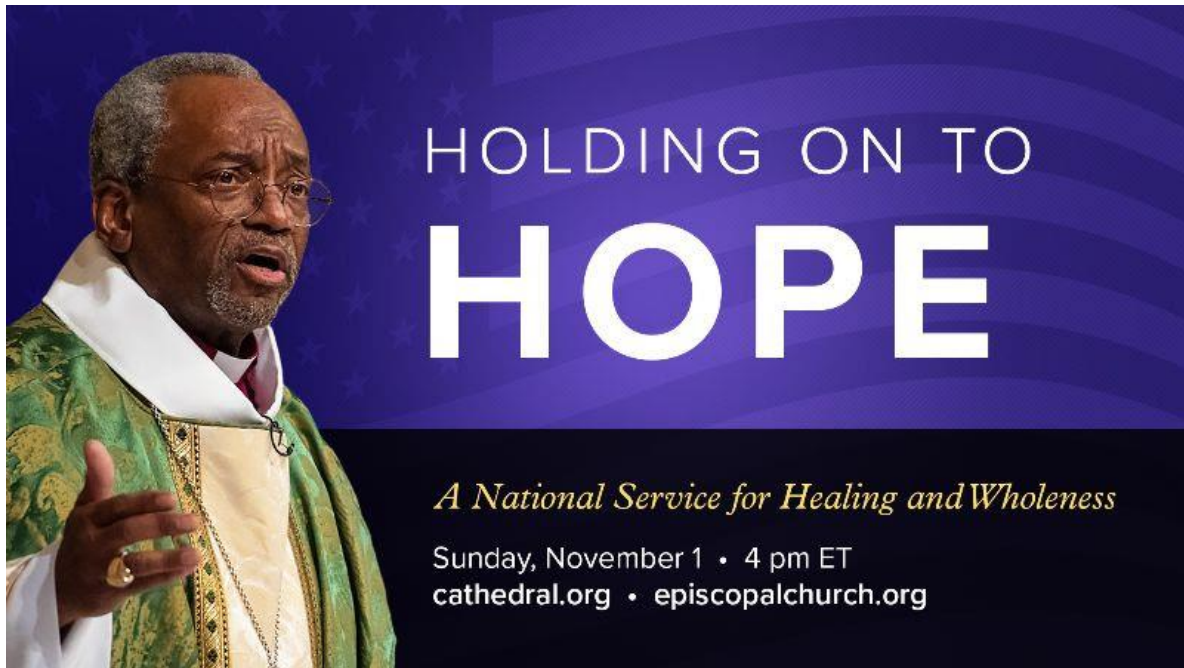
You can sign up by to join the St. Thomas' team by emailing me or filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/eWhovE3htnRJcDVPA>.

As a reminder, this weekend is full of opportunities to remember those who have died, the great cloud of witnesses. Please see our schedule for the weekend under the All Hallows Eve announcement below. It will also be our joy to welcome Louis Navneet Desai Lodico into the family of God at his baptism! He will be baptized on Saturday, and we will welcome him with our prayers and joy at our worship on Sunday.

God bless you,
Lisa+





Presiding Bishop Michael Curry leads a service of prayer to shine as a beacon of hope for the nation amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, racial reckoning and a hard-fought election.

In the midst of pandemic, racial reckoning and a historic election, the live-streamed service will gather Americans for prayer, song, lament, hope and a call to love God and neighbor.

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Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer

Make sure to download "[A Season of Prayer: For an Election](#)," a nine-day prayer resource from Forward Movement and the Office of Government Relations. **Join us in prayer October 27-November 4.**

Photos from Bishop Mariann's Visit Last Sunday for Confirmation and Reception



(l to r) Bishop Mariann, Lynn Moluf, Alex Duarte, Jocko Fajardo, Amy & Tom Doolittle, Rev. Lisa



Bishop Mariann



(l to r) Steve Schembs, Bishop Mariann, Rev. Lisa, Jessie Eddy

Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, November 1:

ALL SAINTS DAY

10:30 am

Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)

11:15 am

Coffee Hour on Zoom

12:00-7:00 pm

Outdoor All Saints Altar

Monday, November 2:

6:30-7:00 pm

All Souls Day Evening Worship

Tuesday, November 3:

6:30-7:00 pm

Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

7:00 pm

Study: Social Injustice and Religious Hypocrisy

Wednesday, November 4:

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

7:00-8:00 pm

Study: Grief

Thursday, November 5:

5:45-6:30 pm Spanish Conversation Time with Al

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

Friday, November 6:

6:30-7:30 pm

Yoga and Prayer (different Zoom link -please see announcement below with details)

Sunday, November 8:

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Bettina Hager and Ibrahim Rizkalla

10:30 am

Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)

11:15 am

Coffee Hour on Zoom

You are invited to witness the marriage of Bettina Hager and Ibrahim Rizkalla. They will be married at our 10:30 am Sunday worship service on Sunday, November 8, 2020. Please join via our Facebook page or 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)

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A prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,
as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament
in the wearing of this cloth—
let it be "an outward sign
of an inward grace"—
a tangible and visible way of living
love for my neighbors,
as I love myself.

Christ,
since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile
in the crinkles around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled,
help me to speak clearly,

not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully—
and full of care—
to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be
shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.

In your Name and
in that love,
I pray.

Amen



— Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, *Moderator of the United Church of Canada*

WORSHIP AT ST. THOMAS' THIS FALL

Allhallowtide Celebrations



This year, we will have a series of events to celebrate Allhallowtide, the triduum of All Saints Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day.

- On **Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 pm**, we'll celebrate **All Saints Day** during our Sunday worship on Zoom and Facebook Live.
- On **Monday, November 2 at 6:30 pm**, we'll celebrate an **All Souls Day Evening Prayer** on Zoom.

We celebrate these feast days to remember our loved ones who have passed.

On Sunday and Monday, the church building will have an All Saints Altar outside from noon to 7:00 pm. There will be a special mural painted on the glass with the names of loved ones who passed this year and those who have died in the fight for Justice and Equality.

At the altar, you can write a loved one's name and attach a marigold to place on the altar. Marigolds are the flower symbolizing the Day of the Dead in Mexico. There will also be a craft activity for children.

Please consider signing up to sit vigil inside the lobby to monitor the inside altar and pray. There will be slots from noon to 7:00 pm on Sunday, November 1.

Use the Google spreadsheet link below to sign up for a vigil time and submit your loved one's name for the mural.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xZeYmqd6C72mAXBW06Dz5vYn30Sz3avF_FEE7-nkl/edit?ts=5f91edd6&gxids=7628

Receiving the Holy Eucharist:

We will continue to gather each month to share holy communion (bread only) outdoors in small groups. If you would like to be added to a group, please email the Rev. Lisa Ahuja. If you've already signed up, no need to sign up again. Your Lay Eucharistic Minister will email you with a meeting time and place. The dates for the fall distribution of Holy Communion **November 15** and December 13. If you would like to be in a virtual group that meets monthly and are not in one of these groups, please sign up with Rev. Lisa.



Private Prayer in our Bishop Gene Robinson Chapel

Some of us miss prayer in our building. We now have someone in the office each weekday from 10:30 am-3:30 pm. If you would like to come in to pray by yourself or with your family unit, you are welcome to come during this window of time for private prayer. Please ring the doorbell when you arrive. You'll be required to fill out a covenant to be in the building and asked to clean your space with sanitizing wipes.

STUDY AT ST. THOMAS' THIS FALL

Special Tuesday Series: Social Injustice and Religious Hypocrisy: Prophetic Protests in Ancient Israel

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm; November 3, 10, 17, and December 1 & 8



Are you interested in taking a "deeper dive" into the Scriptures? Here is an opportunity to study selected biblical texts from some of the most important early Hebrew prophets – **Hosea, Amos, Isaiah, and Jeremiah** – individuals whose fiery words and dramatic actions shaped our Judeo-Christian views of social injustice and economic oppression.

These prophets announced God's judgment on kings and priests and on the wealthy and the privileged, for their breach of God's covenant and for their religious hypocrisy – while always holding out hope for those who will seek justice and return to the God who loves them. This timely series will be offered by Bob Moluf and Murray Scheel on **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. on November 3, 10, 17, and December 1 & 8.**

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 using this link.](#)

TAKE ACTION WITH ST. THOMAS' THIS FALL

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>.

Tutors Needed:

We are looking to bring on Online Academic Tutors for rewarding volunteer work that can make a difference in people's lives: tutor Hispanic teen parent students from Bell High School. Our clients are both not English speakers and high school teen parents. You are welcome to help with English as well as the following subject: Essay Writing, Computer Science, Physics, Calculus, Statistics, Trigonometry, and many more! Spanish fluency is not necessary to be a tutor. For more information call or text Al Llanos cell 202-604-3084

Double Mattress Needed

Dear Friends,

A young family is in need of a double mattress, new or gently used. Please be in touch with Rev. Lisa or Al Llanos if you have one to donate.

Al Llanos: AlLlanosDC@gmail.com

CLOTHING DRIVE EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 15!

St. Thomas' is supporting three groups in need of warm clothing for the coming months: the families from Central America who live in Columbia Heights; men who reside at Christ House in Adams Morgan; and women and men from across the diocese who participate with Samaritan Ministry.

Children's clothing may be gently used as well as new; the request for adults is for new clothing, with the exception of shoes. If you have gently used adult clothing of any kind or size, please know that we will forward it to other area programs where it will be greatly appreciated.



CHILDREN'S CLOTHING NEEDS:

Here are the sizes needed and the number of children of each size:

newborn: 3
6 months: 1 girl
15-18 months: 2 girls and 1 boy
2t-4t: 7 boys and 8 girls
6t: 1 girl
Sizes 5-9: 2 girls and 2 boys
Size 8/10: 2 boys
Size 12/14: 1 girl and 1 boy
Size 12/16: 1 boy
Size 14/16: 6 girls
Junior XL: 1 boy, 2 girls
Adult Medium: 2 girls



ADULT CLOTHING NEEDS:

Men's and women's white underwear briefs, especially M and L, plus XL-2XL
Men's sweatpants, all sizes, especially M, XL, 2XL and 4XL
Men's crewneck sweatshirts, especially XL, 2XL and 3XL
Men's long-sleeved tops, XL or 2XL
Men's jeans, XL and 2XL
Men's winter hats and socks
Men's belts



We will collect the clothing **through November 15**. Please bring it to the church office at 1517 18th Street, NW, and contact Nolan, our Parish Administrator, to coordinate the drop off at 202 808 3326.

Please invite others to join us!

Thank you for your generosity.



Election Day Prayer Presence at Voting Places

Bishop Mariann has invited congregations to be part of a diocese-wide prayerful presence at polling stations on Tuesday, November 3. She reminds us that one antidote to anxiety is prayer, and by November 3, virtually everyone's anxiety will probably be sky high!

Bishop Mariann suggests that we form small groups to quietly pray for our democracy and all those exercising their right to vote at selected polling stations. The diocese has created signs (in both English and Spanish) that we can use during our prayer witness time.

If this is something you'd like to consider doing with others from St. Thomas', [please sign up here](#) and within the next couple of weeks, we'll organize ourselves for the big day!



<https://vote.gov/>

St. Thomas' Parish Building Wins Award!

The NAIOP, Commercial Real Estate Development Association, DC – Maryland Chapter, has granted an ***Award of Excellence for Best Institutional Facility*** to Hickok Cole for our building.

Hickok Cole

St. Thomas Parish



Award of Excellence *Best Institutional Facility*

Project Team

May Riegler Companies - (Developer)
St. Thomas' Parish - (Owner)
Hickok Cole - (Architect)
Forrester Construction - (Contractor)
Ron Blunt - (Photographer)

Executive Summary

St. Thomas Episcopal Church was originally designed in the late 1800's by Philadelphia architect, Theophilus Chandler, followed by the construction of its Parish Hall in 1922. Frequented by Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and many other prominent DC residents throughout its history, the church

was long considered a sacred relic within the Dupont Circle community. It continued to play a significant and supportive role during the civil rights movement in the early 1960s, and again for the LGBT community in the 1970s and 1980s as one of the few churches conducting funerals for those who died from HIV and AIDS.

In 1970, an arson fire destroyed much of the original church, leaving behind only a few walls and a portion of the Parish Hall, and forcing the congregation to meet in a much smaller on-site structure for the years following. Several decades later, St. Thomas resolved to rebuild and partnered with a local developer who would help alleviate some of the construction costs by using part of the property to construct a new residential building. The resulting renovation and development transforms the English Gothic church ruins and surviving parish hall into a 47,869-SF, 51-unit multifamily residence that reinvestigates the character of the surrounding town homes and an 18,000-SF church that reinvigorates the congregation's presence within its community.

Rising to a height of 65 feet, the project is composed of three distinct sections, including the re-purposed parish hall with two added floors, the restored Cloister entrance leading to a new block of apartments, and the new church along 18th Street. The final design concept supports a resolution the developer made in partnership with the Dupont Circle Conservancy, which includes the use of high-quality materials and gradual steps back in height to maintain the neighborhood's pedestrian experience. This resulted in the creation of several outdoor terrace spaces. From east to west, the development blends with the neighborhood, transitioning seamlessly from the nearby town houses to the residence, and ending with St. Thomas Parish.

To accommodate the new residence, the bulk of the church shifted to 18th Street and was stacked vertically. Its new design is inspired by the concept of ascension which represents the church's symbolic rise from the ashes, while properly reflecting their modern approach and progressive values. To articulate this concept, the church is designed to lead the observer from the glazed corner entrance at Church and 18th Street, through the rising profile of the ascending stair and the dynamic composition of the façade which culminates at the large metal cross embedded in the light tower above the entrance. The church's contemporary facade stands out amid the surrounding Dupont Circle neighborhood and features a faceted surface of terracotta modules, traversed by a dynamic sequence of multi-height openings, filtered by a sunscreen veil of gently projecting terracotta baguettes.

The interior fit-out consists of an elevator lobby and four floors above grade. The first floor is comprised of a lobby, chapel, and offices. On the second floor is a double-height sanctuary, which serves as the primary worship space and boasts high acoustical ceilings and paneling, and a mezzanine level choir loft featuring a preserved organ from the original church. The remaining floors house a kitchen, fellowship hall, green roof, and terrace to support gatherings and events, and create additional streams of revenue for the church.

St. Thomas Parish opened successfully in April of 2019, welcoming the congregation by celebrating its first service on Easter Sunday, signifying the church will remain cemented in the fabric of the community for years to come

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Celebrating Our November Birthdays

Vibha Sazawal (November 3)
Jessie Eddy (November 8)
Richard Sawyer (November 8)
Karen Garlick (November 21)
Jennifer Jue (November 28)

November Anniversaries

Bob and Lynn Moluf (November 2)

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

Parish Prayer List

Charlotte Anderson	Jan Harrison	Steven Merrill
Anne Marie Bohler	Mark Herzog	Donna Norman
Matthew Briggs	Kristin Jones	Mary Ellen Reed
Annette Carver	Mike Knapp	Bishop Gene Robinson
Peggyann Cohen	Dave Kucharski	Victor Robinson
Jerry Donahoe	Linda Long-Jarosik	Harvey Snyder

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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Stephen Schembs, Junior Warden
Jennie Allison, Treasurer
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Jane Saari, Brett Snyder, Gregory Zitterkob

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