



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Third Sunday after the Epiphany – January 24, 2021

Opening Hymn WLP 808 “Thuma Mina”

Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma
Je - sus, send me Je - sus, send me

1. - 3. 4.
Send me Lord,
mi - na, So - man - dla.
Je - sus, send me Lord. Send me Lord.

Additional verses

3. *Call:* Lead me, Lord, *Response:* Lead me, Jesus.
4. *Call:* Fill me, Lord, *Response:* Fill me, Jesus.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Glory to God - LEVAS 243

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (soprano) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass staves).
System 1: 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 starts with a series of chords and moving lines in both hands.
System 2: The vocal line continues 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 melodic fragments.
System 3: The vocal line concludes 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 line in the left hand.

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Psalm 62: 6-14

(read by all)

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, there is my hope.
7 God alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
9 Put your trust in God always, O people; *
pour out your hearts before the One who is our refuge.
10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
14 Steadfast love is yours, O God, *
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1: 14-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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*

Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Mariann and Chilton, bishops of the Diocese of Washington; for Lisa and Gene, clergy of our parish; for this online worship gathering; and for all ministers and people. We pray especially for our parish as we raise up and equip new leaders for our Vestry and thank outgoing leaders for their dedication and care.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the brokenness and division in our world, especially in our nation. We pray for guidance to examine and repent of our own individual and collective participation in institutional racism. We pray for Joe, our President, Kamala, our Vice President, and all who have been elected to lead in our government.

Pray for justice and peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper
knowledge of God.
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, remembering especially the multitude of those who have died
of COVID-19 around the world. We also pray for those who have died alone or separated from
family. We pray comfort for those who grieve.
Pray for those who have died, and those who grieve.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

I invite you to share your prayers of petition or thanksgiving, in silence, aloud, or written in the
chat or comment box.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Richard Shephard (1949 -)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ, Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,
Who walked upon the foaming deep
And calm amidst its rage did sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Thy children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoever we go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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, adapted from the Prayer Book for Armed Services

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 leader invites the following prayer to be said by all:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you now in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Closing Hymn 528 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: “In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bo - dy,
4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



1 preach the word.” Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion
2 tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,
3 this my blood.” Let your priests, for earth’s true glo - ry,
4 do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
5 to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



1 and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to your
2 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,
3 dai - ly lift life hea - ven - ward, ask - ing that the world a -
4 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
5 may we serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that



1 pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
2 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
3 round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty; with the
4 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;
5 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



Spi - rit’s gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Blessing

Celebrant: Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people. And the blessing of the Triune God, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit rest upon you this day and remain with you forever.

People: Amen

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in Peace! Proclaim the Word made flesh!

People: Thanks be to God.

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Announcements for Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 24, 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear St. Thomas' Parish,

Last Sunday, we remembered Dr. King's witness to Christ in his time, a witness that continues to embolden people to act for justice in our day. Carol Coonrod, Dan Costello, Jessie Eddy, and Jason Forman shared reflections from their time in Sacred Ground (read more below on Sacred Ground) and invited us all to participate in this important anti-racism course. Our parish is committed to the work of racial justice, and our Sacred Ground series starts February 3. I have just signed myself up and hope you will join me!



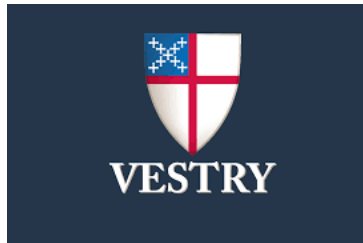
Please sign up for Sacred Ground using this link: <https://forms.gle/LVTP5WfCaFDKyyUa8>

There have been some beautiful worship opportunities for our nation this week offered through the Washington National Cathedral, including the 59th Inaugural Prayer Service, with preacher Bishop William J. Barber II, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign. The services are available to watch at www.youtube.com/user/wncathedral

God bless you,
Lisa+

2020 Giving Statement

Thank you for your generous financial contributions in 2020. 2020 Giving Statements, which include financial gifts made to the operating and capital campaign were sent out on Wednesday through Realm. Please do be in touch with Nolan in the parish office with any questions at administrator@stthomasdc.org.



Annual Meeting- Save the Date – Sunday, February 7

The St. Thomas' Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2021 following our 10:30 am service on Zoom. Never been to an annual meeting for a church? This year's meeting will include a celebration of the highlights from 2020, a presentation of the 2021 budget, reports from the Wardens and Rector, a written report from all of our ministries, election of new Vestry leaders, and the presentation of bylaw amendments for parish approval.

Thank you to the Vestry Nominating Committee for their work sharing the ministry of Vestry with members of our parish.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish 2021 Vestry Slate

Wardens

1. Senior Warden- Gregory Zitterkob*

Gregory has been an active member of St. Thomas' Parish since 2007. In addition to serving on the vestry, he is a Lay Eucharistic Minister and chair of the Outreach Committee. Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, he moved to DC from New Orleans where he attended law school. He is an attorney in private practice and lives in Logan Circle with his boyfriend, Ryan, who is also a parishioner. In his free time, Gregory enjoys traveling, listening to cheesy French pop music, and jumping between the news and Instagram when either gets to be too much.



2. Junior Warden- Karen Garlick*

Karen is a long-time resident of Washington, attending college and graduate school in the city and then, staying for a career in the city's museum, library, and archives community. Her journey to St. Thomas did not begin with the intentional "church shopping" that brings many to a new place of worship, but rather with the spontaneous (and surprising) decision to walk into a 5:00 Sunday service 7 years ago, after decades of passing by the church on her way from "here to there." It felt like home from the start, and she soon experienced that *welcoming embrace* that marks St. Thomas as an inclusive, vibrant, and nourishing faith community. She was received into the Episcopal Church in 2016, is a member of the choir, has served on the Vestry and Inclusion Committee, and co-chaired the last music director search team.



Vestry Members

3. Jason Crighton (current vestry, continuing for optional 3rd year)*

4. Jane Saari (current vestry, continuing for optional 3rd year)*

Jane moved to Washington from New York City in 1990 to volunteer for one year at a residence for homeless women dealing with substance abuse. When the year was up, she decided to remain in Washington and worked at a law firm until her retirement. Baptized and confirmed a Lutheran, Jane was received into the Episcopal Church in 2016. She has been attending St. Thomas' since 2013. She has served as a greeter and is a member of the Vestry and a reader. She initiated St. Thomas' Annual Tacky Christmas Sweater Party.

Jane is an avid reader and knitter who has donated countless scarves and baby hats to various charities. She also does yarnbombing in the neighborhood.



Nominated for a new term

5. Reggie Greer*

Reggie served as the LGBTQ+Engagement Director for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris' 2020 campaign - where he worked to include every LGBTQ+ voice in their winning coalition. After several years working in engagement-related roles, Reggie joined the Biden-Harris campaign after serving as Constituent Engagement Director at LGBTQ Victory Institute where he supported LGBTQ+ elected and appointed leaders around the country.



Prior to joining Victory, Reggie served as Deputy Director of Public Engagement at the United States Department of Transportation where he developed strategies for effective communication and engagement with thousands of transportation stakeholders across every mode on key White House and Departmental priorities. Appointed by President Barack Obama and Secretary Anthony Foxx in May 2014, Reggie served as the Department's liaison to the White House Business Council, engaging business leaders across the country on a wide range of transportation-related initiatives, programs, and issues. Reggie began his tenure at the Department as a special assistant to Secretary Foxx. And, in 2016, Reggie was appointed to serve on Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser's LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

In 2009, Reggie received his Bachelor of Arts in Government and History from Georgetown University, having concentrated his studies in education and social policy.

6. Noel Miller*

Noel is a lifelong Episcopalian, having been raised in the Episcopal church in her hometown of Portland, Oregon. She has been a member of St. Thomas' Parish for over 10 years, having found a kind and loving family in the Parish community. Noel has served as a reader, a Godly Play teacher, and on the Children's Ministry Team. She is the mother of 2 year old Fiadh Kennedy, who was baptized in the Parish on Pentecost in 2019. Noel and her family live in Virginia and look forward to a non-COVID future when they can return to their usual Sunday trips into DC as a family.



7. Brett Snyder*

Brett Snyder was raised in Reading, Pennsylvania, and moved to Washington, D.C. after college. Brett is an attorney who practices energy law and is married to Jason Forman. He has been a member of St. Thomas' since 2003 and was received into the Episcopal Church in 2010. He was a member of the Building Committee for the entirety of the planning and construction of our new building.



8. John Trumbo*

John grew up and was baptized as a Southern Baptist. As a young adult, he became an active member of the Metropolitan Community Church. He was then confirmed as an Episcopalian at St. James' Parish Capitol Hill by the late Bishop Jane Holmes Dixon in 2002 where he served as Lector before attending St. Thomas' Parish in 2004. John has served on St. Thomas' Pastoral Care, Communications, and Discernment Committees, as well as Lector, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Healing Minister, and Taize Homilist. He has volunteered with outreach ministries at Christ House and the Transitional Housing Corp. From 2011 - 2013, John represented St. Thomas' in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. Professionally, John is a writer with a master's degree in nonfiction. He currently creates and curates patient-friendly web content on clinical conditions for a national healthcare association and enjoys writing Prayers of the People for the Parish.



9. Brian Crane (remains on the Vestry for his second year of service)

Brian started attending St. Thomas' early in the ministry of Jim Holmes. He served one term on the vestry as the secretary late in Jim Holmes' ministry, during which time we oversaw the dramatic redesign of the garden. Over the years he has taught Sunday school, chaired the pastoral care committee, been active with adult education, and served on several discernment committees. Last year he started singing with the choir. Brian looks forward to the



opportunity to serve my parish community on the vestry again as we continue exploring ministry

** **Bolded** are candidates who will be voted on*

Documents will be sent out in a special packet of information through our Phoenix email list, but if you require a hard copy, we'd be happy to mail them to you. We will have an information session about the bylaw amendments this Sunday. Please email Nolan (administrator@stthomasdc.org) if you'd like a copy mailed to you.



ANNUAL MEETING



Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, January 24:	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
9:30 am	Info session on proposed bylaw amendments
10:30 am	Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am	Coffee Hour on Zoom
Monday, January 25:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Tuesday, January 26:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Wednesday, January 27:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship with Taize Chant
Thursday, January 28:	
5:45-6:30 pm	Spanish Conversation with AI
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Friday, January 29:	
6:30-7:30 pm	Yoga and Prayer (different Zoom link -please see announcement below with details)
Sunday, January 31:	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
	CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY AND
	INSTALLATION OF REV. LISA AHUJA AS RECTOR
9:30 am	Identifying and Sharing Your Spiritual Gifts
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

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In thanksgiving for the birth of
Naomi Allegra Ashworth
born on Saturday, January 9. 2021:

*Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed Ashley and Tyler with the joy and care of Naomi Allegra Ashworth: Give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they bring Naomi up, that they may teach her to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.***



Worship with St. Thomas'

Communion Distribution after Celebration of New Ministry and Installation

From 12:30-2:30 on Sunday, January 31, you are invited to stop by the church to receive Holy Communion which will be pre-packaged. This will also be a nice opportunity to wave at one another from a distance and celebrate this joyous occasion. This will all take place outdoors. If you are unable to make it to the church, we have volunteers who are happy to make a delivery. Please email Rev. Lisa if you'd like communion delivered at lahuja@stthomasdc.org.

Save the Date: Celebration of New Ministry and Installation of the Rev. Lisa Saunders Ahuja as Rector

*The Wardens, Vestry, and Members of
St. Thomas' Parish
Washington, DC*

*Request Your Prayers and Presence at
the Celebration of New Ministry
and Installation of
the Reverend Lisa Saunders Ahuja
as the Rector of St. Thomas' Parish*

*Sunday, January 31, 2020
10:30 in the morning on Zoom and Facebook.
The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde,
Presiding*

Gifts for the Celebration of New Ministry

We will be starting a Little Library which is filled with books by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) authors. Please consider offering a book (new or used) by a BIPOC author or contributing funds for our Little Library. This is a great place to share forward books from our own anti-racism studies in the past year.

It is also a custom in the Church to take an offering for the Rector's Discretionary Fund at a Celebration of New Ministry. This money is to be used to support needs in the community. Examples of how these funds have been used by Rev. Lisa in the last year: diapers and formula purchases, assistance in paying for an education certificate necessary for employment, rental assistance, food for families in need. You'll hear the bishop make an appeal to give generously for this fund at our service.

Chair Dedications from the Chair*ity Fundraiser

Back in 2018 many people made a financial contribution to the chairs for our sanctuary. We cannot wait to sit in that space once again! You may remember that in 2019 we started collecting dedications for these chairs, statements that chairs are in thanksgiving or memory of someone special to you. We do not have a dedication for all of the donations and want to ensure your dedication is included.

Please either email: administrator@stthomasdc.org with your dedication or fill in the Google form with your dedication: <https://forms.gle/ntRGEoBzop1KGJy46>

If you cannot remember how many chairs you donated, or you are new and would like to contribute to the capital expenses of these chairs in honor of someone special to you, please do write to Nolan at administrator@stthomasdc.org. There are plenty more to be dedicated, and the cost of each was \$299. We aim to collect all of this information by January 30, 2021.

#Epiphany2021



Identify and Share your Spiritual Gifts.

Join us at 9:30!

**Sun 1/31: Episcopal tradition
about the gifts of the Spirit**

**Sun 2/7: How can I discern my gifts
of the Spirit?**

**Sun 2/14: How can I share my gifts
with my community?**

Identifying and Sharing your Spiritual Gifts-

Join members of the Stewardship and Ministry Committee for a three-week class January 31-February 14th in Identifying and Sharing your Spiritual Gifts. We will meet from 9:30-10:15 am on our Zoom Code for study, worship, and fellowship.



Sacred Ground

Please join us as St. Thomas' Parish undertakes the Episcopal Church's anti-racism course, **Sacred Ground**.

This powerful course is a 10-week series (with two breaks for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week) using documentaries and readings to discuss racism and faith in our nation. The Rector and Vestry urge all members of our community to participate in this important and vital dialogue on racism.

Jessie Brewster and Jason Forman will be co-facilitating the series.

The series will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm on the Worship Zoom link and will end by 8:30 pm. The dates of the session will be February 3, 10, & 24; March 3, 10, 17, & 24; and April 7, 14, & 21.

We have had a robust series of formation events during the pandemic. Sacred Ground will be the focus of our formation events starting February 3rd, through Lent, and ending in the Easter season.

We'll be reading chapters each week in two books: **Waking Up White**, and **Finding Myself in the Story of Race** by Deby Irving and **Jesus and the Disinherited** by Howard Thurman

Both of these books often sell out (which is a blessing). I would urge you to order now from your local bookstore, bookshop.org, <https://www.politics-prose.com/>, or www.amazon.com. Please contact the church office if you need financial assistance buying the books.

There will also be one assigned documentary each week and other short readings. For more information, see <https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>



Yoga and Prayer Looks to the Light: Finding Sacred Ground in Fractured Times

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

New Class Schedule January 8 to February 12

Join us in the Epiphany season for a return to the light. We will gather **Fridays at 6:30 pm (via Zoom)** to center ourselves with simple yoga and prayer.

Within a framework drawn from the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*, we explore ancient 'Wisdom' writings and contemporary poetry that resonate in today's world. Yoga sequences take us more deeply into a weekly theme tied to current events and Epiphany season miracles. Come as often as you like. Only one sign-up needed for all six weeks. You can begin any week and drop-ins and newcomers welcome.

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 now!](#)

Take Action with St. Thomas'

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>.



Diapers Needed--- Size 6

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have listened to the needs of our local community and tried to respond faithfully. We've donated lots of diapers, wipes, formula, and more to young, low-income families from Central America served by The United Planning Organization (UPO) in Columbia Heights.

St. Thomas' Member Al, serves as a social worker at (UPO), and shares that **there is a current need for diapers in size 6**. 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

Reverend Lisa's Contact Information:

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Washington, DC 20036
1-202-361-2018 (cell)
lahuja@stthomasdc.org**

Celebrating Our January Birthdays

Stacey George (January 1)
Felecia Williams (January 1)
Joe Bishop-Henchman (January 4)
Samantha Fallon (January 5)
Naomi Ashworth (January 9)
Bob McDonald (January 16)
Gregory Zitterkob (January 22)
Tyler Ashworth (January 23)
David Insinga (January 23)
Rev. Linda Kaufman (January 23)
Chris Hartenau (January 27)
John Coonrod (January 31)

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

Parish Prayer List

Naomi Ashworth
Anne Marie Bohler
Matthew Briggs
Peggyann Cohen
Mary Lou Commiso

Jerry Donahoe
John Fallon
Jan Harrison
Mark Herzog
Kristin Jones

Mike Knapp
Dave Kucharski
Linda Long-Jarosik
Bishop Gene Robinson

For the repose of the soul of:
Charlotte Anderson

You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: administrator@stthomasdc.org



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