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"OF ONE HEART AND SOUL"

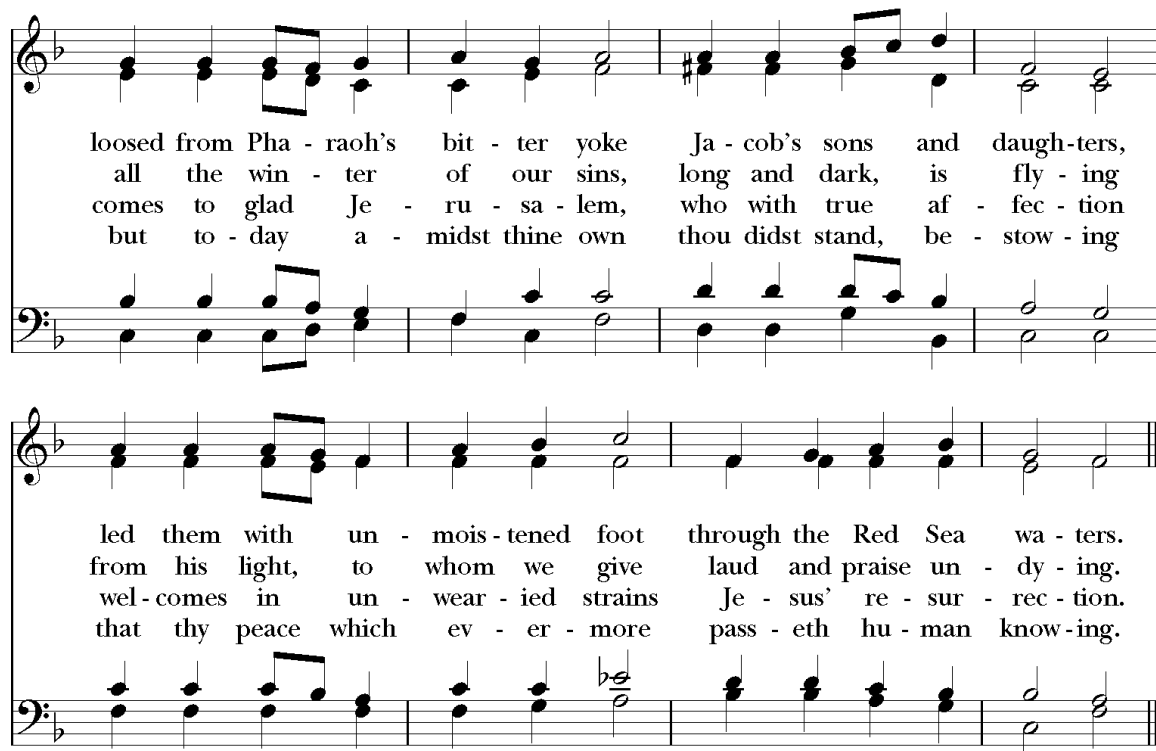
Second Sunday of Easter – April 11, 2021

Celebration of Baptism

Opening Hymn 199 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



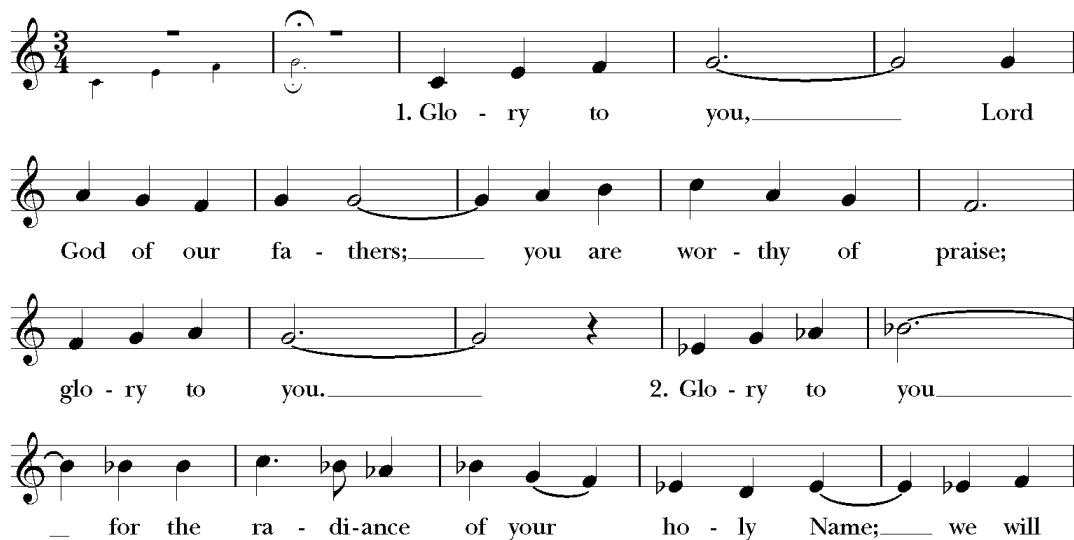
loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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.

Glory to God S236

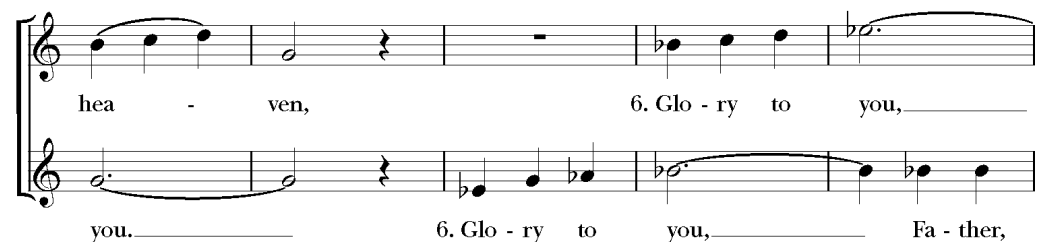
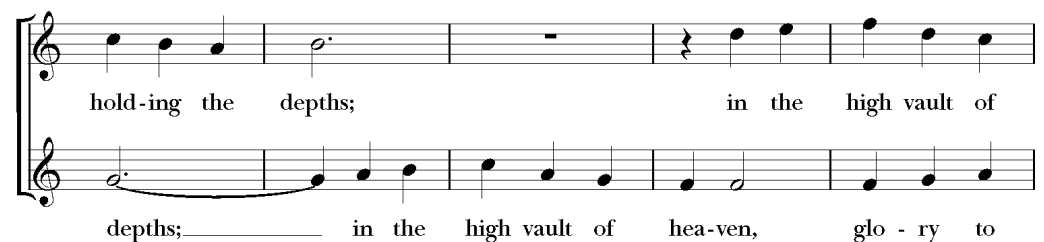
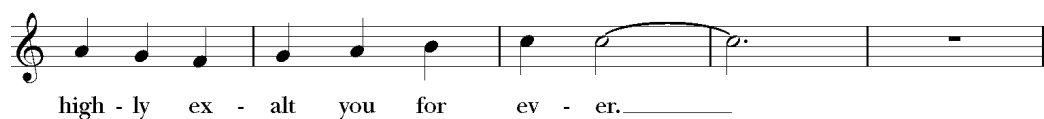
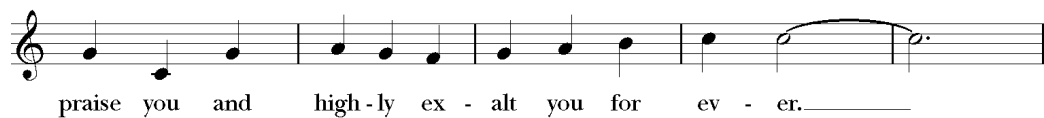


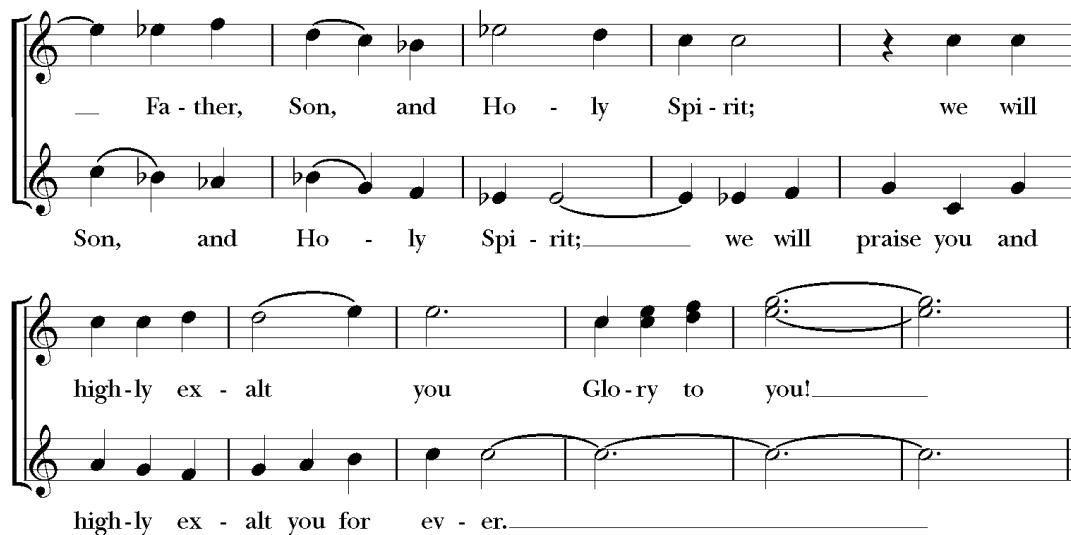
1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will





The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great

grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

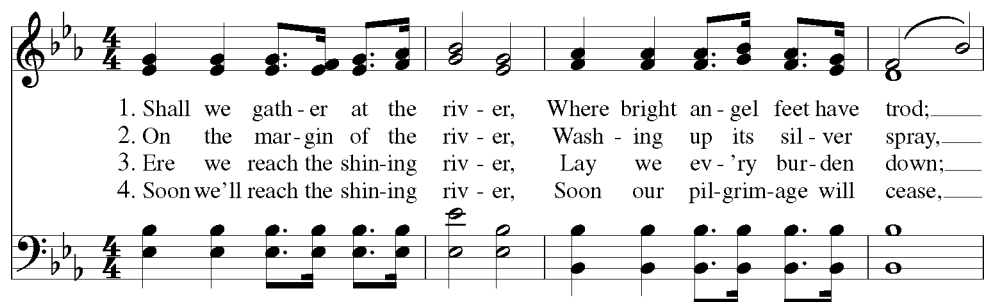
Lector: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 133

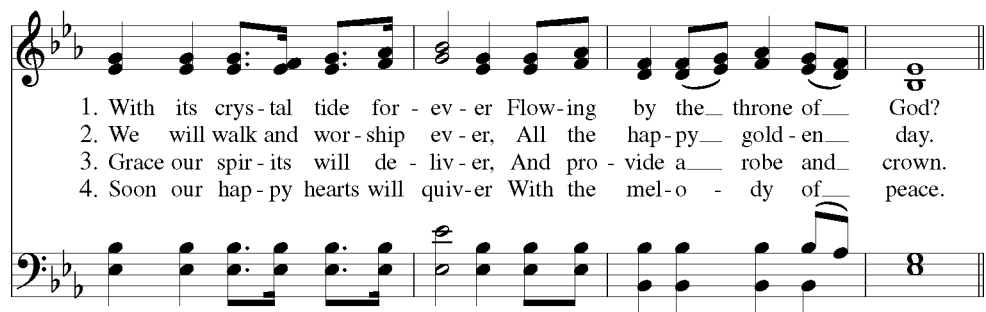
- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Sequence

“Shall We Gather at the River”



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; ____
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, ____
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; ____
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, ____



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of ____ God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en ____ day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a ____ robe and ____ crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of ____ peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful ____ riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints ____ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of ____ God.

The Holy Gospel

John 20: 19-31

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."



A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 Adam Everett Aberg who was baptized this week.

Let us now pray for Adam, 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.

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 Toccata on "O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing" *Lynnwood Farnam (1885-1930)*

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 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. Send me Lord, 4.
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.

Final Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of the Triune God, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate and Risen Word, and Abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia Alleluia, go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

ALLELUIA!

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Announcements for the Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear St. Thomas' Parish,

What a joy it was to celebrate Easter with so many of you! Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make our Holy Week services so beautiful. Please find some beautiful photos from the day below.

This Sunday we will reaffirm our baptismal vows and welcome Adam Everett Aberg into the household of God. He will be baptized on Saturday, and we will welcome him with prayers and our joy at the Sunday service at 10:30 am.



Another joy for the Easter season is the good news that the bishop has appointed the Rev. Linda Mahler to serve as deacon at St. Thomas' Parish. Deacon Linda will join us officially on May 1, 2021. You may have already met her as she's joined a variety of worship services and studies. The initial assignment is a three-year, non-stipendiary permanent position. I've invited the diocesan Archdeacon, the Rev. Sue von Rautenkranz to preach on April 18th and to share a bit about diaconal ministry.

From the Catechism found in the Book of Common Prayer:

Q. What is the ministry of a deacon?

A. The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.



Rev. Linda Mahler

The Reverend Linda Mahler was ordained a deacon in 2020. She was raised up for the diaconate by All Souls Episcopal Church here in DC, where she was baptized nine years ago. Linda has been a lifelong advocate for people with disabilities, first as a disability rights lawyer, then as a special education teacher. She is currently pursuing a vocation in healthcare chaplaincy.

Linda brings to her diaconal ministry a passion for spiritual formation, social justice, and pastoral care. She loves to create safe and sacred spaces in which people feel able to share about their spiritual journey and their deeply felt emotions. Linda is eager to join with the parishioners of St. Thomas in discerning the needs of the community and ministering to our most vulnerable and marginalized and neighbors.

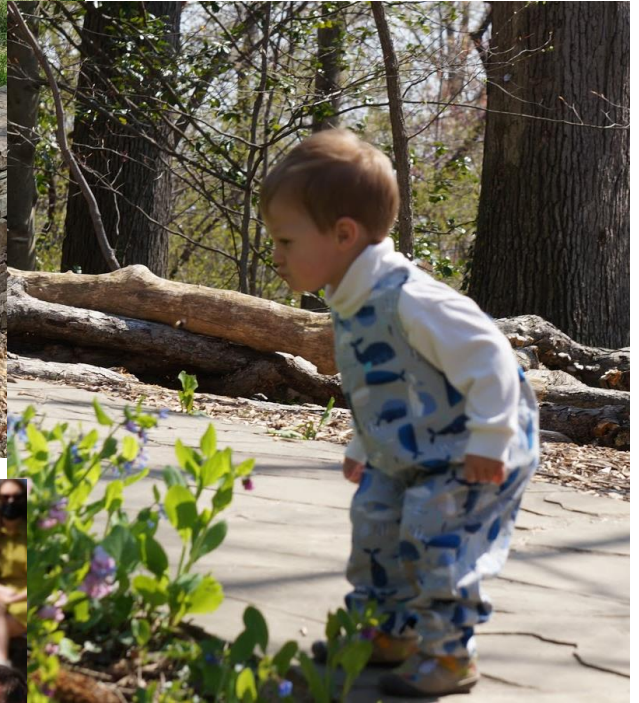
Linda lives in northwest Washington, DC with her beloved wife Nancy and their cat Noodle.

Easter blessings,

Lisa+

PHOTOS FROM EASTER AT THE CATHEDRAL





Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, April 11:

10:30 am

11:15 am

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)

Coffee Hour

Monday, April 12:

6:30-7:00 pm

Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Tuesday, April 13:

6:30-7:00 pm

Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Wednesday, April 14:

6:30-8:30 pm

Sacred Ground Program

Thursday, April 15:

5:45-6:30 pm

6:30-7:00 pm

Spanish Conversation with AI

Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Sunday, April 18:

9:30 am

10:30 am

11:15 am

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Regathering for Public Worship – approved plan & discussion

Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)

Coffee Hour

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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Worship with St. Thomas'

Baptism: Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God.

Please be in touch with Rev. Lisa if you would like more information about baptism at St. Thomas' Parish.

Confirmation: Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

Please be in touch with Rev. Lisa if you would like to be Confirmed in the Episcopal Church, or if you've been Confirmed in another tradition and would like to be Received.

lahuja@stthomasdc.org

Study with St. Thomas'

Regathering as a Parish: Sunday April 18 – May 9 at 9:30 am

Join Rev. Lisa and members of the parish to talk about our approved plan for Regathering for Public Worship and starting to use our building more for ministry.

April 18: Hybrid Worship - in person guidelines and ongoing online worship

April 25: Fellowship - Building relationships

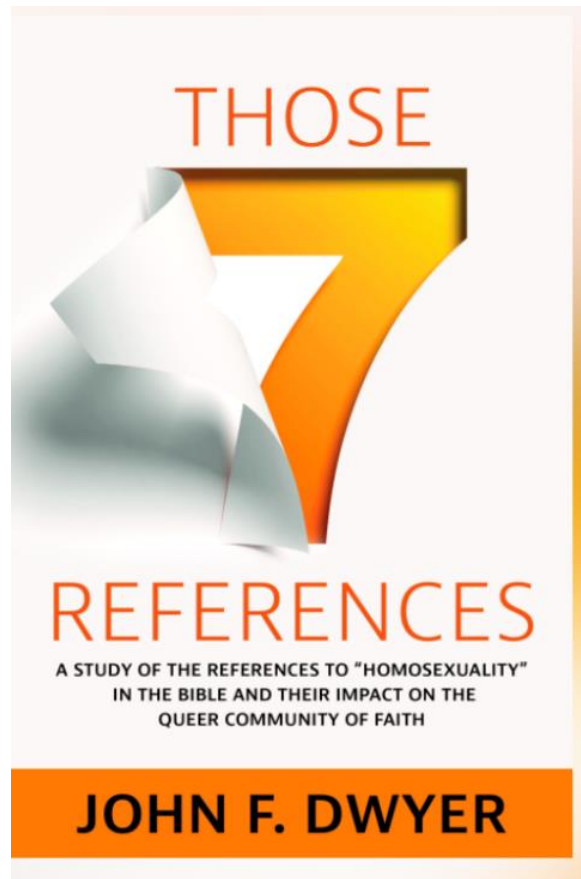
May 2: Meetings and Ministry operations

May 9: Study: Lifelong formation

We look forward to sharing the plan and having discussion questions to help us envision what is possible when regathering together. Some ministry groups will also have focus group conversations as they plan for the summer and fall.

Rev. John Dwyer's book, "Those Seven References"

Our Good Friday preacher was the Rev. John Dwyer, the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He served at St. Thomas' a number of years ago as Seminarian and then Assistant Rector. The book Rev. Dwyer published 12 years ago, "Those Seven References" was just updated and released.



A thoughtful analysis of the faulty rationale behind Christian anti-gay bias.

There have been enormous strides toward equality for the queer community in recent years. There have also been regressive local legislative actions seeking to limit those national steps toward equality. Many of those who have led these regressive efforts are individuals steeped in purposeful ignorance, bias, tribalism, and a radicalization of faithful beliefs, misleading their congregations and influencing legislators.

Personhood, the intense value of our individuality, cannot be made less by these few passages of scripture: God's love for our uniqueness is not compromised by oft misinterpreted verses. Having knowledge and words to counter baseless accusations

can disarm those who would use these passages as weapons of exclusion and judgment and can empower the queer community to live confidently in God's love.

Take Action with St. Thomas'



Diapers Needed – Sizes 4 and 6 and Toiletries

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 AI, serves as a social worker at (UPO), and shares that **there is a current need for diapers in sizes 4-6 and toiletries: toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant, toilet paper, and feminine products.** AI 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 April Birthdays

Catherine Manhardt (April 4)

Dennis Hobb (April 7)

Janice Harrison (April 10)

Michael Ravi Desai Lodico (April 11)

Jane Saari (April 12)

Eric Scharf (April 22)

Peter Jue (April 23)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at

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Parish Prayer List

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Alan Hamilton

Jan Harrison

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Kristin Jones

Mike Knapp

Dave Kucharski

Asheesh Kumar

John Magenau

Bill McDonald

Tyrone Moore, Jr.

Victor Robinson

Annie Scrimenti

Chester Thompson

For the repose of the soul of:

Peter J. Van Soest

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



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