



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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Third Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021

Opening Hymn 192 “This Joyful Eastertide”

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

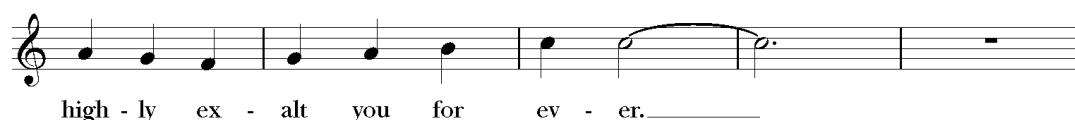
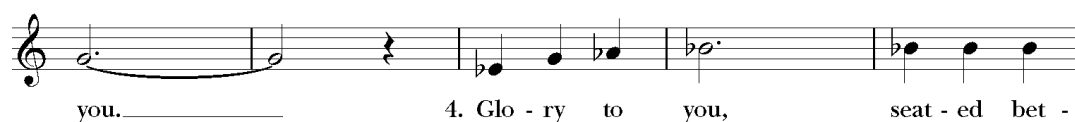
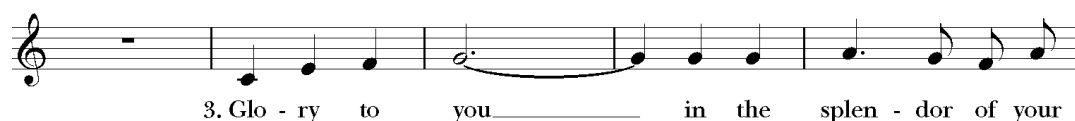
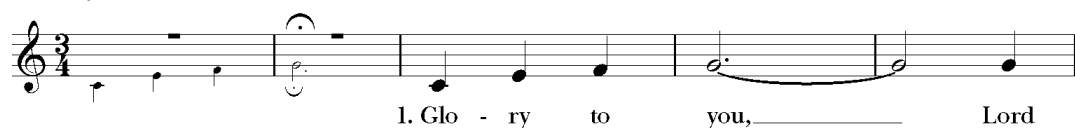
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Glory to God S236



hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to
hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you!
high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 3: 12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

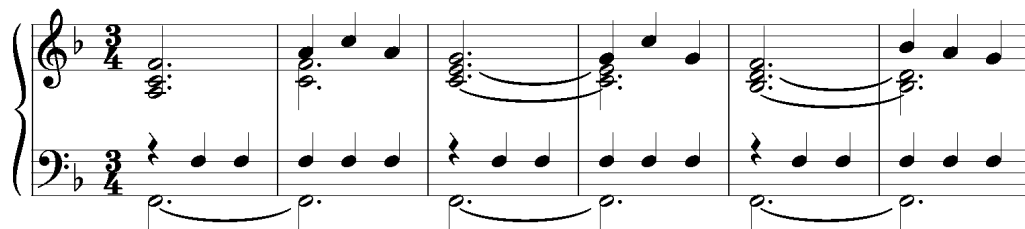
Psalm 4

Saint Helena Psalter

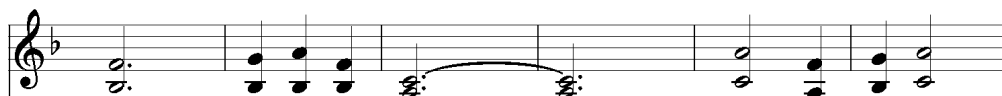
- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
 have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
 how long will you worship dumb idols
 and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that God does wonders for the faithful; *
 when I call, God will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices, *
 and put your trust in the Most High.
- 6 Many are saying,
 "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O God.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
 more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
 for only you, God, make me dwell in safety

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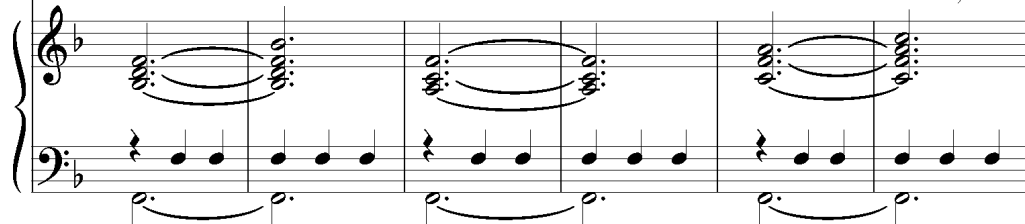
"Peace Before Us"



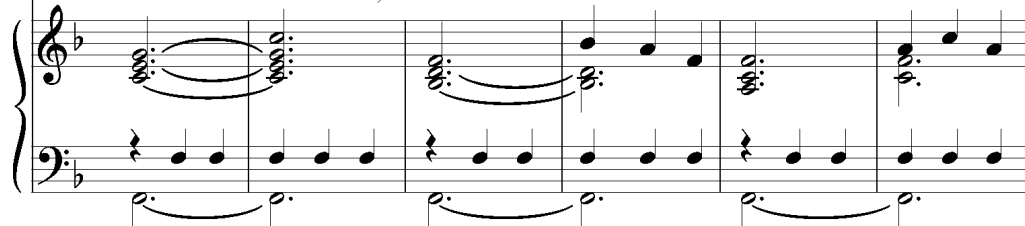
1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,
 2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,
 3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,
 4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,

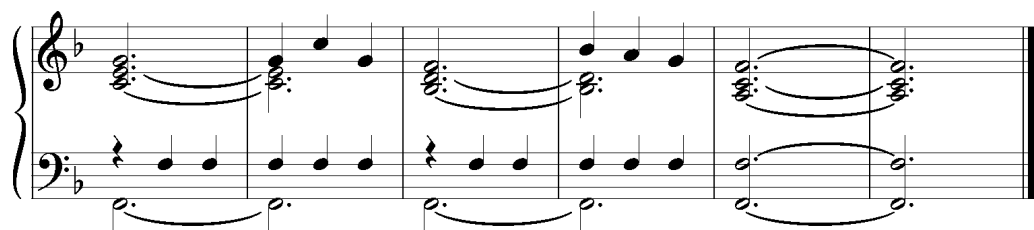
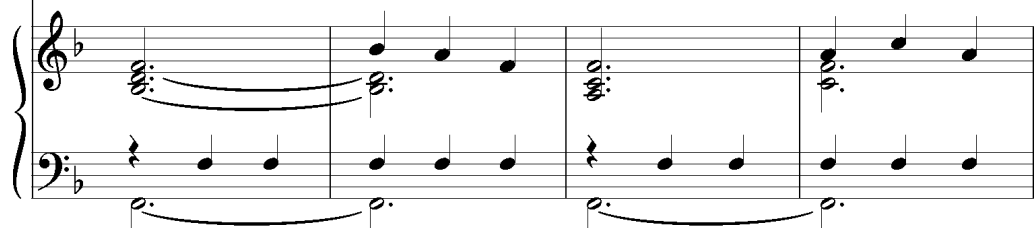
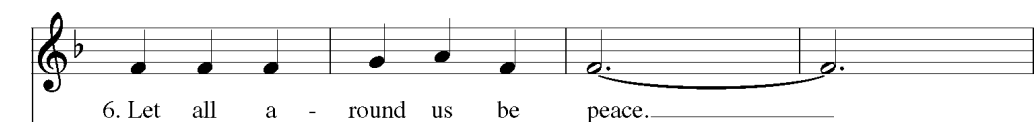
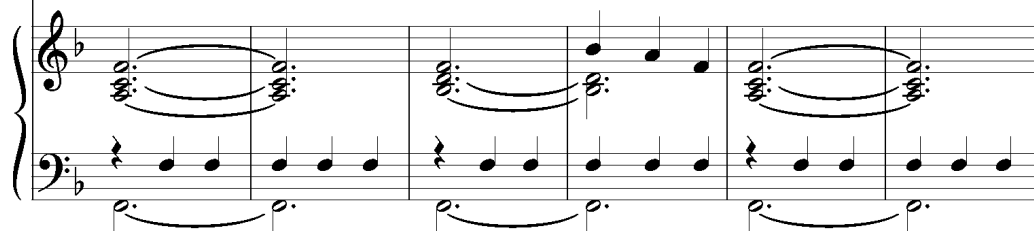
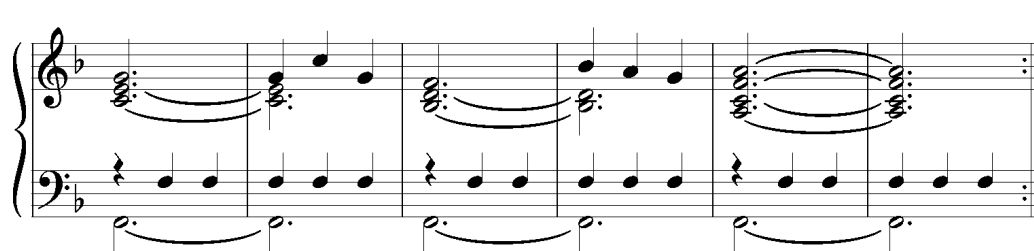


peace un - der our feet. _____ Peace with - in us,
 love un - der our feet. _____ Love with - in us,
 light un - der our feet. _____ Light with - in us,
 Christ un - der our feet. _____ Christ with - in us,



1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
 peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace. _____
 love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love. _____
 light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light. _____
 Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ. _____





5. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
6. Peace before us, peace behind us,
 peace under our feet.
 Peace within us, peace over us,
 let all around us be peace. (*three times*)

The Holy Gospel

John 24: 36-48

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

The Sermon

Archdeacon Sue von Rautenkranz

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

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for this new day and new opportunity to gather with joy to celebrate the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus. In the Easter season, help us all to watch for the presence of Christ in our midst. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Today we give thanks for all in our communities: our church community, family, friends, and colleagues. We remember those we miss today, and those whom we have been unable to visit for many months due to COVID-19. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember today those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

✠*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*



Offertory

“Now the Green Blade Rise”

arr. Simon Lindley

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

J. M. C. Crum (1872-1958)

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 LEVAS 74

“Jesu, Jesu”

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. Fine

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. D.C.

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 Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear St. Thomas' Parish,

One of the beautiful experiences of parish ministry is listening to the Spirit of God guide us as we move into the future. Each and every time I have engaged in an intentional listening process in a parish I've been opened to a much more interesting and detailed vision for what is possible. Intentional listening as a community means listening to more than my own voice. This listening process involves listening to many as they share vision, ideas, imaginations, and wonderings. In the coming months, you'll be invited to share your hopes, bold visions, and ideas as we consider together what our life might look like as we reopen our church building for public worship and ministry.



I'm happy to share our Regathering Plan with you, which has been approved by the bishop's office. This Regathering Plan includes all of the local and diocesan guidelines for each phase of our regathering. You'll notice that in each of these phases we also fully intend to have a hybrid option for worship. Much gratitude to our Regathering Committee for their work on this comprehensive plan.

While this plan gives us many guidelines that prevent the spread of COVID, it also leaves room for our discernment of how to lead worship, do ministry, build relationship, and welcome all who come into our community within these parameters. This is the work (and delight!) of each committee and ministry group.

I hope you'll join us before church this Sunday at 9:30 am for the first of four conversations on Regathering with our plan. The first session will be more informational, with one breakout session. April 25-May 9 will include more opportunity to share feedback.

Here is our schedule for these sharing sessions:

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

May the Spirit of Christ lead and guide our conversations!

Easter blessings,

Lisa+

Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, April 18:	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30 am	Regathering for Public Worship – approved plan & discussion
10:30 am	Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, April 19:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Tuesday, April 20:	
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Wednesday, April 21:	
6:30-8:30 pm	Sacred Ground Program
Thursday, April 22:	
5:45-6:30 pm	Spanish Conversation with AI
6:30-7:00 pm	Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
Sunday, April 25:	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30 am	Regathering for Public Worship – approved plan & discussion
10:30 am	Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am	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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Jennie Allison and Bob Salera are getting Married on May 1, 2021!!

A note from Jennie and Bob:

We are thrilled to finally share with you all that we are able to safely get married with our parents present. Due to COVID limitations, we are disappointed it means the party must be smaller for the time being, however, knowing that it means everyone is safe is most important.

We'd love for you to virtually attend our wedding ceremony, May 1st at 3:30 pm ET streamed from the wedding website on Zola (link and password below). My St. Thomas' family means so much and is such a big part of my DC life that I couldn't be more grateful for. Looking forward to being able to hug you all sometime in the near future.

*Much love,
Jennie and Bob*

Website with details: www.zola.com/wedding/jennieandbob

Password: May2021

When it is possible, Jennie promises we can all join them for a festive coffee hour after church to celebrate!



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.

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April 25: Fellowship - Building relationships

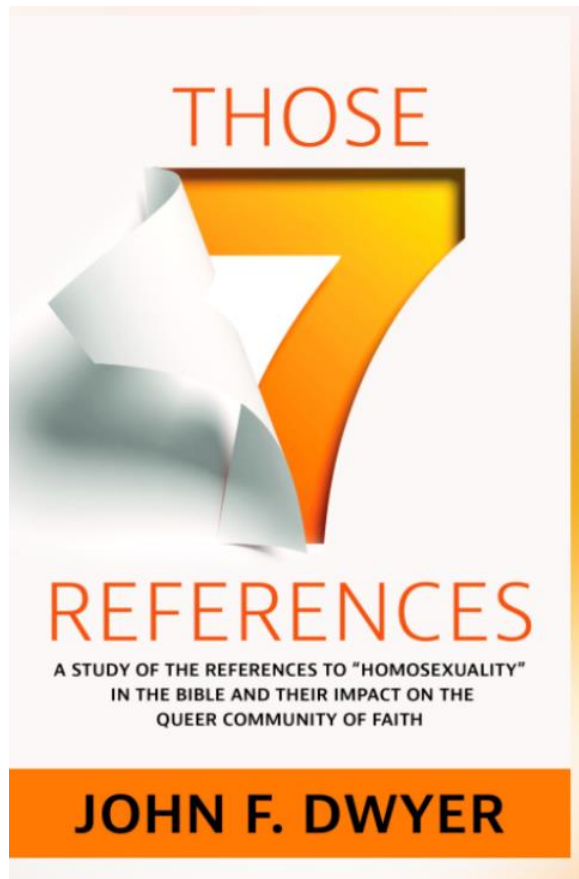
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We look forward to sharing the plan and having discussion questions to help us envision what is possible when regathering together. Some ministry groups will also have focus group conversations as they plan for the summer and fall.

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

Matthew Briggs
Peggyann Cohen
Alan Hamilton
Jan Harrison
Mark Herzog

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:

Elton Eloin

Kathy Hitchcock

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



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