



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Trinity Sunday May 30, 2021

Welcome

Processional

Prelude in E-Flat "St. Anne"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Acclamation

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

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

Psalm 29

Saint Helena Psalter

(read by all)

- 1 Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, *
ascribe to God glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of God is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
God is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of God is a powerful voice; *
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; *
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness; *
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Holy One, *
all are crying, “Glory!”

10 God sits enthroned above the flood, *
 enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.
11 God shall give strength to the people; *
 God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

The Holy Gospel

John 3: 1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Deacon: 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*

Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People for Trinity Sunday

We come boldly to the throne of grace,
praying to the almighty God; Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
for mercy and grace.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Almighty God of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found:
We pray for the world, created by your love,
for its nations and governments.
Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:
We pray for the Church, created for your glory,
for its ministry to reflect those works of yours.
Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death:
We pray for families and individuals, created in your image,
for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying.
We remember those on our parish prayer list today.
Breathe on them the breath of life
and bring them to your mercy and grace.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:
We pray for ourselves,
for your Church, for all whom we remember before you.
Bring us all before your throne in heaven,
to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity,
as we worship you, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. 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.*

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my

Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas our patron and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Anthem Fugue in E-Flat "St. Anne" Part I J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Spiritual Communion Prayer, adapted from the Prayer Book for Armed Services

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.

Postcommunion Prayer *(all together)*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude **Fugue in E-Flat “St. Anne” Part III** *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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Announcements for Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

You may receive an invitation to a relational meeting, also called an individual meeting, by members of parish who are taking a Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) training to build our dream Core Team. A Core Team in a parish works to keep us connected to different issues and actions of WIN, and aims to build relational power (ability to act) in our parish. If you receive one of these invitations, please know that there is not a specific "ask." The purpose of the call is to build relationship with you, to learn more about your passions and self-interest, and to share some of our story with you. I hope you'll take one of these calls, when invited.



I learned this style of relational meeting as a new deacon 14 years ago and practice it regularly. As I've shared with some of you, my hope is to help connect people with ministry and leadership opportunities that meet their interest and would bring joy or fulfillment.

I have met with so many of you by Zoom to get to know your story, hopes, passions, and future dreams for our community. I am now starting to meet up outdoors for coffee and lunch with people, and if you are comfortable doing the same perhaps we could find time to meet in the coming weeks.

God bless you,
Lisa+

**Sunday 10:30 am In-person and Hybrid Worship
May 23-June 4, 2021**

In-Person

Registration is required through Realm. Walk up registration possible, provided there is capacity.

Masks Required at all times, with the exception of receiving holy communion (bread only) at your chair. The lector, intercessor, and preacher may choose to remove mask at the lectern/ambo only.

No congregational hymn singing at this time.

Offertory collected online or by placing in the offering box at the end of worship.

No in-person Coffee Hour at this time.

Online

Worship will be streamed from the in-person service.

Best viewing will be from Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StThomasDC> no account necessary to view.

The Virtual Verger will share on Zoom, but viewing quality will not be ideal. (see above.)

Coffee Hour to follow on Zoom.

All are welcome to stop by the church from 12-1 pm to receive **Holy Communion** on these Sundays.

Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, May 30:

10:30 am

11:15 am

12:00-1:00 pm

TRINITY SUNDAY

Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook and Zoom

Coffee Hour

Distribution of Holy Communion

Monday, May 31

MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, June 1:

6:30-7:00 pm

Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Wednesday, June 2:

6:30-7:00 pm

Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Thursday, June 3:

5:45-6:30 pm

6:30-7:00 pm

Spanish Conversation with AI

Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Sunday, June 6:

10:30 am

11:15 am

12:00-1:00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook and Zoom

Coffee Hour

Distribution of Holy Communion

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)

Worship with St. Thomas'

As we prepare to regather for worship in our building, we have new opportunities to serve:

Welcome and Registration Volunteers: These volunteers will be paired up, sometimes with the Parish Administrator or the Vestry Member of the Day, to welcome people who arrive for in-person worship. They will work together to ensure everyone has a worship covenant on file and remind people of our COVID procedures as needed. They will stay downstairs (with access to hear our worship and watch online if they'd like) throughout the entire service in order to welcome those who may arrive after the start time. We will begin scheduling people for this ministry on May 23.

And we continue to welcome people to serve as:

- Lectors (readers of scripture),
 - Intercessors (leaders of the Prayers of the People),
 - Lay Eucharistic Ministers (will assist in distribution of holy communion) and
 - Ushers (help seat people and assist with welcoming and distribution of communion.)
- The next rota will start on July 1.

Please email the Rev. Lisa Ahuja lahuja@stthomasdc.org or Ka Lam administrator@stthomasdc.org if you'd like to participate in one of these ministries.

Study with St. Thomas'

James Baldwin Reading Group

As our Sacred Ground series was ending in April, several participants expressed an interest in reading the works of James Baldwin. As a result of that discussion, we are launching a James Baldwin Reading Group that will meet once a month between now and the end of the year. The group will begin a monthly discussion on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm virtually on Zoom. As the months go by, we will consider the possibility of meeting in-person. Bob McDonald and Murray Scheel will act as facilitators of the discussions.

The Group will explore writings by and about James Baldwin. We will also watch a documentary film and a feature film based on one of his novels. We will begin on Wednesday, June 23, at 7:00 pm.

June 23:

“Begin Again: James Baldwin’s America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own”

This is a recent book by Eddie Glaude, Jr. who is Professor and Chair of African American Studies at Princeton University and a regular commentator on MSNBC. This work examines Baldwin’s life and writings and reflects on how they pertain to our experience of America today. (217 pages)

July 21: (tentative)

“Notes of a Native Son”

This is a collection of Baldwin’s essays published in 1955 which describe life in Harlem, the protest novel, movies, and African Americans abroad. (179 pages)

August 18: (tentative)

“I Am Not Your Negro”

This is a 2016 documentary film directed by Raoul Peck based upon the book manuscript, *Remember This House*, which Baldwin never finished. This film is available for free on YouTube. Participants will be asked to watch the film on their own before the evening of discussion. (95 minutes)

September 22: (tentative)

“Vintage Baldwin”

This is a collection of eight short excerpts from Baldwin’s work, including essays, a short story, a novel, and a play. (208 pages)

October 20: (tentative)

“The Fire Next Time”

Published in 1963, this book is an intensely personal and provocative document consisting of two letters written by Baldwin, exhorting Americans to attack the terrible legacy of racism. (106 pages)

November 17: (tentative)

“If Beale Street Could Talk”

This is a full-length feature film from 2018 based upon Baldwin’s novel of the same name. Participants could watch the film on their own (it streams on Amazon Prime and Hulu), or we might be able to watch the film together if we are able to meet in-person at the church. (1 hour, 59 minutes)

The books outlined above are available at Amazon, in bookstores, and in public libraries.

If you are interested in joining this group, or have questions, please send an email to Bob McDonald at bobmcddc@gmail.com.

Take Action with St. Thomas'

Responding to Grief and Joy (and everything in between!) in our Community:

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.

Bishop Gene Robinson's father, Victor, died last Sunday, May 23.

Please share notes and condolences with Bishop Gene at:

Bishop Gene Robinson

St. Thomas' Parish

1517 18th Street NW

Washington, DC 20036



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 in Columbia Heights. St. Thomas' Member Al, serves as a social worker in the community and share that the most needed donations currently are: **diapers in sizes 4-6 and toiletries: toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant, toilet paper, and feminine products.**

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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Celebrating Our May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

David Swanson (May 3)
DJ Olsson (May 4)
Ashley Ashworth (May 5)
Jeremy Ayers (May 19)
Kevin Montgomery (May 30)

Anniversaries

Jennie Allison and Bob Salera (May 1)
David Insinga and Bob McDonald (May 7)
Deacon Linda Mahler and Nancy Morgan (May 18)

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

Parish Prayer List

Matthew Briggs
Peggyann Cohen
Billy Duncan
Pam Greer
Susan Hannan

Jan Harrison
Mark Herzog
Kristin Jones
Mike Knapp

Dave Kucharski
Dolores Lausted
Tyrone Moore, Jr.
Chester Thompson

For the repose of the soul of:
Victor Robinson

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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