



ST. THOMAS' PARISH
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 12, 2021

Prelude

Cantilena

Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)

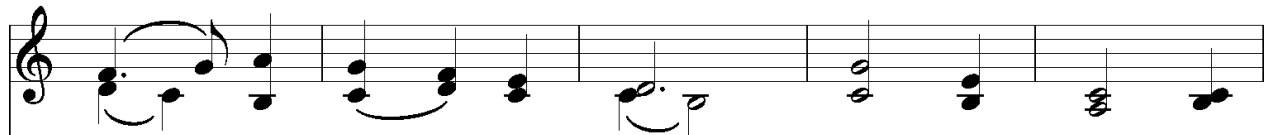
Opening Hymn

Lord, you give the great Commission

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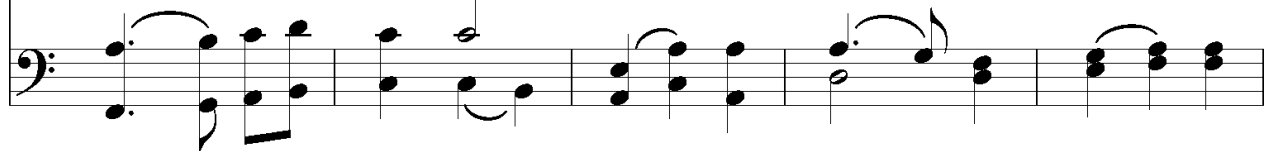
1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -



heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty. }
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty. } With the Spir - it's
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty. }
 to a just so - ci - e - ty. }
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty. }

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

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.**

Glory to God S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

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

(read by all)

- 1 The heavens declare your glory, O God, *
and the firmament shows your handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul; *
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; *
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; *
your judgments are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often one offends? *
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, *
O God, my strength and my redeemer.

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

Second Reading

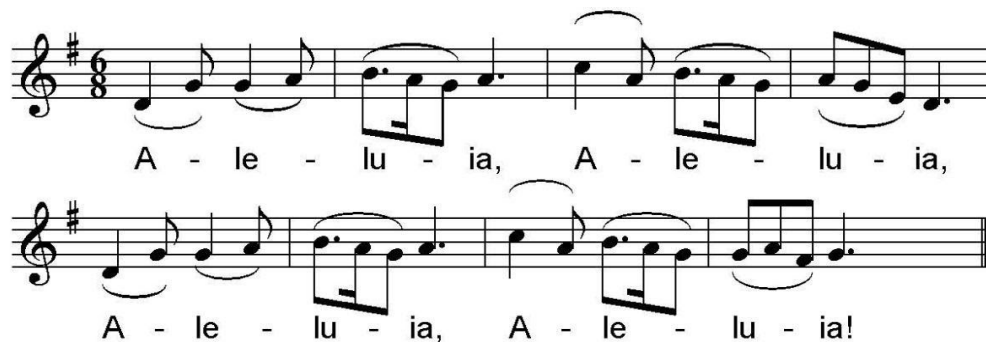
James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Alleluia (*sung before the Gospel*)



The Holy Gospel

Mark 8: 27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For our parish at this time of regathering and reconnecting as the Body of Christ in this place. We pray in thanksgiving for the joy at being together, and welcoming others into our community. We continue to pray for those who are not able to regather in person. We pray that your Spirit lead and guide us in all that we do.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For this earth, our fragile island home. For world leaders as they prepare to meet in Glasgow in November to deliberate on the future of our planet. For all of us, as we examine our own decision making for the health of creation. For those most impacted by the destruction of creation, especially the poor and the oppressed.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For the millions of refugees around the world. For those who have entered our country, and our local community, that they may find community and hospitality. For guidance in our outreach and justice ministries.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Lisa our Rector, Gene our Bishop-in-Residence, Linda our Deacon, and Herschel our Seminarian; for our Vestry and the leaders of our parish ministries. For our newcomers and those who seek new ways to deepen their relationship with Christ and their community.

For all who serve God in the Church

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those we have listed on our parish prayer list in need of healing or comfort. For those we name aloud, in silence, or in the comment section online.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

Celebrant

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Welcome and Prayer for Capital Clubhouse

Birthday Prayer

People Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

People Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, for which your Son gave his life, and surround this couple with your love. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Alleluia 5

David Hurd (b. 1950) – The St Thomas' Choir

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The ushers will collect a financial offering during the Offertory. If you'd prefer to give electronically to our operating funds, please text STTHOMASDC (\$) to 73256 or follow the QR Code.



When you scan the above QR Code with your phone's camera, it will take you directly to St. Thomas' website's Giving Page.

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 S128

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 all your children; 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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion here at St. Thomas' Parish. An usher will invite your row to come forward when it is time. The clergy and Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) will sanitize their hands immediately before distributing the blessed bread. Gluten-free wafers will be available in the middle station. You may also request a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. The Episcopal Church teaches that receiving bread only is considered full communion.

Communion H325 Let us break bread together on our knees



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

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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

Life is short, and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us.
So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God, who made us,
who loves us, and who travels with us
be with you now and forever. Amen

Closing Hymn 82, 518 Christ is made the sure foundation

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude Postlude in F Fanny Hensel-Mendelssohn (1805-1847)

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Announcements for the Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost ~ September 12, 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Welcome to our worship! It is a joy to have you amongst us today for study, worship, and fellowship. This month we move into the program year with opportunities to deepen our faith through worship, outreach and justice ministries, studies, hosting the larger community in our building, and building relationship with one another. My hope is that you feel a warm welcome to participate in the life of the parish!

You can read about opportunities to participate and connect in our community throughout our announcements each week. You are also invited to our next Welcome Coffee Hour on October 17, from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. This will be a time to meet one another, learn about the parish history and current ministries, tour the church building, and ask questions. If you would like to meet up before the October Welcome Sunday event, please do let me know! I look forward to our worship and fellowship on Sunday.
God bless you,
Lisa+



Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, September 12: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30 am Bible Study on Today's Gospel – Robinson Chapel
(This Sunday only)
10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
11:15 am Coffee Hour – Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 15:
6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship in-person stream to Zoom
(with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Sunday, September 19: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30 am Bible Study on Today's Gospel – Parish Hall
9:30 am Nursery – 4th Floor
10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
11:15 am Coffee Hour

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Worship with St. Thomas'

Sunday 10:30 am Hybrid Worship

In-Person:

- Registration no longer needed. Please sign in when arriving.
- Masks required for worship.
- Congregational Singing
- Holy Communion (bread only) is distributed.
- Outdoor Coffee Hour follows.

Online:

Worship is streamed from our in-person worship to our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasDC>

An account is not required to access this worship on Facebook.

And posted to our website
stthomasdc.org following the service.

Celebrating Cindy Adkins on Sunday, September 19!

Due to COVID, we've delayed the retirement party for our former Music Director, Cindy Adkins a few times. We will give thanks for her ministry amongst us at our 10:30 am service on Sunday, September 19. We will then have a festive Coffee Hour in her honor.

Pet Blessing

On Sunday, September 26, we will be joined by our pets in worship! If your pet does not play well with others or is difficult to transport, consider bringing a photo. This is a great opportunity to invite friends to join you at St. Thomas' Parish. Following the service, we will offer outdoor pet blessings for pets in our neighborhood and those who do better outdoors.

All are welcome!

Study with St. Thomas'

Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Sunday we continue our weekly Bible study at 9:30 am of that Sunday's Gospel. We will be using Marcus Borg's commentary on the Gospel of Mark for the initial series.

Jason Forman will lead the first sessions. Please join us in the Parish Hall before church to learn more about the Gospel lesson every Sunday.



James Baldwin Reading Group

As our Sacred Ground series ended last 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 over the next several months. The group will have a monthly discussion on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

virtually on Zoom. The Group will explore writings by and about James Baldwin. We may also choose to watch and discuss films on Baldwin. We will begin on Wednesday, September 29, at 7:00 pm.

Zoom Session on September 29:

“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)

During the session on September 29, we will also take time to decide on other works we will discuss in coming months. Here are some of the possibilities:

- “Notes of a Native Son” – Baldwin essays
- “Vintage Baldwin” – excerpts from Baldwin’s essays, a short story, a novel, a play
- “The Fire Next Time” – Baldwin book consisting of two letters
- “I Am Not Your Negro” – a documentary film
- “If Beale Street Could Talk” – a full length feature film

The books outlined above are available at Amazon, in bookstores, and in public libraries. If you are interested in joining this group, please register at [please register here](#)

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.

Welcome Lena Miriam Rizkalla to St. Thomas' Parish!

Parents Bettina Hager and Ibrahim Rizkalla are doing well. To respond to this joy and support Bettina and Ibrahim, St. Thomas' will be using mealtrain.com to coordinate meals three days a week. This website will allow you to sign up to bring a meal on a specific day and see their food preferences and other details.

Here is a link to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/yezd91>



Matt Briggs, a former member of St. Thomas', has died after a long battle with cancer. He was such a kind and gentle soul, always in pursuit of a deeper faith in God. Matt and Victoria moved to Seattle in 2018 so she could pursue her PhD in psychology at the University of Washington. Matthew's funeral is on Sunday September 19, 2021 at 2:00pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle, WA. Cards can be sent to: Victoria Szydowski, 2317 10th Ave E, Apt 304, Seattle WA 98102. Matt's funeral will be on Sunday, September 19th at 2 pm at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. The livestream for his funeral will be found at: <https://saintmarks.org/worship/live-stream/>





OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP AFGHAN REFUGEES

- Donations are needed to help Afghan refugees being temporarily housed at Dulles Expo Center. Afghan Youth Relief Foundation has organized this effort and is accepting donations from 5-8pm every day except for inclement weather. Here

is the listing of needed items: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u4DTLDQRz-YjQLEFSeEfGe1LlvNTkFeDItnsQJ5eRAQ/edit>.

Check daily for an updated list.

ADDRESS: Nationwide Commercial Flooring, 4425 Brookfield Corporate Drive Ste. 600
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

- Donations accepted around the back of the building. –

- You can now donate money to help Afghan refugees using your St. Thomas Realm account. We

will use the funds collected to purchase gift cards that newly-arrived families can use to purchase food and household items they need. Choose “Refuge Assistance” from the drop-down list as the fund you want your donation to go to.

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

Coffee Hour

Thank you to our host of Coffee Hour in the last month! It has been great to regather outside and reconnect over some tasty offerings. There are a few changes to hosting Coffee Hour now that we have a sexton on Sundays.

1. Esteban will set out the tables and the drinks. Hosts do not need to bring drinks or milk for coffee.
2. We ask host to bring: 4 dozen of one baked good item and 1 sliced seasonal fruit or vegetable (2 pounds of this item). When a vegetable is offered, a dairy-free dip would be nice. When hosts arrive on Sunday, they will place these food items in the small kitchen on the first floor. Esteban will set them out on the table, unless the host would like to help.
3. We ask the host to bring any food leftovers home with them.



Thank you to Jocko Fajardo for the food suggestions. This helps us prevent food waste, while still having enough food for hospitality each week. Please sign up to host on the welcome table in the Commons (first floor) or by emailing Ka Lam at administrator@stthomasdc.org.

Celebrating Our September Birthdays

Barbara Hays (September 3)
Braxton Dyer (September 11)
Florence Asha Lodico (September 13)
Bob Sheavly (September 13)
Doug Dreier (September 22)
Cindy Adkins (September 24)
Linda Mahler (September 26)
Mary de Boer (September 27)
John Stanton (September 29)

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

Parish Prayer List

Peggyann Cohen
Billy Duncan
Carol Goldmen
Pam Greer
Susan Hannan
Jan Harrison

Mark Herzog
Betsy Hollingsworth
James Insinga
Kristin Jones
Mike Knapp

Dave Kucharski
Jane Saari
Harvey Shaprio
Joan Shapiro
Mary Jane Smith
Chester Thompson

For the response of the soul of:
Matthew Briggs, Tiffany Becker,
Joan Dickinson

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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