



ST. THOMAS' PARISH
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE

SAMARITAN
MINISTRY
of Greater Washington

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 3, 2021

Prelude

Fugue in D

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Hymn

“Canticle of the Turning”

Unison *Em* *C* *D*

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne. The
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This

fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

Psalm 26

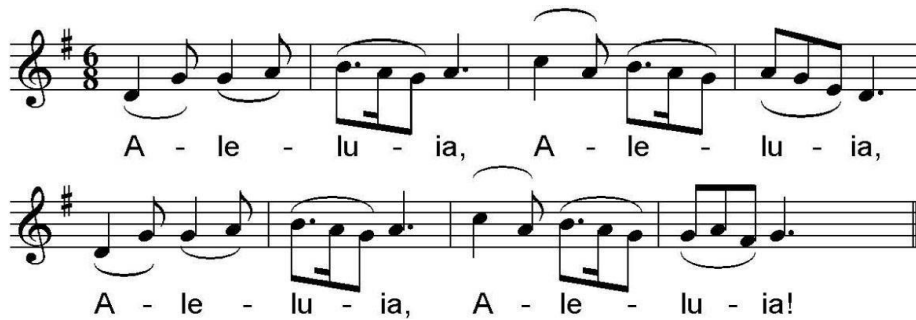
Saint Helena Psalter

(read by all)

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,
 for I have lived with integrity; *
 I have trusted in you and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O God, and try me; *
 examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
 I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
 I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O God, *
 that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
 and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 O God, I love the house in which you dwell *
 and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners *
 nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots *
 and their right hand full of bribes.
 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
 redeem me, O God, and have pity on me.
 12 My foot stands on level ground; *
 in the full assembly I will bless you, O God.

Alleluia (sung before and after the Gospel)



The Holy Gospel

Luke 10: 25-37

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Samaritan Ministry and a Story to Share

The Rev. David Wolf and Benjamin Timothy Morgan

The Prayers of the People

Holy Spirit, be with us as we pray today and always.

We pray for the Samaritan Ministry staff, volunteers, and board as they work to build the beloved community that embraces all of your children.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for those enrolled in Samaritan Ministry's job training program. May they have the courage to overcome fears of failure as they prepare themselves for gainful employment, perhaps for the first time.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for our brothers and sisters whose lives were already in turmoil before COVID-19 and now are seeking the services of Samaritan Ministry to help sustain them during this most challenging time.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for returning citizens. Please help them make their way to places like Samaritan Ministry, where they will find compassion, guidance, and partnership as they rebuild their lives.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for our neighbors who are presently without a permanent home, who are relying on others to house them, or living in their cars or tents or on the street.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for children who grow up in substandard housing, exposed to toxic living conditions, hunger, inadequate healthcare, violence, and poor educational systems.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for the unemployed and the under-employed, and those working two jobs and still not able to support their families.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for those who seek employment without government ID, internet access to complete online job applications, appropriate clothing, or transportation to an interview or job site.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for persons who do not have access to adequate physical and mental health care.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for those risking their health to provide essential services, and for those who must ride public transportation to get to work.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for all people suffering from addiction or abuse, many of whom also must deal with hunger, housing insecurity, isolation, and violence.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray for our Black and Brown siblings whose lives are traumatized by a society that overwhelmingly says their lives don't matter.

Holy Spirit, be with them.

We pray that you soften our hearts and awaken those still in denial about racial injustice. Please help us recognize when we are sustaining systems that benefit some at the expense of others.

Holy Spirit, change our hearts.

We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list.

(The people are invited to offer prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.)

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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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.*

Welcome and Announcements

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

“O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord”

Anthony Piccolo (b. 1953)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strengths of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Psalm 95: 1-7

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 a single melodic line in treble clef. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The second staff continues with a half note C5, a quarter note D5, and a half note E5. The third staff features a half note F5, a quarter note G5, and a half note A5. The fourth staff has a half note B5, a quarter note C6, and a half note D6. The fifth staff concludes with a half note E6, a quarter note F6, and a half note G6. 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. Blessed is the one 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.

Communion Hymn 602

“Jesu, Jesu”

Chorus

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

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

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|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 were |

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All___ are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Repeat Chorus

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 LEVAS 1

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” **

The first system of piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The right hand plays chords in a 6/8 time signature, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note bass line. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat).

The second system of piano accompaniment continues the musical texture. The right hand features some chords with longer note values, and the left hand maintains the eighth-note accompaniment.

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

This system includes the vocal melody in the right hand and piano accompaniment in the left hand. The lyrics are aligned with the vocal line.

The fourth system of piano accompaniment continues the musical texture, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand playing the eighth-note bass line.

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

This system includes the vocal melody in the right hand and piano accompaniment in the left hand. The lyrics are aligned with the vocal line.

The sixth system of piano accompaniment concludes the piece, with the right hand playing final chords and the left hand playing the final eighth-note accompaniment.

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning—
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y—
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the—

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.—
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?—
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.—

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry — is won.
 2. stand at — last Where the white gleam of our bright star — is cast.
 3. ev - er — stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Prelude in D

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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This weekend Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the Office of Government Affairs, and the Union Black Episcopalians urged the passage of H.R.301. H.R. 301 would establish the composition known as "Lift Every Voice and Sing," which we sang today as our final hymn, as the national hymn of the United States.

Our hymns today are reprinted under One License # A-734785.
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Announcements for the Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost ~ October 3, 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our worship today! If you are newer to our community, please know that your presence amongst us overflows our joy. In these announcement sheets you'll read many ways to connect with our community and Christ. Today is a special day at St. Thomas' Parish. Today is **Samaritan Ministry Sunday**.



As part of Samaritan Ministry's Empower our Neighbors in Need (ENN) Campaign, we will hear from Next Step participant **Mr. Benjamin Timothy Morgan** (left) and the Rev. David Wolf, Executive Director of Samaritan Ministry. They will share a witness to the power of Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington in our community. They will have an informational table outside during our

Coffee Hour and have also shared information in these announcement pages.

Our next Welcome Coffee Hour will be on Sunday, October 17 following our 10:30 am service. After a festive Coffee Hour, those who are newer to our community are invited to stay for a tour of the building and sharing of our story and ways to participate in the life of the parish. All are welcome!

God bless you,
Lisa

Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, October 3:

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SAMARITAN MINISTRY SUNDAY**

10:00 am Bible Study on Today's Gospel – Bishop Robinson Chapel
10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
11:15 am Coffee Hour

Wednesday, October 6:

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

Sunday, October 10:

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 am Nursery, 4th floor
10:00 am Bible Study on Today's Gospel – Bishop Robinson Chapel
10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
11:15 am Coffee Hour

Zoom Code for parish meetings and Wednesday evening worship:

Meeting ID: 947 6442 4718 Password: 151718th

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94764424718?pwd=WFhJM0M5N2VxT2dVbVpaelljaVQ2UT09>

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VOLUNTEER NEEDS

“Be the Reason Someone Smiles Today” Roy T Bennett

ATTENTION: Our NOVA (Arlington) location has an immediate need for a Front Office Coordinator (FOC) See below for more detail on the position.

Front Office Coordinator (FOC) NOVA ♦ Northwest ♦ Anacostia/Southeast

Duties include:

- Welcome program participants and offer individual attention
- Sort mail
- Answer the telephone and take messages for staff and program participants
- Assist with distribution and giveaway events
- Other duties as needed

Food Pantry Coordinator ♦ Northwest Office

- Maintain a clean and organized pantry
- Sort and stock food items onto shelves by food type and expiration date
- Check expiration dates and discard expired items
- Prepare food bags and food supplies for other Samaritan Ministry Offices
- Ability to stand for length of time and lift up to 30 pounds

If Interested Contact

Sy Jones, Volunteer Manager at sjones@samaritanministry.org or call 202.722.2280 x314

EMPOWER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED



IN-KIND DONATION NEEDS:

Groceries:

- Canned Stews
- Canned Chili
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Tuna (or pouches)
- Canned Chicken (or pouches)
- Soups with pull tabs
- Ramen Noodles
- Minute Rice
- Bags of Rice (1 lb to 5 lb)
- Corn Muffin Mix
- Mac and Cheese (Kraft adult box)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy packets
- Pasta (boxed/bagged)
- Spaghetti sauce (non-glass jars)
- Spaghetti Noodles with Meat Sauce
- Spam
- Canned Milk (not requiring refrigeration)
- Hot and Cold Cereal such as Oatmeal and Cheerios
- Food Seasonings: Salt, Pepper, Season Salt, Onion Powder, Garlic Powder, Season Salt
- Reusable bags sturdy enough to carry heavy food such as canned goods

Toiletries: Full sized items only!

- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Bars of Soap
- Body Wash
- Shaving cream
- Individually packaged toothbrushes
- Lip balm
- Tissue packets
- Big containers of laundry pods
- Paper towels (individually wrapped rolls)
- Toilet Paper (individually wrapped rolls)
- Mensural products
- Shampoo and conditioner/hair care products for black hair textures
- Face cloths and small towels

Other personal accessories:

- Reading glasses – all powers from +1 to +4, with case
- Small folding umbrellas
- Operable used cell phones
- Computer webcams
- Computer headphones

Short-term financial assistance for necessities:

- \$25 gift cards to Safeway, Giant, CVS and Walgreens

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.

Study with St. Thomas

Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Sunday we continue our weekly Bible study at 10 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 Bishop Robinson Chapel before church to learn more about the Gospel lesson every Sunday.



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.



Coats for Afghan Refugees

"...I was naked and you gave me clothing." Matthew 25:36

Fall is here, and many newly arrived Afghan refugees undergoing in-processing at US military bases need warm winter coats. ADAMS Center (All Dulles Area Muslim Society) in Sterling, Virginia is seeking to collect 13,000 new or gently used winter coats for men, women and children in all sizes, to be donated to all three military bases in Virginia now housing refugees.

We will also be collecting coats for some of our homeless neighbors in Columbia Heights. Can you help? Drop off or send coats to St. Thomas' Parish throughout the month of October. We will make sure they get distributed to those who need them. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!

- **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 "Refugee Assistance" from the drop-down list as the fund you want your donation to go to.**
- Donations are still 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 in inclement weather. Here is the listing of needed items: [Items Needed by AYRS](#). 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. –

If you would like to help lift or sort donations, here is a link to a sign-up genius to volunteer:

<http://tinyurl.com/FYRSSignup>

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 hosts 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 October Birthdays

Jennifer Mahle (October 1)
Felecia Williams (October 18)
Sally Pei (October 19)
Jennie Allison (October 21)
Nancy Morgan (October 23)

October Anniversaries

Lisa and Salil Ahuja (October 2)
Jessie Brewster and Leti Eddy (October 5)
Michael and Priya Lodico (October 9)

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 Goldman
Pam Greer
Susan Hannan
Jan Harrison
Mark Herzog

Betsy Hollingsworth
Carol Hurlburt
James Insinga
Kristin Jones
Mike Knapp
Dave Kucharski
Hugo Llanos

Rich Manhardt
Jane Saari
Harvey Shapiro
Joan Shapiro
Mary Jane Smith
Chester Thompson

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



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