



# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Third Sunday of Advent – December 12, 2021

## Lessons and Carols

Prelude (*instrumental*)

Fifa, from Messiah

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# Opening Carol 102

# "Once in Royal David's City"

Verse 1 - sung by a soloist

Verse 2-6 - sung by all

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
 \*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
 \*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

## Advent Bidding Prayer

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace. As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us - how that when we were far off, he met us in his Son and brought us home; how he humbled himself to take our human nature, that we might share his divine glory.

Let us then so celebrate this coming with our carols and hymns of praise, that our lives may be charged with his life; that we may bear witness to his glory and so bring light to those who sit in darkness. So first we pray for those among whom the Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children; the cold, the hungry and the homeless; the victims of poverty, injustice and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; those in despair or in the shadow of death. We pray together for those on our parish prayer list.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all God's people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over.

And that we may bear true witness to this hope in a divided world, we pray for the peace and unity of Christ's Body, the Church universal, that the whole earth may live to praise Christ's name.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his kingdom. May the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting, now and at all times. **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.

## Lesson 1: The First Sin and Its Punishment

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

A reading from Genesis.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
    cursed are you among all animals  
    and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
    and dust you shall eat  
    all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
    and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
    and you will strike his heel."

And to the man he said,  
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
    and have eaten of the tree  
about which I commanded you,  
    'You shall not eat of it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
    in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
    and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face  
    you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,  
    for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
    and to dust you shall return."

Here ends the reading.

**Carol 1: Comfort Ye, from Messiah**

*(Patrick Payne, soloist)*

*G.F. Handel (1685-1759)*

**Lesson 2: The Righteous Reign of the Coming King**

**Isaiah 40: 1-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand forever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Here ends the reading.

**Carol 2: Behold and O Thou Tellest Good Tidings to Zion** G.F. Handel (1685-1759)  
(Sofia Hermoza, soloist + chorus)

### **Lesson 3: The Prophet Proclaims that God Will Come and Save Us**

**Isaiah 35: 1-10**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Here ends the Reading.

Carol 3: #75

“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”

(sung by all)



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
2 O \_\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
3 but the word of our God \_\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the \_\_\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst \_\_\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The \_\_\_\_\_  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
flowers of the field they \_\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
feed his \_\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!  
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;  
 lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

#### Lesson 4: The Spirit of the Lord Will Rest Upon the Holy One      Isaiah 11: 1-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
 the spirit of counsel and might,  
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
 He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
 or decide by what his ears hear;  
 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
 he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
 and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
 and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
 the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
 and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
 their young shall lie down together;  
 and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
 They will not hurt or destroy  
 on all my holy mountain;  
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
 as the waters cover the sea.

Here ends the reading.

Lesson 5: The Angel Foretells the Birth of Christ

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in

your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Here ends the reading.

Carol 5: #265

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

(sung by all)

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

“All hail,” said he, “thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 “my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name.”  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 “Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!

## Lesson 6: Mary Visits Her Cousin Elizabeth: The Magnificat      Luke 1: 39-56

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

And Mary said,  
 “My soul magnifies the Lord,  
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
 and holy is his name.  
 His mercy is for those who fear him  
 from generation to generation.  
 He has shown strength with his arm;  
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
 and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Here ends the reading.

**Carol 6: Rejoice**

*G.F. Handel (1685-1759)*

*(Bella Cadirola, soloist)*

**Lesson 7 – The Birth of Jesus**

**Luke 2: 1-20**

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Here ends the reading.

Carol 7: #101

“Away in a Manger”

(sung by all)



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 \* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.  
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Lesson 8: The Word Made Flesh

John 1: 1-14

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Here ends the reading.

## 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 Carol: There Were Shepherds, And to the Angel, And Suddenly, And Glory to God *(Bella Cadirola, soloist + Chorus)* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

## Blessing

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen

### Closing Carol: #96 "Angels We Have Heard on High" *(sung by all)*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

### Dismissal

Deacon: As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: **Sinfonia, from Messiah** (*instrumental*) G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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## The St. Thomas' Choir

### Sopranos:

Karen Garlick  
Heather Hurlburt  
Florence Lodico  
Isabel O'Hagan\*  
Henry Pavelko

### Altos:

Jessie Brewster  
Bella Cadirola\*  
Sofia Hermoza\*  
Grace Null

### Tenors:

Patrick Payne\*  
Stephen Schembs

### Basses:

Keegan Brush\*  
Joseph Coleman  
Brian Crane  
Jocko Fajardo  
Chris Hartenau

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Announcements for Sunday, December 12, 2021

## A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to beautiful service of Lessons and Carols! Your presence amongst us overflows our joy. Sing and pray with us as you are comfortable. Together we join our voices in re-telling the story of Christ coming into our world. Following our service, please join us for a Rose Sunday celebration. As we move toward Christmas, here is the rest of December at a glance. Each of these announcements would be a nice invitation for your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Consider sharing an invitation!



### **Wednesday, December 15 ~ Tacky Christmas Sweater Party**

*Join us outside as we carol with passersby at 5:30 pm. Following our carols, we'll move up to the fourth floor to enjoy food, games, and time together. Please bring a fun food to share. All are welcome!*

### **Sunday, December 19 ~ Advent 4 Sunday Service of the Holy Eucharist and Coffee Hour - 10:30 am**

### **Friday, December 24 ~ 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service with Pageant followed by Christmas Dinner**

*Join us for our Christmas Eve worship to include carols, candlelight and a multigenerational pageant. No preparation is necessary. If you'd like to bring your own angel, shepherd, or animal costume please do! Otherwise, we've got you covered. Please RSVP for our Christmas Eve dinner by December 20. See page 17 for more details on dinner.*

### **Sunday, December 26**

**Service of the Holy Eucharist and Coffee Hour at 10:30 am  
Bishop Gene Robinson Preaching and Presiding.**

Blessings this Advent Season!

Lisa+

Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.

**Sunday, December 12:**

9:30 am Nursery, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook  
11:30 am Rose Sunday Party, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
12:00 – 2:00 pm Clothing Donations for the Refugees

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Lessons and Carols**

**Wednesday, December 15:**

4:00 - 6:00 pm Clothing Donations for the Refugees  
5:30 pm Christmas Caroling  
6:30 pm Tacky Christmas Sweater Party  
6:30 - 7:00 pm Evening Worship in-person stream to Zoom (with Evening Prayer)

**Sunday, December 19:**

9:30 am Nursery, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook  
11:30 am Coffee Hour  
12:00 – 2:00 pm Clothing Donations for the Refugees

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Friday, December 24:**

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP at 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 26:**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS WORSHIP at 10:30 am**

**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>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

**Scan this QR link to see all of our announcements online.**



**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](http://stthomasdc.org) following the service.

### **Advent and Christmas Decorations**

This Advent and Christmas we will be decorating each floor of our building. At first, we will have simple greens, but as we move through the season we will add lights, flowers, and more decorations. You are invited to make a financial gift to support these efforts which help welcome Christ and our neighbor this season. You can either write a check with "Advent/Christmas Flowers" in the memo or make a dedicated gift on Realm, selecting Advent/Christmas Flowers. **A big thank you to Jocko Fajardo for coordinating our decorating efforts.**



### **Christmas Worship and Potluck Dinner**

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 5 pm this year. Following the service, we will have a potluck Christmas Dinner for those who wish to join on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Salil Ahuja is roasting lamb. He and Ka Lam will be coordinating side dishes with those who RSVP. RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/E7jTZTwmqgPYTzG17> email

[administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org) with questions or for assistance with the RSVP.

### **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.

**Bill McDonald**, Bob's brother, died on Saturday, December 4 at Renaissance Memory Care Residence in Annandale, Virginia. Bill was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease three years ago.

### **Working with Our Upstairs Neighbors at Capital Clubhouse**

Here are three different ways you can volunteer, just one time or more often:

- Are you an IT expert? You can help their keep their computer equipment functioning well.
- Do you like to cook? Work with others to cook food for their monthly Employment Dinners that are held monthly right here at the church.
- Are you good at organizing? They need one or two volunteers to help them organize their space.

For more information, contact Deacon Linda by email: [lmahler@stthomasdc.org](mailto:lmahler@stthomasdc.org) or by phone: 202-384-9643.



### **Donate Warm Winter Socks to Our Neighbors in Need**

Bring new warm winter socks, sizes 6-12, to St. Thomas'. Parishioner Al Llanos will see that they get distributed to people who need them most in the cold weather.

**Participate with St. Thomas'**

**Tacky Sweater Christmas Party**

The 6th Annual St. Thomas' Tacky Sweater Christmas Party will be held **this Wednesday, December 15th** beginning at 5:30 with some outdoor caroling in front of the church. We thought it would be nice to carol with those walking by at a time with high foot traffic! We will move inside around 6:30pm to the fourth floor for more celebrating. Contributions of food, drink, and Christmas decorations will be appreciated!

*We are happy to invite you  
to a  
Service of Renaming  
for  
Caitlyn Mason  
to be held on  
Saturday, December 18th, 2021  
11:00 a. m.  
at  
St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish  
Dupont Circle  
1517 18th Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20036*

*Reception to follow  
in the St. Thomas Commons*

**'Tis the Season** ❄️  
a holiday musicale | song recital

*BaltimoreMusicales*

Annie Gill soprano

José Miguel Sacin baritone

Jennifer Simone Smith soprano

Elizebeth Barnes mezzo-soprano

Michael Manganiello baritone

Thea Tullman Moore soprano

Patricia McKewen Amato piano

Ismar Gomes cello

December 18, 2021 | 3:30 PM  
St. Thomas' Parish  
1517 18th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

December 19, 2021 | 3:30 PM  
Grace United Methodist  
5407 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210

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**TICKETS: \$20 | MORE INFORMATION: BaltimoreMusicales.org**

## Celebrating Our December Birthdays

Ryan Winfield (December 8)  
Stephen Schembs (December 13)  
Chris Norman (December 14)  
Benny Young (December 14)  
Al Llanos (December 15)

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at [administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org).*

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### Parish Prayer List

John Bisco  
Peggyann Cohen  
Kevin Costigan  
Craig Evertt  
Carol Goldman  
Pam Greer  
Susan Hannan  
Jan Harrison

Betsy Hollingsworth  
Carol Hurlburt  
James & Esther Insinga  
Kristin Jones  
Mike Knapp  
Dave Kucharski  
Hugo Llanos  
Rich Manhardt

Jane Saari  
Harvey Shapiro  
Joan Shapiro  
Mary Jane Smith  
Harvey Snyder  
Chris Spangler  
Chester Thompson

*For the repose of the soul of:*

Bill McDonald

Michael Miller

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



# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE

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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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## Vestry

Gregory Zitterkob, Senior Warden  
Karen Garlick, Junior Warden  
Clay Dursthoff, Treasurer  
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Brian Crane, Reggie Greer, Jennifer Mahle,  
Noel Miller, Brett Snyder, John Trumbo

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