



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 19, 2021

Welcome

Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to the season of Advent! Your presence amongst us overflows our joy. Together, we all tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Sing and pray with us as you are comfortable. You are welcome to fully participate in every part of this service, including Holy Eucharist (aka Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or Mass). Our worship in the season of Advent engages us in expectation and hope for the coming of Christ.

Prelude

Prelude on "Greensleeves"

Richard Purvis

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



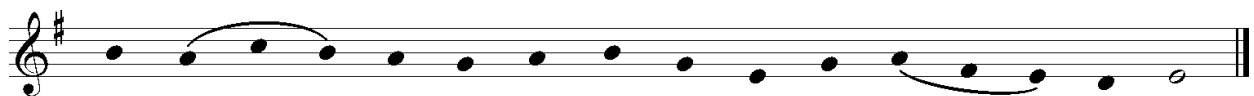
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Advent Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God:

In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. We remember in our prayers those who are on our prayer list today.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. All of these prayers we offer to you, our loving God. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Kyrie S88

Cantor or Choir



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All



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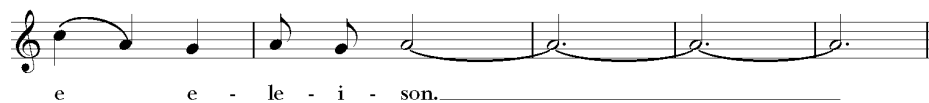


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Cantor or Choir *All*



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First Reading

Micah 5: 2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

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

The Song of Mary – Luke 1: 46-55 *(read by all)*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

Second Reading Hebrews 10: 5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
 but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
 you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
 (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Sequence H265 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"(v.1-2 before, 3-4 after gospel)

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!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1: 39-55

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

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

The Sermon

Herschel Wade, Seminarian

✠ *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 Peace

Celebrant: May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts.
 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

<p><i>Birthday Prayer: (said by all)</i></p> <p>Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort 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.</p>	<p><i>Anniversary Prayer: (said by all)</i></p> <p>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</p>
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Offertory

“Angelus ad virginem”

arr. David Willcocks

Isabel O’Hagan, sololist

*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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

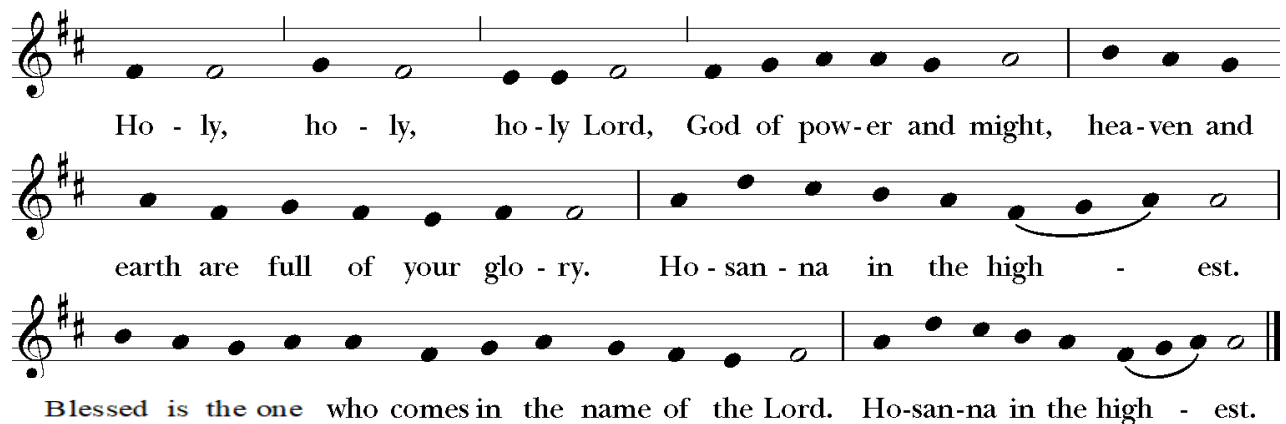
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

(The Celebrant continues:)

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with St. Thomas and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *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.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

"Wait for the Lord"

Taize

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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

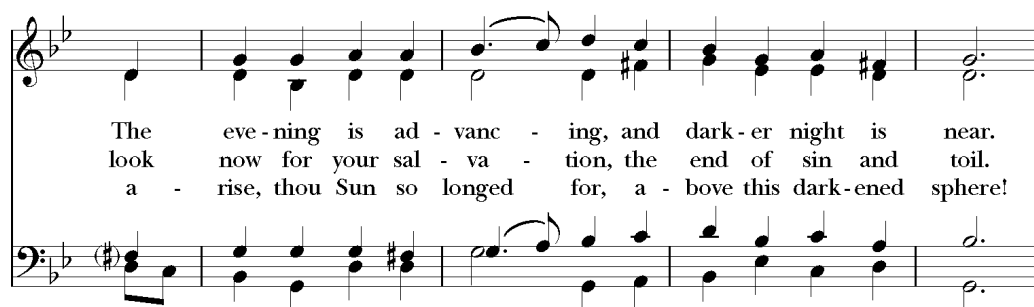
Celebrant:

May the God who brings heaven close to earth
give truth to our judgment
and flame to our longing
that our hearts might be ready
to be born again in love;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

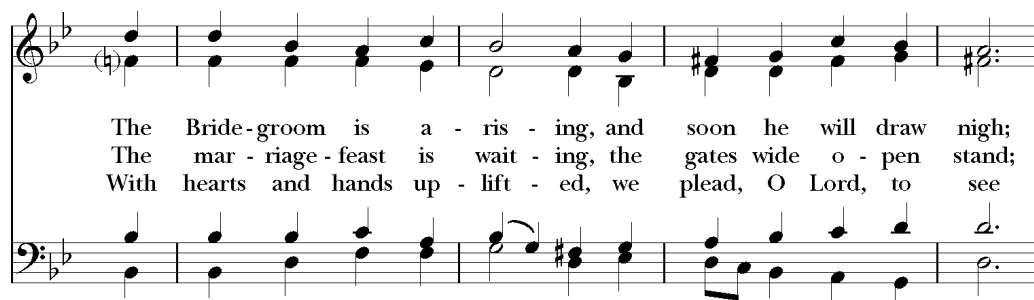
Closing Hymn 82 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"



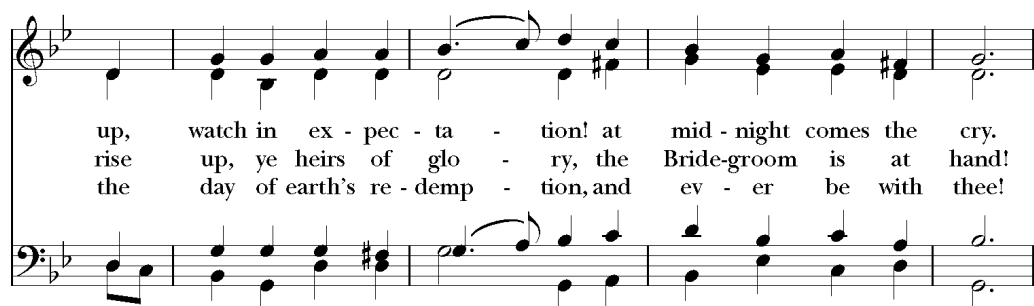
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Sleepers Wake, a Voice Astounds Us" J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Announcements for December 19, 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

There is much energy in our parish and in the wider community for our new initiatives to support Afghan refugee needs in our community! Sundays and Wednesdays we are open to collect much needed clothing donations, and we have received a steady flow of generosity from the wider community. In addition to receiving the donations, we are sharing some hospitality and hearing the stories of those individuals and communities who donate. There are announcements in these pages that will share more about these initiatives, and how you can participate. This Sunday after church I will ask you to join me on the third floor. There we will see how things are organized and say a prayer for these ministries and the Afghan refugees.



God bless you,
Lisa

Join us this Christmas!

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.

End of the Year Financial Plans

A big thank you to our community for faithfully fulfilling pledges, and for communicating when it has been difficult to fulfill your pledge. This has helped us to be good stewards of all of the gifts shared with us this year, and to plan well.

End of the year pledges, capital pledges, Christmas offerings, and financial gifts

Our parish office will be closed the week after Christmas (December 27– December 31). Please do know that if you have a pledge or financial gift you would like to include in your 2021 taxes, we need to receive it electronically by December 31, or by check no later than January 10. Please ensure your check is dated prior to December 31 if you are sending it in the mail or dropping it off by January 10, 2022. This helps us to follow healthy financial reporting practices.

Pre-paying your 2021 Pledge

If you plan to pre-pay your 2022 pledge before December 31, 2021, please indicate this in the memo of your check or when paying online. This will appear on your end of year giving statement, but on Realm also appear as a fulfilled 2022 pledge on your profile.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ka Lam at administrator@stthomasdc.org or Clay Dursthoff at treasurer@stthomasdc.org with questions about your pledge and/or financial giving.

Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, December 19:

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Wednesday, December 22:

4:00 - 6:00 pm	Clothing and Toy Donations for the Refugees
6:30 - 7:00 pm	Evening Worship in-person stream to Zoom (with Evening Prayer)

Friday, December 24:

4:00 pm	Nursery, 4 th floor
5:00 pm	Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Dinner- Parish Hall

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 26:

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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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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Worship with St. Thomas'

Sunday 10:30 am Hybrid Worship	
In-Person: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-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: <p>Worship is streamed from our in-person worship to our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/StThomasDC</p> <p><i>An account is not required to access this worship on Facebook.</i></p> <p>And posted to our website stthomasdc.org following the service.</p>

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 4th floor. Salil Ahuja is roasting lamb. He and Ka Lam will be coordinating side dishes with those who RSVP. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/E7jTZTwmgbPYTzG17> email 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 them 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 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.

Volunteer Opportunity at Christ House

St. Thomas' Parish supports Christ House by providing one meal a month for the shelter. The parish provides the food and kitchen crew of four. After serving we eat dinner with the residents. It is a rewarding experience and a great opportunity to fellowship with other parishioners.

We are currently putting together a list of those who would be interested in volunteering for one evening. We will have the sign-up list at the registration table at church, or you can talk either Gregory Mackmin or Linda Hollingsworth, or you can email lhollingsworth.hvh@gmail.com.

To learn more about Christ House and the medically vulnerable people they serve, visit their website at: <https://christhouse.org/>

Study with St. Thomas'

"The Path Ahead"- Senior Ministry at St. Thomas'

Deacon Linda Mahler will offer a series that "reframes aging for people of faith" Anyone of any age can participate. "The Path Ahead" is a curriculum on the spirituality of aging developed by Seabury Resources for Aging and the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. The in-person class will be offered on six consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM from 01/19/2022 through 02/23/2022. For more information or to participate, email Linda M. at: lmahler@stthomasdc.org

"Sacred Ground"- Racial Healing, Reconciliation, and Justice

Take part in Sacred Ground, a 10-week course designed by the Episcopal Church to help build beloved community. Participants are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The powerful curriculum of documentary films and readings focuses on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM beginning on January 18, 2022. To learn more or to sign up, please email Dan Costello at: dancostello3@gmail.com

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.

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

Betsy Hollingsworth
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



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