



# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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Welcome to our  
worship!



## Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 13, 2022

*Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to the season after Epiphany! 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). If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas' Parish, the Episcopal Church, or deepening your faith with us please fill out a welcome card and hand it to an usher or clergy person.*

Prelude

Trumpet Tune

Alfred Hollins

Opening Hymn 423

“Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, fom *Caniadau y Cyssegr*; 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

## Opening Acclamation

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

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

## The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

## Glory to God - LEVAS 243

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand, with some melodic lines in the left hand.

## Verses:

1 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

2 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

3 Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

### *Refrain*

4 You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

5 You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

6 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

7 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

### *Refrain*

Amen.

## The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## First Reading

### Isaiah 6:1-8

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse~

who can understand it?  
I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

**Psalm 1**       *(read by all)*

*Saint Helena Psalter*

**1** Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2** Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, \*  
and they meditate on that law day and night.

**3** They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

**4** It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

**5** Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;

**6** For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

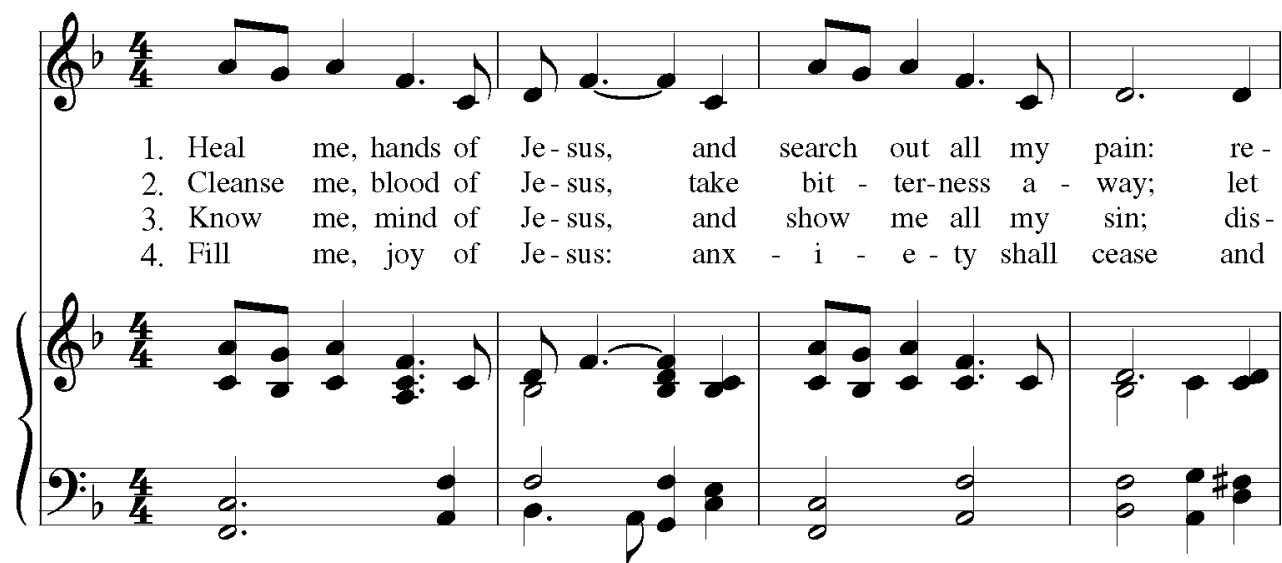
Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ-whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Sequence Hymn WLP 773 "Heal me Hands of Jesus"

We will sing verses before the Gospel, and 3-4 after.



1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -  
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let  
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -  
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.  
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon*

## The Prayers of the People

Ever grateful of God's revelation in Jesus Christ and our Lord's commandment to love one another as he loved us, let us pray to Lord saying  
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

We pray for Michael, the Presiding Bishop of our Church; Mariann, our bishop; for Linda, Lisa, and Gene, clergy of our parish; for our guest preacher Mark; and for all those who serve God in the church.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

We pray for Joseph, our President; Kamala, our Vice President; Muriel, our Mayor; and all those who make decisions that affect the life and the well-being of the nation.

God of Love, **hear our Prayer.**

*Silence*

For those affected by climate change, famine, war, and oppression of every kind.  
God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

For the concerns of the local community, especially those who are victims of gun violence, poverty, hunger, and homelessness. We also pray for our parish ministries serving Afghan refugees, the Capital Club House, Senior Citizens, Samaritan Ministry, and Christ House.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

For those who suffer and those in any trouble, especially those who are suffering from the COVID19 virus. We pray for those experiencing depression, despair, or loneliness; young and old.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

We pray for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name now silently, aloud, or in the comment section online.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

We pray for those who have died, and are in your loving care. We pray for those who mourn that they may be comforted and feel your peace.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

✠*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### *Birthday Prayer: (said by all)*

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.

### *Anniversary Prayer: (said by all)*

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

God, of your goodness, give yourself to me.  
For you are enough for me: Only in you do I have everything. Amen.

*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' 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:

## Sanctus LEVAS 255

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, 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.

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive holy communion here at St. Thomas' Parish. At this time we are distributing bread only. An usher will invite the congregation to come forward row by row to receive. When you come forward, there are three stations to receive bread. The middle station has gluten-free wafers. If you prefer a blessing, please go to the middle station.*

Communion Hymn 488

“Be thou my vision”



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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Postcommunion Prayer

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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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 Hymn 518

“Christ is made the sure foundation”

*Descant*

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

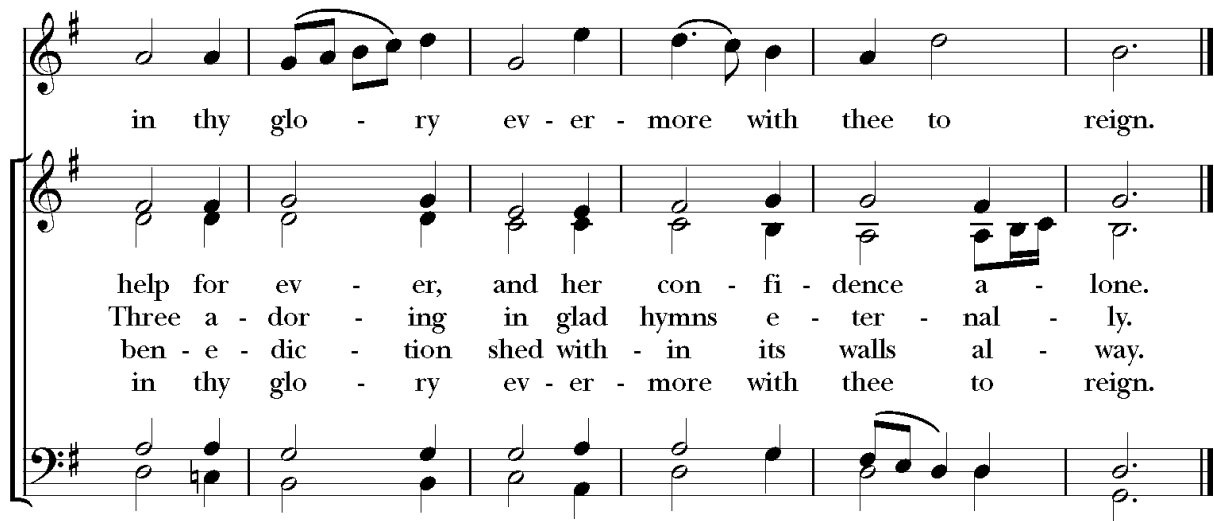
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

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

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

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

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



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

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
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## Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*The flowers today are given with great thanksgiving for Jean Holman's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

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Announcements for February 13, 2022

Dear Friends,

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Mark Andrew Jefferson. The Rev. Mark Andrew Jefferson, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of Homiletics (Preaching) and the Associate Director of the Deep Calls to Deep Preaching Program at VTS. He is preaching 200 sermons locally, nationally, and internationally leading up to Virginia Seminary's Historic Bicentenary on October 15, 2023!



Dr. Jefferson is an emerging scholar interested in the ways that consciousness and imagination inform the practice of preaching. His dissertation titled "Beyond the Talented Tenth: W.E.B. Du Bois, the Hip-Hop Emcee, and the Reimagination of African American Homiletics" explores Du Bois' advocacy of the "Talented Tenth" social imagination and its influence in the formation of black preachers and preaching. In his upcoming book, tentatively titled, *The Mis-education of the African American Preacher*, Dr. Jefferson extends the work of

Carter G. Woodson and his critique of the educational and cultural formation of African American leaders, namely preachers, by arguing that they are being formed to ineffectively preach and connect with the black masses. Dr. Jefferson has also contributed to the African American Lectionary and the Academy of Preachers.

Dr. Jefferson is an internationally respected preacher and teacher of preachers. He was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College and appeared in *The Nassau Guardian* (Bahamas). He has preached at churches such as: Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.; Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA; Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA; The House of Hope Atlanta, Decatur, GA; Friendship Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA; Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ; Alexandria Detention Center, Alexandria, VA and Bethel A.M.E, Hampton, VA among many others churches, conferences, chapels, public gatherings, and occasions. Dr. Jefferson was selected for the historic Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church, in Memphis, TN. VTS is honoring its 200th anniversary on October 15, 2023, and in contribution to this effort, Dr. Jefferson is currently preaching 200 sermons locally, nationally, and internationally in the years leading up to the Historic Bicentenary.

**Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.**

**Sunday, February 13:**      **THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
10:30 am                  Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook  
12:00 - 2:00 pm        Sorting of donations for the refugees  
12:00 - 12:30 pm       Usher and Greeter in-person training

**Tuesday, February 15:**  
6:30 pm                  “Sacred Ground” course - Zoom

**Wednesday, February 16:**  
4:00 - 6:00 pm        Sorting of donations for the refugees  
6:30 - 7:00 pm        Evening Worship on Zoom (with Evening Prayer)  
7:00 -9:00 pm        “The Path Ahead”- Senior Ministry at St. Thomas- Zoom

**Sunday, February 20:**  
10:30 am                  Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook  
12:00 – 2:00 pm        Sorting of donations for the refugees

**Zoom Code for worship and parish meetings and Wednesday evening worship:**

Meeting ID: 947 6442 4718                  Password: 151718th

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## **Worship with St. Thomas'**

### **Burning of the Palm Leaves**

Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent is approaching. On the first day of Lent, it is customary for ashes to be placed on the foreheads of Christians as a reminder of our mortality. The ashes used for Ash Wednesday are made from the burned and blessed palms of the Palm Sunday of the previous year. If you have your palm leaves or crosses from years past and want to contribute them to our preparation for Ash Wednesday, please bring them to St. Thomas' Parish for burning on February 27, 2022. You can place them in the basket located in the commons area on the ground floor.

### **Sponsoring Flowers at the Altar**

You are invited to sponsor the flowers at the altar in thanksgiving for the many blessings of your life, or in memorial for someone who has died. There is a signup list on the bulletin board on the first floor or you may sign up by emailing [administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org). Suggested contribution for flowers is \$100.

### **Ashes to Go Volunteers:**

Sign up with Rev. Lisa to help distribute ashes outside on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. We will distribute ashes in front of the church and at the south entrance for the Dupont Circle metro stop from 8-11 am and 4-6 pm. Please contact Rev. Lisa to sign up at [lahuja@stthomasdc.org](mailto:lahuja@stthomasdc.org).

### **Ash Wednesday Schedule**

We will have two Ash Wednesday services: 12 pm and 6:30 pm. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the penitential and contemplative season of Lent. You are encouraged to attend services here, or find a church near you on that day.

## **Take Action with St. Thomas'**

### **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.



### **Capital Clubhouse seeks New Board Members**

The Clubhouse seeks to support some of the most vulnerable members of our community: people struggling to recover from mental illness. We are seeking two new members to serve on our Board of Directors who wish to have a deeper level of engagement with social justice for mental health, by supporting a highly effective model of peer-based support. Visit our website: [www.capitalclubhouseinc.org](http://www.capitalclubhouseinc.org) or call Maria Núñez at (202) 308-9690 to find out about different ways you can help or to schedule a visit.



### **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.

### **Clothing and Toy Collection for Afghan Refugees:**

St. Thomas' Parish is responding to Afghan refugee needs in the DMV by providing much-needed items for people resettling in our area. The Parish has ample space to use as a central repository for collecting and packing all donations. So please be generous! For more information, contact David Swanson at [dswansondc@gmail.com](mailto:dswansondc@gmail.com) To volunteer, go to <http://tinyurl.com/signup3rdfloorsorting>

**We are also in need of clean cardboard boxes and people to sort! Please be in touch with David Swanson at [dswansondc@gmail.com](mailto:dswansondc@gmail.com).**



Drop Off Donations at church on Sundays from 12:00-2:00 pm or on Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00 pm.

New list of most needed items:

- Household items: pots/pans, pressure cookers and instant pots, tea kettles, tea cups, cooking & Kitchen utensils, vacuums, flatware
- New bed sheets and pillows
- New shower curtains and shower hooks
  
- Baby items: strollers, car seats(not expired), diaper bags, bassinets, cribs (dismantled for transport.)
  
- Clothing Items: sorted (women, men, children and bagged separately) Winter-appropriate clothing, including shoes and. Socks, scarves, hats, and gloves

## 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 online 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](mailto:lmahler@stthomasdc.org)

### **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 two books we will read are: Waking Up White by Debby Irving, and Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman. (You will not need them for the first class.) The group will meet online on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM beginning on February 15, 2022. To learn more or to sign up, please email Dan Costello at: [dancostello3@gmail.com](mailto:dancostello3@gmail.com) or Linda Hollingsworth at [lhollingsworthvh@gmail.com](mailto:lhollingsworthvh@gmail.com)

### **Workshop with School for Christian Faith and Leadership**

The School for Christian Faith and Leadership is offering two workshops by Zoom in February to equip parents, caregivers and ministry leaders to help children and teens deal with the stress and mental health issues exacerbated by the ongoing pandemic.

### **Supporting Teens through Pandemic Stress**

with Audra Mriani, LPC, NCC; Abundant Life Counseling VA  
Sunday, February 13th, 4-5:30 pm  
[Registration link](#)

### **Tee-Shirt Contest**

Do you have a great idea for St. Thomas' next tee-shirt?

Submit your slogan or graphics or ideas to <https://forms.gle/zPG2SrDYJTURPyu9A>. Parishioners will be able to vote the best idea. We will make the new tee-shirt available for purchase in the summer.

## Celebrating Our February Birthdays

Jasper Knight Champion (February 1)  
Bettina Hager (February 11)  
Jean Holman (February 13)  
David Kucharski (February 9)  
Joan Shapiro (February 12)

*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  
Mary Jane Boswell  
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  
Joe Rivas  
Rich Manhardt  
Jane Saari

Harvey Shapiro  
Joan Shapiro  
Mary Jane Smith  
Harvey Snyder  
Chris Spangler  
George Tatterson  
Chester Thompson

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



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*"As St. Thomas' Parish we are followers of Jesus, striving to see Christ in each person, and to be Christ in our community, our city, and our world."*

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Gregory Zitterkob, Senior Warden  
Karen Garlick, Junior Warden  
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