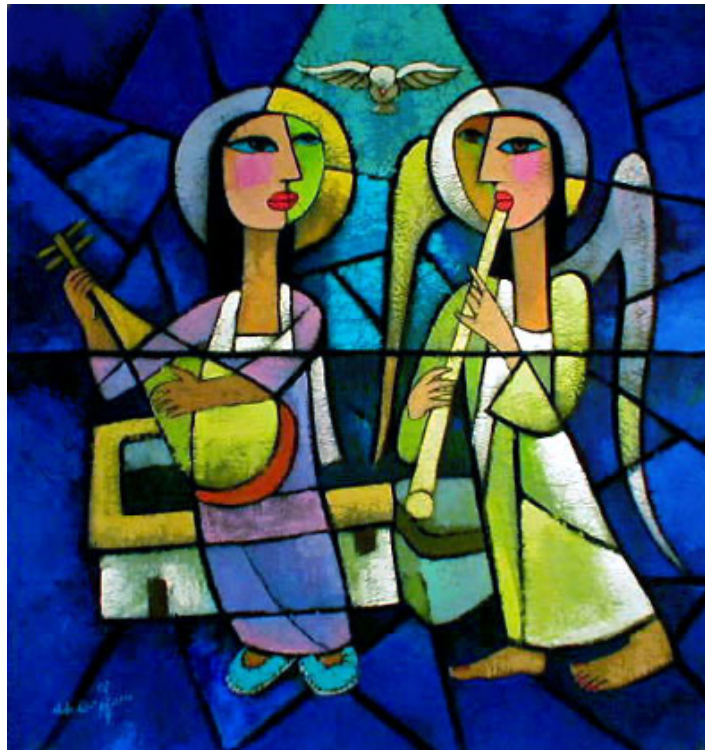




ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 15, 2022

Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to our worship this Easter season! 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

Prelude in D

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

Hymn 583

“O Holy City”



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
 2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
 4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
 in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
 too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
 lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
 and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, “Christ hath died in vain!”
 and where the sun that shin - eth is God’s grace for hu - man good.
 yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: 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.**

Song of Praise

DIGNUS ES

Benjamin P. Straley (b. 1986)

The choir introduces the refrain, then all repeat.



The choir sings the verses.

For you created every thing that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being; *Refrain*

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
a kingdom of priests to serve our God. *Refrain*

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore. *Refrain*

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 148 (read by all)

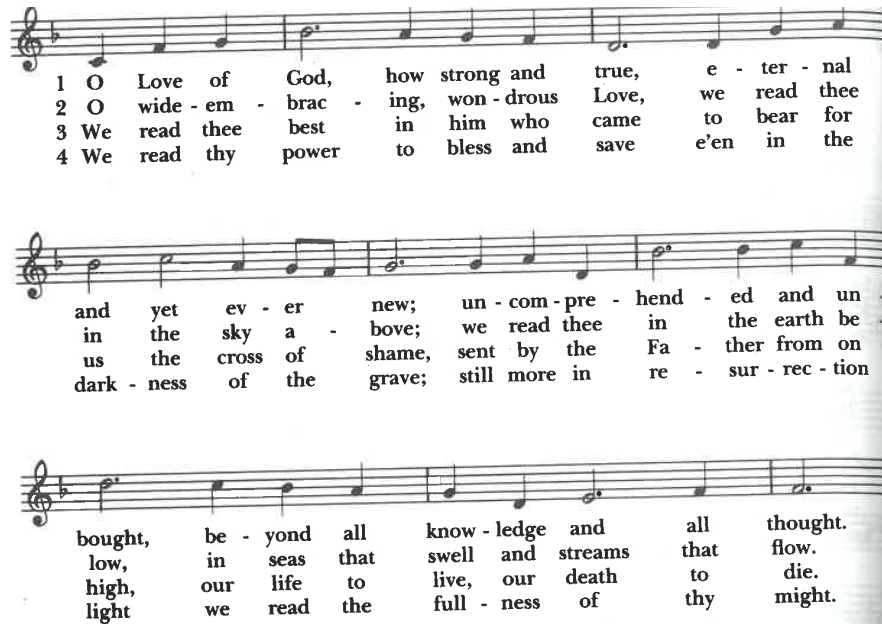
Saint Helena Psalter

- 1 Alleluia! Praise God from the heavens; *
sing praise in the heights.
- 2 Praise God, all you angels; *
sing praise, all the heavenly host.
- 3 Praise God, sun and moon; *
sing praise, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise God, heaven of heavens *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of God, *
by whose command they were created.
- 6 God made them stand fast for ever and ever, *
and gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise God from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
leaders and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise your Name, O God, *
for your Name only is exalted;
your splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 You have raised up strength for your people
and praise for all your loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near you. Alleluia!

Sequence H 455

“O Love of God”

Verses 1-2 before the Gospel, 3-4 after the Gospel reading.



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

The Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the religious authorities so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja

✠ Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for this new day and new opportunity to gather with joy to celebrate the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus. In the Easter season, help us all to watch for the presence of Christ in our midst. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Today we give thanks for all in our communities: members of the parish, classmates, family, friends, and colleagues. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Today we give special thanks for the many joys and celebrations in our parish family. We pray for K.C. Becker and Sam Armstrong who were confirmed yesterday. We pray for Jennifer Mahle and Colina Beanes who were married yesterday.

Silence

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Today we remember those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

You are invited to offer additional prayers of petition and thanksgiving, aloud, online, or in the silence of your heart.

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you. **All: And also with you.**

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

Welcome and Announcements

<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 Anthem Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)
Sung by the Music Interns.

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

I'm weary with my former toil -
Here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the Appletree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the Appletree.

*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

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the
glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was
sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed
death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymn WLP 785

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

Sung first in Spanish, and then in English.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

**PADRE NUESTRO, que estás en el cielo.
Santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos
del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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. The bishop has given the diocese permission to share the bread and wine at communion again. She does not permit us to intinct, or dip, our wafers in the wine. An usher will invite the congregation to come forward row by row to receive. When you come forward, there are two stations to receive bread. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

Communion Anthem

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

Grace Null, soprano, and Sydney Black, mezzo soprano

Translation from Latin:

Panis angelicus
Fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
Figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.

The bread of the angels
becomes the bread of mortals;
the bread of heaven
puts an end to prefigurations.
O wondrous thing!
the poor and humble
feed on their Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

✠ All pray 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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Final Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Final Hymn 347

"Go Forth for God"



1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
 2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
 3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
 4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
 his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

Dismissal

Celebrant: With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Fugue in D

Dmitri Shostakovich

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the marriage yesterday of Jennifer Mahle and Colina Beanes.

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Announcements for Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Dear Friends,

We are looking forward to a wonderful weekend with much joy here at St. Thomas' Parish! On Saturday morning, Sam Armstrong and K.C. Becker will be confirmed at the Washington National Cathedral. The service begins at 10 am, and all are welcome to attend in person or online (link). On Saturday Evening we have the wedding of Colina Beanes and Jennifer Mahle. Please pray for K.C., Sam, Colina, and Jennifer on this special weekend! We will pray together for all of them on Sunday morning in our worship, and following our service we will celebrate with K.C. and Sam.

And! I thought you'd like to know that the Rev. Catherine Manhardt will be with us all weekend and serve as our deacon in worship on Sunday. I know she is excited to see all of you. Her ordination will be on Saturday, July 23, at the Washington National Cathedral. Please mark your calendars. We will have a reception here at St. Thomas' to celebrate with Catherine on July 24.

Peace today,
Lisa+

Preparing for Pentecost, June 5th

Pentecost is a celebration of the Holy Spirit which gathers us together into the body of Christ. It is a day of joy! The festival color of the day is red.

Worship

You are invited to wear red to our worship! We will take a parish photo during the Peace. We will also have a reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles in many languages. Please write to Rev. Lisa if you would like to participate in this reading. lahuja@stthomasdc.org.

Taste of Home Potluck - June 5th Sunday

Are there certain dishes that carry a sense of nostalgia and when you make them, you are instantly transported back in time with family and friends that would make these for you? Join us for a church potluck Sunday, June 5th. The potluck theme is Taste of Home - make those recipes that call of a "home" to you. Make it and bring it to share!

Feel free to sign up in the Google Form here and QR code below.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LUB81kfNY49mTeoyJ2kAF9DvuSuGDWOrjxJdnnqs_p4/edit?usp=sharing

Episcopal Church statement on reports concerning Supreme Court case pertaining to abortion.

Since 1967, The Episcopal Church has maintained its “unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions [about the termination of pregnancy] and to act upon them.” In light of the recent report about a pending decision in the Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health*, The Episcopal Church reaffirms our commitment to “equitable access to women’s health care, including women’s reproductive health care,” which we view as “an integral part of a woman’s struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a human being.” The Office of Government Relations will continue to advocate at the federal level to protect reproductive rights.

We encourage you to read the overview of The Episcopal Church’s positions on abortion and women’s reproductive health, which is accessible through this link:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/>

Here is a QR Code to connect with all of our announcements electronically.



Sunday, May 15:

9:15 am

9:30 am

10:30 am

11:30 am

12:00 – 2:00 pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Choir Rehearsal

Nursery 4th floor

Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook

Welcome Coffee Hour

Sorting of donations for the refugees

Friday, May 13:

5:00 pm

Sidewalk Series

Sunday, May 22:

9:15 am

9:30 am

10:30 am

11:30 am

12:00 – 2:00 pm

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

with Baptism and the Columbarium Dedication

Choir Rehearsal

Nursery 4th floor

Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook

Festive Coffee Hour

Sorting of donations for the refugees

Sign up for Coffee Hour

We enjoy Coffee Hour here at St. Thomas' Parish! A big thank you to those who have provided food for us to gather around and enjoy while building relationship. We are fortunate to have a Sexton each Sunday. Her name is Candace, and part of her role on Sundays is to support Coffee Hour. She makes the coffee, brings the cream, sugar, cold drinks, and food items outside (or to the first floor). There, she sets everything up for us, and cleans up after we leave. If you sign up to bring food, you can bring it in and leave it in the parish office for her to put out or you can help her (your choice!) Please consider signing up to bring food one Sunday this summer. Sign up on the bulletin board down stairs or by emailing: administrator@stthomasdc.org.

Worship with St. Thomas'

Baptism

At baptism we are sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked as one of Christ's own forever. If you seek baptism, or would like for a child to be baptized, please be in touch with Rev. Lisa. Our upcoming dates for baptism at St. Thomas' Parish are:

- Sunday, May 22 at 10:30 am
- Pentecost: Sunday, June 5 at 10:30 am

Dedication of the Columbarium on May 22, 2022

On Sunday, May 22, Bishop Gene Robinson will lead a dedication of our Columbarium. A columbarium is a place to inter ashes after someone has died. If you haven't seen the Columbarium, it is in the Bishop Gene Robinson Chapel. Information about purchasing a niche will be available on May 22, and Rev. Lisa is always happy to meet individually to discuss end of life planning.

Take Action with St. Thomas'

Donations 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 To volunteer, go to <http://tinyurl.com/signup3rdfloorsorting>

Drop Off Donations at church on Sundays from 12:00-2:00 pm.

Household items: Pots and pans, vacuums, pressure cookers, trash cans, dutch ovens, laundry baskets, blenders, new bed sheets & pillows, bowls, new shower curtains & hooks, thermoses, bath mats, tea pots & electric kettles Children's Items: Strollers, Items for newborns, baby swings.

Clothing donations are no longer needed.

Requests for Support

- Mental Health Care for Person in Detention: Paul White is a Black, bisexual migrant who is currently detained in Caroline Detention Facility. He is facing imminent deportation and while we're trying to expedite a U-visa, we are working hard to find Paul access to mental health services while he is inside. Paul lives with chronic depression and has tried to end his life several times while being locked inside Caroline Detention Facility. Here is a toolkit with more information on Paul's case: <https://b.link/FreePaulToolkit>

We have found a practitioner who can meet with Paul, but the cost of each session is \$100. We are seeking support to help pay these fees. Here is the GoFundMe for Paul:

<https://t.co/2CGoDHlccO>

- Help for People Sent From Texas to DC: For the past two and a half weeks, Gov. Greg Abbott has been busing people from Texas to DC as part of some sick and twisted publicity stunt. There have been 19 buses so far carrying hundreds of people, including children and infants. The DMV community has shown up to receive every single bus to support our new neighbors. It is a grassroots effort by community orgs, mutual aid groups and individuals. It is a huge undertaking and an expensive one. The buses keep coming, DC keeps showing up but we need money and supplies.
 - Donate: [Paypal](#) (preferred) or [venmo](#) @SanctuaryDMV with "Texas Solidarity" in the memo
 - SDMV is not a nonprofit, if that matters
 - If venmo and paypal are not your style, you can [donate online](#) to the co-op feeding our new neighbors
 - Purchase: Order supplies of the wishlist, it is updated daily: bit.ly/TXsolidaritysupplies

Sidewalk Series

We are excited for this spring Sidewalk Series! Please consider joining us, inviting friends, and committing to one Friday afternoon as a parish host, helping people find bathrooms and water and giving tours as needed. Please see Michael Lodico with questions, and sign up on the bulletin board to help (or by emailing administrator@stthomasdc.org with your preferred Friday.)

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Noah Getz, Series Director
Michael Lodico, Director of Music
Rev. Lisa Ahuja, Rector

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4/1 - Deepak Ram - Indian Classical Flute
4/8 - Michael Lodico - Works by Ludovico Einaudi
4/22 - Off on Four - Saxophone Quartet
4/29 - Bobby Muncy - Jazz Combo
5/6 - Simone Baron - The World Music Collective
5/13 - Kimia Hesabi - Yasna Iranian Folk Ensemble
5/20 - Taisha Estrada - Singer-Songwriter
5/27 - Whistling Hens - Clarinet & Voice

Special News shared on May 7, 2022

Dear St. Thomas' Parish,

We write to you with joyful news! Beginning in September, the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington (GMCW) will hold their rehearsals at St. Thomas' Parish. This will include 10 hours of rehearsing each week and occasional other meetings. The license agreement we share with them is for an initial period of three years.

We are thrilled to be sharing our space with a group that has a mission aligned with ours. The GMCW sings to inspire equality and inclusion with musical performances and education promoting justice and dignity for all. GMCW is the LGBTQ+ voice of equality in the nation's capital. They are a renowned performance group. Since 1981, they've performed shows nationally, internationally, and at-home in Washington, DC. To date, they have 250+ singing members, four select ensembles, five hundred donors, one youth chorus, and an annual audience of 10,000+. The GMCW has an ensemble called GENOUT, the only LGBTQ+ youth choir in the city.

We look forward to warmly welcoming many new people in the fall, well aware that for the LGBTQ+ community, the Church is not always a safe and affirming environment. We as a parish strive to be a place that truly welcomes and embraces all people. As we celebrate this opportunity to bless the community with our space, please consider how you might share your time and creativity to provide an ongoing warm welcome.

Please join us in giving thanks for this new partnership!

Gregory Zitterkob, Senior Warden
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Celebrating Our May Birthdays and Anniversaries

David Swanson (May 3)
Colina Beanes (May 4)
Ashley Ashworth (May 5)
Jeremy Ayers (May 19)
Salil Ahuja (May 22)
Bishop Gene Robinson (May 29)

Anniversaries

David Insinga and Bob McDonald (May 7)
Heather Hurlburt and Darius Sivin (May 23)

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

Parish Prayer List

Shaune Bazner
John Bisco
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
Brian Olson
Joe Rivas
Rich Manhardt
Jane Saari

Mary Jane Smith
Harvey Snyder
Chris Spangler
Chester Thompson

For those who have died

Bill Fisher
Eric Little
Lisa Warren Meunier

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



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