



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE



Sunday - June 19, 2022

Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to our worship Season after Pentecost! 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 the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or Mass). Nursery Care with a lesson for the day is on the fourth floor. 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.

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Prelude

Improvisation

Opening Hymn #8 in Blue Hymnal

Morning has Broken

Words of Welcome

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

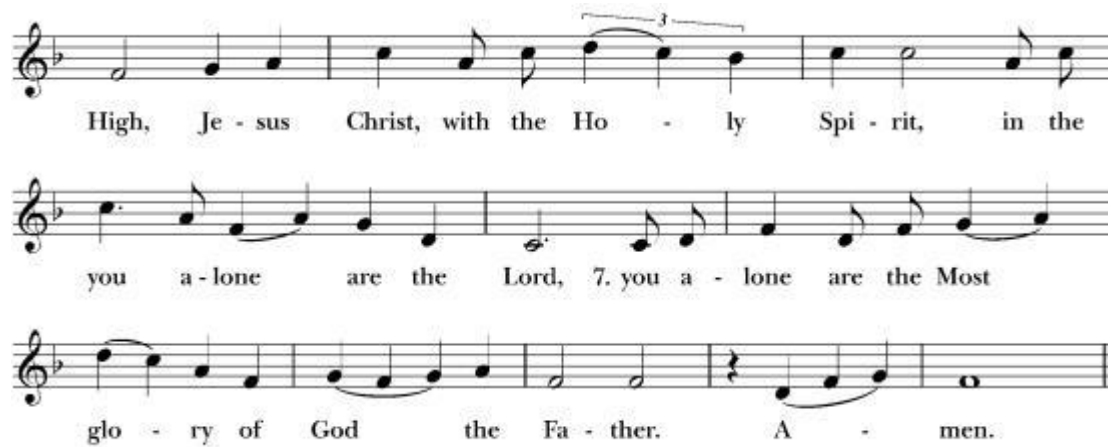
The Collect for Purity

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

Gloria S280

“Glory to God”

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
 People: And also with you.
 Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving--kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 42 (read by all)

Saint Helena Psalter

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
"Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

7 Put your trust in God, *
for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

10 You grant me your loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

11 I will say to the God of my strength,
“Why have you forgotten me, *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God, *
for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Sequence Hymn

Heal Me, hands of Jesus

WLP 773

We will sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, 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 8:26-39

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

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" ~ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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.*

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

Prayers of the People

Written by John Trumbo and John Johnson

During this month of Pride, Holy God, we give thanks for our Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual+ siblings, their families, supporters, and allies. Instead of seeing what separates us, frightens us, or infuriates us, help us see and demonstrate love – love for our neighbors as well as ourselves.

Holy God, help us love without question.

We give thanks for the life of Matthew Shepard who, like Jesus, was tortured and tied to a cross for being who he was created to be. We remember the countless others throughout history who have suffered at the hands of hate. Show us that we are all holy and perfectly created. Take our individual and collective brokenness, anger, or shame and recreate us into who you would have us become.

Holy God, make us into your image.

We give thanks for the life and ministry of our Bishop-in-residence, Gene Robinson. We also give thanks for the ministries of Episcopal leaders like the Reverend Susan Russell and lay persons like Dr. Louie Crew Clay who with many others helped transform your church into a place a welcome for all.

Grant us all the courage to speak our truth, be good stewards of the Gospel, and share your light with the world.

We give thanks for the life of poet, writer, activist, labor organizer, legal theorist, and Episcopal priest, Pauli Murray. We proudly give thanks for the ministry of the Reverend Elizabeth Carl, a former interim priest in our parish who was boldly ordained to the priesthood as an out lesbian. Remind us to question authority and stand up for the legal rights of our sisters and brothers who are marginalized and muzzled.

We pray for those in authority: Joseph, Kamala, Members of Congress, our Justices, and Muriel.

We give thanks for the life and writings of James Baldwin. Forgive us for the sin of racism. Be with us as we remain committed to continued Anti-Racism study and action in our parish and city.

Holy God, help us see the face of Jesus in everyone we meet, and know our interconnectedness as members of your body.

We give thanks for all healthcare personnel – doctors, nurses, scientists, counselors, chaplains, janitors, and all caregivers – those who work tirelessly through viruses, pandemics, disasters, and death. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, those close to our hearts, and those known only to you.

Holy God, bless our bodies, minds, and spirits.

We pray for newborns, all celebrating birthdays, and especially those who have left this corporeal world.

Holy God, bless their souls and comfort their loved ones.

Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness, and tirelessly strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

Offertory Music

Elements

Lindsey Stirling, arr. Lodico

*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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Hymn #517 in Blue Hymnal "How lovely is thy dwelling-place."

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.

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you always. Amen.

Final Hymn #529 in Blue Hymnal "In Christ there is no east or west."

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Crystallize

Lindsey Stirling, arr. Lodico



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Announcements for Trinity Sunday

June 19, 2022

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our worship! We are so glad you've joined us today. Throughout our announcements you'll find invitations to participate in worship, community service, caring for one another, and more. Our next Welcome Brunch will be on Sunday, July 31 from 12-1:30 pm. This will be a time together to get to know one another, ask questions about the parish and the Episcopal Church, and tour the building. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Last week our community wrote words of welcome to be shared with all who enter our church. Please read these greetings and let me know if you have words to share!

God bless you,

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja, Rector

- ❖ **Just Take a Chance and come back for Sunday Worship.**
- ❖ **Your presence here today is a gift!!!**
- ❖ **We Welcome You and You Are Loved By God.**
- ❖ **God Loves All!**
- ❖ **God and everyone who calls this church home, welcomes you, with open arms and delight that you are here.**
- ❖ **God Welcomes You!**
- ❖ **Everyone is welcome here... no exceptions.**
- ❖ **All Are Welcome. No Matter What Shape or Size!**
- ❖ **We want you to feel included. To prove it, we'll put you to work. What are your talents?**
- ❖ **God Loves You! We love you! You are Welcomed here.**
- ❖ **Come as you are. All are welcome here!**
- ❖ **Welcome Home!**
- ❖ **You are loved. Your doubts are welcome. Your hurt is welcome. Join us as you are able.**

- ❖ Hi, always remember that you are loved and everything around you, your family friends, pet, trees, bugs, air and water are a part of that LOVE.
- ❖ We see God in you. You are welcome here. May blessings come to you.
- ❖ You – Yes – You, are a gift to this world. You belong here too. Don't forget these things!
- ❖ Share Love!
- ❖ You aren't just welcome here; you are wanted here!!
- ❖ You are always welcome here. You are loved! You belong here!
- ❖ I felt so welcome here, it's so pleasant to be here. Thank you, God.
- ❖ Welcome! Just as you are!
- ❖ You are welcome here. No matter what box society or your family put you in! You are a beautiful child of God, trying to do your best everyday – just like the rest of us!
- ❖ Welcome to St. Thomas'. God loves you so much. We seek to exemplify his love and acceptance here. All are welcome.
- ❖ All are Welcome!
- ❖ Nature shows us God.
- ❖ Since I stepped in this church, it's felt so welcoming & wonderful.
- ❖ Todos son Bienvenidos
- ❖ Come be your whole self with us.
- ❖ I see God in your Face!!
- ❖ We are a place of love at St. Thomas'. Come and explore what God means to you! Worship with us on Sundays at 10:30am.
- ❖ If you are reading this, you are meant to be here. God loves who you are!!
- ❖ You are welcome to share the fellowship of our congregation, and to experience the knowledge of God in our worship and the silence of our space.
- ❖ Thank you for blessing us with your presence!
- ❖ Please come in and feel the love!
- ❖ I was welcomed here. You can be welcomed too. You will be welcomed.

June 19-26, 2022

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, June 19th

9:30am to 12:00pm – Nursery (4th floor)

10:30 to 11:30am – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

11:30 to 12:15pm – Coffee Hour with Capital Clubhouse Bake Sale (Commons + Garden)

2pm to 4:30pm – East Sea Sword School (4th Floor)

Monday, June 20th

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Club House (4th floor)

7:30pm to 9:00pm – AA Meeting (4th floor)

Tuesday, June 21st

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Club House (4th floor)

1:30 to 3pm – Staff Meeting (1st Floor Commons)

Wednesday, June 22nd

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Club House (4th floor)

Thursday, June 23rd

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Club House (4th floor)

6:30 to 8:30pm – GMCW Board Meeting (4th floor and 2nd floor nave)

Friday, June 24th

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Club House (4th floor)

8:00pm to 9:00pm – NA Meeting (4th floor)

Saturday, June 25th

6:30am to 4:30pm – Refugee Welcome (4th floor)

11am to 6pm – One Journey Festival at Washington National Cathedral

(Meet on Front Steps of National Cathedral at 1pm, if desired)

Sunday, June 26th

9:30am to noon – Nursery (4th floor)

10:30 to 11:30am – Holy Eucharist (Nave)

11:30 to 12:15pm – Coffee Hour (1st floor Commons + Garden)



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 relationships. 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 downstairs or by emailing: administrator@stthomasdc.org.

Save the Date for the Rev. Catherine Manhardt's Ordination!

The Rev. Catherine Manhardt has received final approval for ordination to the priesthood. Her ordination will be on Saturday, July 23, at the Washington National Cathedral at 10 am. Please mark your calendars. We will have a reception here at St. Thomas' to celebrate with Catherine on July 24.

Take Action with St. Thomas'

Welcome Refugees at St Thomas' on Saturdays this Summer

On Saturdays this summer, St. Thomas' is offering daytime space for migrants arriving in the city to have a place to be while they and volunteer organizations supporting them figure out their next steps. Volunteers are invited to sign up for one (or more!) 3-4 hour shift on an upcoming Saturday. During your volunteer slot you may be preparing and serving food, sorting through clothes and other donations, running errands for necessities that arise and/or otherwise being a friendly and welcoming face. If you know Spanish or another foreign language, it is helpful but NOT necessary- Google Translate and a smile go a long way. Please review the available slots by following this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EA8AE22A02-welcome>

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/>

One Journey Festival

The One Journey Festival celebrates the talents, contributions, and stories of refugees and other displaced people around the world. This family-friendly festival brings people together through the shared languages of humanity: art, food, music, dance, storytelling, sports, and technology, and connects participants with ways to take action to support refugees locally and around the world. This year, the One Journey Festival will be on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 11am – 6pm on the grounds of the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC. For more details, visit www.onejourneyfestival.com or see the attached flyer.



The flyer features a vibrant orange and red background with a white circle at the top center containing the festival logo. Below the logo, the date and time are listed: "JUNE 25, 2022 | 11AM-6PM" and the location: "WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL IN WASHINGTON, DC". The main title is "Celebrating Refugee Talents, Stories and Contributions", followed by a description of the festival as a free, day-long event with various activities. A section for featured performers includes circular images and names: Kabul Dreams, Tommy McFly, and Pihcintu Multi National Girls Choir. Below this, a grid of sponsor logos is shown, including Accenture, Amazon, APCO, AWS, Islamic Relief USA, The Kennedy Center, Starbucks, and UPS. A QR code for tickets is also present. At the bottom, social media handles for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn are provided, along with the website URL.

ONE JOURNEY festival

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Ariel Vaagen (June 16)
Louis Lodico (June 17)
Carol Coonrod (June 18)
Heather Hurlburt (June 24)

Anniversaries

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*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at
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Kristin Jones

Mike Knapp

Dave Kucharski

Hugo Llanos

Brian Olson

Joe Rivas

Rich Manhardt

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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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