



# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 17, 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

Praeludium in g-minor

Clara Schumann (1819-1896)

Opening Hymn #525 in Blue Hymnal

The Church's one foundation

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 God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty 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,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

### Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord GOD showed me- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel;  
 I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,"  
 says the Lord GOD;

"the dead bodies shall be many,  
 cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
 and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
 saying, "When will the new moon be over  
 so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.  
Shall not the land tremble on this account,  
and everyone mourn who lives in it,  
and all of it rise like the Nile,  
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?  
On that day, says the Lord GOD,  
I will make the sun go down at noon,  
and darken the earth in broad daylight.  
I will turn your feasts into mourning,  
and all your songs into lamentation;  
I will bring sackcloth on all loins,  
and baldness on every head;  
I will make it like the mourning for an only son,  
and the end of it like a bitter day.  
The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD,  
when I will send a famine on the land;  
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,  
but of hearing the words of the LORD.  
They shall wander from sea to sea,  
and from north to east;  
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,  
but they shall not find it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 52 (read by all)**

*Saint Helena Psalter*

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  
against the godly all day long?
- 2 You plot ruin;  
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*  
O worker of deception.
- 3 You love evil more than good \*  
and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, \*  
O you deceitful tongue.  
5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out of the land of the living!  
6 The righteous shall see and tremble, \*  
and they shall laugh at the tyrant, saying,  
7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*  
but trusted in great wealth  
and relied upon wickedness."  
8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*  
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.  
9 I will give you thanks for what you have done \*  
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

### Sequence Hymn #516 in Blue Hymnal

Come down, O love divine

*We will sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, verse 3 after.*

### The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

**W**E 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, Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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*

Lord, in your mercy

**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*

Lord, in your mercy

**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*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those on our parish prayer list. 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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**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*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

I invite your prayers of petition or thanksgiving, in silence, aloud, or in the comment section online.

*Silence.*

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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**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

### *Birthdays 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** - Music by Luise Adolpha Le Beau (1850-1927), sung by Noelle McMurtry

### *2. A Prayer*

I see you, Lord, in the cathedral of stars,  
I worship you in the rapturous torrent;  
in the chattering of whispering treetops,  
in the glow of distant mountain peaks;  
it is you, Lord, who adorns everything  
that our poor hearts delight in;

it is your face,  
which raises mine to the larks' song,  
as it soars upwards.  
When my eyes are then filled with tears,  
take it thus, God, as my prayer!

*Translation by Noelle McMurtry*

### *2. Consolation*

When people hurt you,  
look to God's works:  
pick a fresh, dewy flower,  
immerse yourself in the forest's sounds,  
listen to a little bird's happy song,  
look at the cloud's silent course,  
and all travails, that weigh you down,  
they fade away gently and are transfigured.

When people hurt you,  
go, examine the troubles of others;  
and take care to alleviate them,  
your mind then becomes peaceful;  
your life then is never empty,  
and your burden nevermore weighs heavy.  
Yes, healing itself carries every pain  
quietly in the heart of humanity!

*Translation by Noelle McMurtry*

### *3. Hurrah!*

How beautiful is the earth still,  
the little birds know it;  
they lift their light feathers,  
and sing such cheerful songs  
into the blue sky.

On clear mirrors, they paint  
the gardens and cities and hills,  
and the clouds float above.

How beautiful is the earth still!  
The rivers and seas know it:

And singers and painters know it,  
and many others know it,  
and who does not paint it, sings it,  
so that it sounds in hearts full only with joy!

*Translation by Noelle McMurtry*

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, God 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

A musical score for the Sanctus, Hymnal S130, in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "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".

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 the one 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 God, 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 #490 in Blue Hymnal**      **I want to walk as a child of the light**

**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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Blessing**

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships  
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
So that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,  
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world,  
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done to bring justice and kindness to all our  
children and the poor.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always. Amen.

**Final Hymn #605 in Blue Hymnal**

**What does the Lord require?**

**Dismissal**

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

People:          Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

**Fugue in B-flat**

Clara Schumann

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memorial of Donna Parsons  
Norman who will be interred in our columbarium today.



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July 17, 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.

God bless you,

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja, Rector

We welcome guest soprano **Noelle McMurtry** on Sundays July 17th & 31st. Noelle explores the intersections of music and theater, particularly through art song, new music, and early music to explore diverse and underrepresented perspectives. As an avid programmer and recitalist, Noelle is passionate about innovative, thematic programming to create new contexts in which to experience the “canon,” particularly highlighting feminist viewpoints and the works of historic women composers.

Noelle is in the third year of a Doctorate in Musical Arts with a joint Master's in Musicology at Peabody Institute in the studio of soprano Ah Young Hong. With a particular focus on the song repertoire of 19<sup>th</sup>-Century European and North American women composers, Noelle was awarded the Presser Graduate in 2020 to pursue archival research in Berlin, Munich, and Karlsruhe for her thesis on the unpublished Lieder of German Romantic-era composer Luise Adolpha Le Beau (1850-1927). Noelle lives in Washington DC with her partner, Kevin, and her dog Cashew. Check out more of Noelle's work, as well as her blog *She is Music*, at [www.noellemcmurtry.com](http://www.noellemcmurtry.com)



NOELLE MCMURTRY

# July 17<sup>th</sup> - July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Weekly Schedule



Figure 1 Scan w/  
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Announcement Links

### **Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

[Assigned Sexton\(s\): Candace McLamore \(9:30am to 4:30pm\)](#)

[Nursery Attendants: Diana Diaz & Sofia Hermoza \(9:30am to Noon\)](#)

9:30am to 12:00pm – Nursery (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

10:30am to 11:30am – Holy Eucharist (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)

11:30am to 12:15pm – Coffee Hour (1<sup>st</sup> floor Commons + Garden)

1pm to 4:00pm – East Sea Sword School (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)

### **Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>: Office Hours: 10am to 3pm**

[Assigned Sexton\(s\): Candace McLamore \(5:30pm to 9:00pm\)](#)

8:00am to 3:30pm – GENOUT Camp (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commons & Chapel + 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Club House (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

7:30pm to 9:00pm – AA Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

### **Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>: Office Hours: 10am to 3pm**

8:00am to 3:30pm – GENOUT Camp (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commons & Chapel + 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Club House (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

1:30 to 3pm – Staff Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commons)

### **Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>: Office Hours: 10am to 3pm**

[Assigned Sexton\(s\): Sofia Hermoza \(8:00am to 4:00pm\)](#)

8:00am to 3:30pm – GENOUT Camp (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commons & Chapel + 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Club House (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

6:30pm to 8:00pm – A (*hybrid*) Service of Lament and Healing followed by Action conversation

*(Takes Place on both Zoom & in Chapel)*

### **Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>: Office Hours: 10am to 3pm**

8:00am to 3:30pm – GENOUT Camp (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commons & Chapel + 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Club House (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

6:30pm to 8:30pm – Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

### **Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Office Hours: 10am to 3pm**

[Assigned Sexton\(s\): Tyrone Moore \(3pm to 10pm\)](#)

8:00am to 8:30pm – GENOUT Camp (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commons & Chapel + 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Club House (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

8:00pm to 9:00pm – NA Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

### **Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00am – The Rev. Catherine Manhardt's Ordination (*The Washington National Cathedral*)

### **Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

[Assigned Sexton\(s\): Candace McLamore \(9:30am to 4:30pm\)](#)

[Nursery Attendants: Diana Diaz & Sofia Hermoza \(9:30am to Noon\)](#)

9:30am to 12:00pm – Nursery (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

10:30am to 11:30am – Holy Eucharist (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)

11:30am to 12:15pm – Reception to Celebrate Rev. Manhardt's Ordination (1<sup>st</sup> floor Commons + Garden)

12:00pm to 2:00pm – Discernment Committee Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)

1pm to 4:00pm – East Sea Sword School (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)

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

### **A (hybrid) Service of Lament and Healing followed by conversation** **Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 pm**

In anticipation of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe V. Wade, a group of Episcopal clergy and laypeople designed a worship service of lament and healing to share with the Church. We will worship together on Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 pm in person with an option to join on Zoom (link below.) Following this worship, we will have a conversation about how it is we may want to respond as a community in the coming months. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94764424718?pwd=WfhjM0M5N2VxT2dVbVpaelljaVQ2UT09>

Meeting ID: 947 6442 4718

Passcode: 151718<sup>th</sup>

### **Mask Etiquette at St. Thomas' Parish** **July 2022 Update**

Dear Friends,

In a meeting this week, the wardens and I decided that we will continue to require mask wearing during public worship. Masks will remain optional for meetings, coffee hour, and most serving opportunities and required for our Saturday welcome of migrants.

We write to you at a time of fewer mask requirements in our city, but a higher number of COVID cases, in the context of new, increasingly contagious variants capable of reinfecting even those who have recovered from a recent COVID infection. Throughout this pandemic, we have taken a more prudent approach out of love for our neighbor and ourselves. While masks are optional in many settings in our building, we have known for some time that singing together in an enclosed space is one of the highest risk activities we can engage in, greatly increasing both the likelihood and extent of transmission. We also know that there are individuals, including those who are immunocompromised, who would no longer be able to worship with us in person if we made masks optional at this time. In our baptismal covenant, we commit to continuing in worship and the breaking of bread. Since we want to ensure that our worship is accessible to as wide a group as possible, we will continue to wear masks during public worship.

We have so appreciated your care for the community and diligence in wearing masks during worship. We will meet again in September to discuss our COVID protocols. If you have questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.

God bless you,

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja

### **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.



We are collecting donations to help start Catherine's discretionary account. To contribute to this fund, which she will use to assist people in need, please include "Rev. Catherine's Discretionary Account" in the memo of your check or give through Realm to the fund called, "Rev. Catherine's Discretionary Account."

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

### **Help Welcome Migrants**

Our parish's work to provide a welcoming space to migrants transiting through DC and the organizations helping them figure out their next steps continues - with a new partner! We are now sharing Saturday hosting duties with New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in downtown DC, so our schedule has changed a bit and for now we are hosting every other week. Our volunteers prepare and serve food, distribute donated clothing, direct people around the building, run errands to pick up supplies, and create a friendly environment for people living through extreme stress. *How can you help?*

**Volunteer!** Sign up for a slot on one of our upcoming hosting days: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4ea8ae22a02-welcome>

**Donate supplies or money!** We especially need new underwear, both men's and women's (sizes small and medium) and new or gently used casual shoes (sturdy, good for walking in). If you would like to contribute funds, you can do so online (in Realm, mark your contribution Refugee Support) or via check (with a note in the memo line).

**Feed people!** Do you like grocery shopping or cooking for a crowd? Get in touch with Carol Coonrod ([cscoonrod@gmail.com](mailto:cscoonrod@gmail.com)) and Elizabeth Terry ([elizterry@gmail.com](mailto:elizterry@gmail.com)) if you'd like to be part of the team planning and preparing meals.

**Be a tour guide!** This is a new initiative - As many of our guests won't leave DC until the evening or perhaps even a day or longer later, we'd like to offer them some opportunities to get a glimpse of the nation's capital before they move on. If you have a car and would enjoy taking a few of our guests on a brief sightseeing trip on a Saturday afternoon, get in touch with Carol and Elizabeth (see above for email addresses).

**Worship with us!** At around 11:30 am on the dates we host, we offer a brief bilingual service where we can give thanks for our guests' presence with us and pray for their safety on the road ahead. Drop in and join in this blessing - and whether or not you are able to be with us in person, please continue to keep our guests and all migrants and refugees around the world in your prayers.

## Celebrating Our July Birthdays

John De Witt (July 7)  
Benjamin Bynum (July 9)  
John Johnson (July 10)  
Dan Costello (July 13)  
Bob Moluf (July 16)  
Brett Snyder (July 16)  
John Trumbo (July 29)

*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

Alan Allison  
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

Eric Scharf  
Chris Spangler  
Chester Thompson  
Mitch Walker

*For those who have died*  
Concepcion Diaz

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  
Clay Dursthoff, Treasurer  
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