



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 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. We will continue to require mask wearing during public worship. Masks will remain optional for meetings, coffee hour and most serving opportunities.

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Prelude

Praeludium

C.P.E. Bach (1714-1788)

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn #594 in Blue Hymnal

God of grace and God of glory

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

Gloria S280 in Blue Hymnal

Glory to God

(Service music is in the beginning of the hymnal)

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ruth 1:1-8

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Saint Helena Psalter

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 13:1-8a

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia (sung before and after the Gospel)



The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

(The Gospel will be proclaimed in both Spanish & English)

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

Un maestro de la ley fue a hablar con Jesús, y para ponerlo a prueba le preguntó: “Maestro, ¿qué debo hacer para alcanzar la vida eterna?” Jesús le contestó: “¿Qué está escrito en la ley? ¿Qué es lo que lees?” El maestro de la ley contestó: “Ama al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todas tus fuerzas y con toda tu mente”; y, “ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.” Jesús le dijo: “Has contestado bien. Si haces eso, tendrás la vida.” Pero el maestro de la ley, queriendo justificar su pregunta, dijo a Jesús: “¿Y quién es mi prójimo?” Jesús entonces le contestó: “Un hombre iba por el camino de Jerusalén a Jericó, y unos bandidos lo asaltaron y le quitaron hasta la ropa; lo golpearon y se fueron, dejándolo medio muerto. Por casualidad, un sacerdote pasaba por el mismo camino; pero al verlo, dio un rodeo y siguió adelante. También un levita llegó a aquel lugar, y cuando lo vio, dio un rodeo y siguió adelante. Pero un hombre de Samaria que viajaba por el mismo camino, al verlo, sintió compasión. Se acercó a él, le curó las heridas con aceite y vino, y le puso vendas. Luego lo subió en su propia cabalgadura, lo llevó a un alojamiento y lo cuidó. Al día siguiente, el samaritano sacó el equivalente al salario de dos días, se lo dio al dueño del alojamiento y le dijo: “Cuide a este hombre, y si gasta usted algo más, yo se lo pagaré cuando vuelva.” Pues bien, ¿cuál de esos tres te parece que se hizo prójimo del hombre asaltado por los bandidos?”

El maestro de la ley contestó:
“El que tuvo compasión de él.”

Jesús le dijo:
“Pues ve y haz tú lo mismo.”

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Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

God has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6:8*

Let us, in this season of national preparation, offer our prayers and thanksgiving to Almighty God who calls us to dwell together in unity..

Let us pray: Christ our Light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

You who framed the brightness of the firstlight in creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church.

Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth, that we may be made one in faith, hope and love.

*Silence*

Christ our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise; set us free us from enslavement to division, disunity and distrust in our public life and labor.

Illumine those in authority with the light of vision, that they may lead the peoples of the nations to greater unity and concord.

*Silence*

Christ our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos.

Pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may dissolve into one common humanity.

*Silence*

Christ our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

You who delight in the complexity of creation and the splendor of each creature; help us to delight in the diversity of the earth our island home.

Inspire your people to care for the earth and its creatures and repent and return when we abuse, misuse and neglect our fellow creatures.

*Silence*

Christ our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

You who call us into relationship with you and one another; renew our hearts to be people of community.

Knit us together to listen respectfully to one another so that all might glorify you by using our various gifts to raise up those most in need in our neighborhoods.

*Silence*

*People* Christ our light.  
**Shine in our hearts.**

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost and the least; help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Show us the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful and the suffering, especially those we now name.

*Silence*

*People* Christ our light.  
**Shine in our hearts.**

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity the souls of those who have died; welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife.

Shine the light of hope on our faithful dead, especially those we now name.

*Silence*

*People* Christ our light.  
**Shine in our hearts.**

*Celebrant* Just and compassionate God, you walk with your people in humility and compassion in times of trial. You call us to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with You and each other. Set us free from the rancor of division and distrust that infect our hearts and fracture our nation; that following the Way of Jesus we may cast out fear; all for your love's sake.  
**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

### Stewardship Talk with Reggie Greer

### Sending Blessing for Jason Forman

#### *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 them 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

Laudate dominum

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Sung by the St. Thomas' Choir with Music Intern Grace Null, *soprano soloist*

*Translation from Latin:*

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes  
Laudate eum, omnes populi  
Quoniam confirmata est  
Super nos misericordia eius,  
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.  
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.  
Et in saecula saeculorum.

Amen.

Praise the Lord, all nations;  
Praise Him, all people.  
For He has bestowed  
His mercy upon us,  
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to  
the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
forever, and for generations of generations.  
Amen.

From Psalm 113

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

Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## 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*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with our patron, Saint Thomas, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

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

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

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive holy communion here at St. Thomas' Parish. 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 #340 in Blue Hymnal For the bread which you have broken**

## **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 the God who is just, kind and humble empower you to connect people with the fiercely accepting love of Jesus; and may the blessing the One God, whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forever. **Amen.**

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are  
*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -*  
*Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios, Mar - cha -*

march - ing in the light of God, We are march - ing in the  
*hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
*re - mos en la luz de Dios. Mar - cha - re - mos en la*

we are march - ing in the light of God...  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' -*  
*mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios...*

light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, the  
*nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha -*  
*luz de Dios mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de, la*

we are march - ing in the light of God...  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
*mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios...*

\_\_\_\_\_ We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Si - ya - ham - ba \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mar - cha - re - mos \_\_\_\_\_

light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are  
 nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -  
 luz de Dios. Mar - cha - re - mos re - mos mar - cha -

\_\_\_\_\_ Oo \_\_\_\_\_ we are march - ing in the light of God \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Oo \_\_\_\_\_ si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Oo \_\_\_\_\_ mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios. \_\_\_\_\_

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 re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios. \_\_\_\_\_

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 luz de Dios. Mar - cha - re - mos re - mos mar - cha -

— Oo —  
 — Oo —  
 — Oo —

march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God. —  
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. —  
 re - mos re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz do Dios. —

## Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

**Allegro**

**C.P.E. Bach**

*The flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Jennie's mom, Isabel Allison.*



# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE

Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to witness the power of the Spirit at work in our community. Throughout our announcements you'll find invitations to participate in worship, community service, caring for one another, and more. At each door we have welcome cards. We'd love to learn more about you and stay connected if you are newer to our community.

As we near All Saints Day, we remember those who have gone before us. Between October 30 and November 6, you are invited to bring a photo or an item which helps you remember your departed loved ones. We will build an altar of remembrance and include the photos and items you bring along. We will include a list of the departed and pray for them in our worship. Please submit the names for those you remember this year by emailing [Administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:Administrator@stthomasdc.org) before November 1, 2022.

Finally, we are collecting an offering this All Saints Day. The money collected will be split between All Saints Day flowers/ Altar of Remembrance supplies and the purchase of a sanctuary lamp for our new columbarium. The lamp is always lit to remind us of Christ's presence with us. To make an All Saints offering, please write a check with "All Saints Offering" on the memo or follow this link to give to the "All Saints Offering" fund in Realm.

God bless you,  
The Rev. Lisa Ahuja, Rector

## Sharing Good News from our Parish

Congratulations to Ryan Winfield and Gregory Zitterkob Ryan Winfield and Gregory Zitterkob (*right*) were married on Saturday, October 8. Please join us in sharing your congratulations and prayers of thanksgiving.





## Jason Forman to Represent the Episcopal Church at the 2022 Climate Change Summit

In November the Episcopal Church will send a delegation to Cairo, Egypt for the 2022 Climate Change Summit. After a long application and interview process, St. Thomas' member Jason Foreman (*left*) was invited to be one of the four delegates. Please pray for him and the delegation as they prepare for this summit and the important work set before them.

Jason's work as an in-person delegate will represent both the Presiding Bishop's office and the Church's General Convention positions in climate advocacy. In addition, he will be bringing the voices of many other Episcopalians who are praying for swift, just action to bring us back into right relationships across the human family and with all of God's creation.

Jason's participation continues the tradition of a strong Anglican/Episcopal presence at UN Climate Change Conferences (COPs) since at least 2015. Each year since then, The Episcopal Church has joined the faith community leadership in worship, public programming, and advocacy.

From the Presiding Bishop,  
"Stewardship for all of God's creation was important in Jesus's life. He modeled life-giving and liberating relationships with the Earth, and we are called to do the same. We are a people working for right relationship and sustainable development for all God's people in the Earth's community."



# St. Thomas' Parish

October 16, 2022 – October 23, 2022

## Weekly Schedule



Scan me for this week's  
announcements.

### Sunday, October 16th

9:30 am to 11:30am – Nursery and Christian Education/Kids Activities (4<sup>th</sup> floor)  
9:30am to 10:10am – Choir Practice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)  
10:30 am to 11:30am – Holy Eucharist (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)  
11:30 am to 12:15pm – Coffee Hour (1<sup>st</sup> floor Commons + Garden)  
12:00pm to 2:00pm – Full Staff Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Parish Hall)  
2:00pm to 4:00pm – East Sea Sword School (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
3:00pm to 9:30pm – GMCW Full Chorus (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave & 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commons)

### Monday, October 17th – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Clubhouse (4<sup>th</sup> floor)  
6:30pm to 9:00 pm – GMCW Rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)  
7:30pm to 9:00pm – AA Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

### Tuesday, October 18th – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Clubhouse (4<sup>th</sup> floor)  
11:00am to 12:45pm – Staff Meeting (Commons)  
6:30pm to 9:00pm – GMCW Rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor)

### Wednesday, October 19th – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

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

### Thursday, October 20th – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Clubhouse (4<sup>th</sup> floor)  
6:30pm to 8:30pm – Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

### Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Office Hours: 9am to 12pm

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Clubhouse (4<sup>th</sup> floor)  
8:00pm to 9:00pm – NA Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)

### Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:30am to 6:00pm – Refugee Welcome (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
9:30 am to 1:15 pm – GMCW GenOUT (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)

### Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:30 am to 11:30 am – Nursery and Christian Education/Kids Activities (4<sup>th</sup> floor)  
9:30am to 10:10am – Choir Practice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)  
10:30 am to 11:30am – Holy Eucharist with the Marriage of Henry & Neidy (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave)  
11:30 am to 12:15pm – Coffee Hour (1<sup>st</sup> floor Commons + Garden)  
2:00pm to 4:00pm – East Sea Sword School (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
3:00pm to 9:30pm – GMCW Full Chorus (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Nave & 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commons)

## Worship with St. Thomas'

### You are invited to the Marriage of Henyer and Neidy on October 23, 2022



On October 23, at our 10:30 a.m. service of the Holy Eucharist we will witness the marriage of Henyer and Neidy. From time to time, it is our joy to have a marriage at the principal Sunday morning service in the Church. Henyer and Neidy are from Venezuela, and so we will incorporate some of their customs into the ceremony. The scripture readings and sermon will be bilingual in Spanish and English, and the marriage ceremony (prayers, vows, blessing) will be said in Spanish. They have been together for 15 years, and are overjoyed to be celebrating with us.

Following the service, there will be a reception for Neidy and Henyer at the home of Danielle Germain and Radley Emes beginning at 1.30 pm. All are welcome to celebrate. Their home is located at 1441 Q Street NW. Danielle can be reached at 202-468-7092. They look forward to welcoming everyone!

Please be in touch with Rev. Lisa if you would like to discuss your plans for marriage or a renewal of vows. Rev. Lisa's email is [lahuja@stthomasdc.org](mailto:lahuja@stthomasdc.org).

### Contemplative Healing Book Study

As part of St. Thomas' healing ministry, Herschel Wade and John Trumbo plan to lead a Contemplative Healing Book Study beginning on November 6. The subject of our reading and discussion will be Barbara Brown Taylor's 2009 book, *An Altar in the World*. The author is a popular and well known Episcopal priest, professor, writer, and speaker. In the book, she presents 12 chapters of formal and informal spiritual practices that we encounter in our everyday lives, which can enhance meaning in our lives and deepen our connection with others. Initially, we plan to meet every other week on Sundays after church and cover two chapters per meeting (the group can discuss whether this is an optimal format). To help us gauge interest and purchase copies of the book for those who may need one, please follow the link below to sign up. **Oct. 26 at the latest.** Please be in touch with Herschel or John with questions. We hope you join us! Please use the following link to sign-up: <https://forms.gle/q8neXGqn92QkPAin9>

### About the BE Campaign

In our time of political polarization and rising societal anger, we long for another way to relate to one another. Out of that holy longing, we invite you to join a national movement called the BE Campaign to help make our communities a bit more like the Kingdom of God.

We and other Episcopal dioceses around the country are dedicating the month of October (these weeks leading up to the national election) to the simple, yet profound teaching of the prophet Micah who, in a time not unlike our own in 700 BCE, asked the question: “What does the Lord require of us?” His answer: “Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.”

We believe that we can love our neighbors and recover and reclaim these three essential practices. In this series, members of our congregations will be invited to reflect on five spiritual themes and to share them with their communities: Be just. Be kind. Be humble. Love your neighbor. The Intersection of Religion and Politics.

This is a voluntary effort—all are invited to participate as you feel called. Bishop Mariann will be using this lectionary and its themes in her preaching in October. The Washington National Cathedral will also dedicate Sunday mornings in October to the BE Campaign. May we all be just, kind, and humble.

Pumpkins and Preparation

*For All Saints and All Souls*

& DIA DE MUERTOS

Sunday October 30

Following our 10:30 am service  
Join us for pumpkin carving and to prepare our chapel and sanctuary to observe All Saints and All Souls.

Halloween costumes welcome!

## Take Action with St. Thomas'

### Get Ready for the Samaritan Ministry Gala November 5

Exciting news: Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington is holding its annual gala, Equipping for Change, on November 5, 2022, and for the first time since 2019, the gala will be a fun and inspiring in-person event. You will want this on your calendar and those of your friends.

The gala will be at St Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac and will feature a stylish reception, a silent auction, and other fun surprises. You will also get to see how Samaritan Ministry is changing the lives of people in our area.

St. Thomas Parish was a founding member of Samaritan Ministry 35 years ago and this year there are multiple ways we can honor our historic commitment to its success: sign up to attend and encourage your friends to go with you, recruit sponsors (or be one yourself!), bid on some great silent auction packages (or help our parish put together an awesome auction package), and spread the word about Samaritan Ministry and the great things it can do with greater financial support to give our neighbors in need a new start.

For more information you can contact your Samaritan Ministries rep - Linda Hollingsworth at [lhollingsworth.hvh@gmail.com](mailto:lhollingsworth.hvh@gmail.com). Also please reach out to Linda with ideas for a basket, particularly if you want to be on the basket team. We can do more than one if we have multiple ideas.

The general idea is that the initial cost of the basket contents is around \$100, but will be auctioned off for much more. We have to move quickly on this since the baskets will be due at the end of October.

Here is the link to purchase tickets:  
[www.tinyurl.com/4vba435j](http://www.tinyurl.com/4vba435j)



Gala 2022:  
Equipping for  
Change!

## Welcoming Migrants at St Thomas'

Our parish's work to provide a welcoming space continues, both for asylum-seekers and migrants sent to DC from our southern border, and for the organizations helping them figure out their next steps. We share Saturday hosting duties with another church and our fall schedule is a little irregular, so please check to make sure we are hosting on the day you'd like to come. 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 (10/22, 11/12, 11/26):

<https://tinyurl.com/5n77sx2y> - Please do either sign up for a slot or let Carol Coonrod ([csoonrod@gmail.com](mailto:csoonrod@gmail.com)) and/or Elizabeth Terry ([elizterry@gmail.com](mailto:elizterry@gmail.com)) know if you plan to come. Often plans change at the last minute and we'd like to be able to alert you if they do.

### **Donate supplies or money!**

As the weather cools off, we especially appreciate donations of new or gently used sweatshirts and jackets (men's and women's sizes small and medium, and all sizes and genders for children). Other frequently requested items include new underwear and new or gently used sturdy shoes. 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).

We have created an Amazon Wish List that makes it easy to donate critical supplies and have them delivered directly to St. Thomas' Parish. Use the following Tiny URL to donate!

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8ayxjt>

### **Feed people!**

Do you like grocery shopping or cooking for a crowd? Get in touch with Carol and/or Elizabeth if you'd like to be part of the team planning and preparing meals.

### **Worship with us!**

At around 11:30 am on the dates we host, we usually 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.

## **Other Community Announcements**

### **Sharing your announcements in the Sunday bulletin and Phoenix**

Please send all announcements to [administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org) on or before the Sunday prior to distribution. We aim to send announcements out three weeks prior to the event or service opportunity in order for sufficient time to plan.

THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC PRESENTS  
A CABARET CELEBRATING THE GREAT JUDY GARLAND



# JUDY

OCTOBER 22, 2022  
THE VAULT AT CAPITAL ONE HALL  
5PM (ASL) & 8PM  
TICKETS & INFO: [WWW.GMCW.ORG](http://WWW.GMCW.ORG)



## Celebrating Our October Birthdays

Jennifer Mahle (October 1)  
Elizabeth Terry (October 12)  
Felecia Williams (October 18)  
Sally Pei (October 19)  
Jennie Allison (October 21)  
Josh Easterton (October 28)

## October Anniversaries

Lisa and Salil Ahuja (October 2)  
Michael and Priya Lodico (October 9)

*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

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|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Lynette Alexander     | Pam Greer           | Joe Rivas            |
| Alan Allison          | Jan Harrison        | Bishop Gene Robinson |
| Shaune Bazner         | Betsy Hollingsworth | Jane Saari           |
| John Bisco            | Brenda Holman       | Eric Scharf          |
| Peggyann Cohen        | James Insinga       | The Sommer Family    |
| Liz Dahlen            | Judy Johnson        | Chris Spangler       |
| Craig Evertt          | Mike Knapp          | Chester Thompson     |
| Karin Garcia's fiance | Dave Kucharski      |                      |
| Carol Goldman         | Hugo Llanos         |                      |
|                       | Cecilia Manibusan   |                      |

A loved one starting recovery

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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## Vestry

Gregory Zitterkob, Senior Warden  
Karen Garlick, Junior Warden  
Clay Dursthoff, Treasurer  
Jocko Fajardo, Secretary  
Knight Champion, Brian Crane, Reggie Greer, Jennifer Mahle,  
Noel Miller, Brett Snyder, John Trumbo

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