



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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A service of the Holy Eucharist

with the Celebration and Blessing of the Mariage of

HENYERBER JOSÉ BARRERA ESCALONA

and

NEIDY PATRICIA LÓPEZ FERNANDEZ

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to our worship season after Pentecost and to this special service of the Holy Eucharist with the celebration and blessing of a marriage! 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

The World Music Collective

Noah Getz (saxophone), Pepe Gonzalez (bass) and Taimoor Saeedi

Processional

Canción Venezuela

Muy amados: Nos hemos reunido en la presencia de Dios para bendecir y ser testigos de la unión entre este hombre y esta mujer en Santo Matrimonio. Dios estableció en la creación el vínculo y pacto matrimonial, y nuestro Señor Jesucristo honró esta forma de vida con su presencia y su primer milagro en las bodas de Caná de Galilea. El matrimonio significa para nosotros el misterio de la unión entre Cristo y su Iglesia, y las Sagradas Escrituras recomiendan que sea honrado entre todos los pueblos.

Es la voluntad de Dios que la unión de esposo y esposa en corazón, cuerpo y mente sea para gozo mutuo; para la ayuda y el consuelo que cada uno se dé, tanto en la prosperidad como en la adversidad; y, cuando Dios lo disponga, para la procreación de los hijos y su formación en el conocimiento y amor del Señor. Por tanto, el matrimonio no debe emprenderse inconsiderada o ligeramente, sino con reverencia, deliberación y de acuerdo con los propósitos para los cuales Dios lo instituyó.

Henryer José Barrera Escalona y Neidy Patricia López Fernández vienen ahora para enlazar sus vidas en esta santa unión. Si alguno de ustedes puede mostrar causa justa por la cual no puedan casarse lícitamente, dígalo ahora, o de aquí en adelante, guarde silencio.

Henryer y Neidy aquí, en la presencia de Dios, yo les requiero y encargo que si uno de ustedes conoce alguna razón por la cual no pueden unirse en matrimonio lícitamente, y de acuerdo con la Palabra de Dios, lo confiese ahora.

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifies to us the mystery of the union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

The union of two people in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy, for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore, marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union Henryer José Barrera Escalona y Neidy Patricia López Fernández now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, you do now confess it.

Declaración de Consentimiento

Neidy, ¿quieres tomar a este hombre como tu esposo, para vivir juntos en el pacto del matrimonio; para amarlo, confortarle, honrarle y cuidarle, tanto en tiempo de enfermedad como de salud; y, renunciando a todos los demás, quieres serle fiel mientras los dos vivan?

Neidy: Sí, quiero.

Henryerber, ¿quieres tomar a esta mujer como tu esposa, para vivir juntos en el pacto del matrimonio; para amarla, conformarla, honrarla y cuidarla, tanto en tiempo de enfermedad como de salud; y, renunciando a todas las demás, quieres serle fiel mientras los dos vivan?

Henryerber: Sí, quiero.

Ustedes, testigos de este consentimiento, ¿harán cuanto puedan para sostener a estas dos personas en su matrimonio?

Pueblo: **Sí, lo haremos.**

El Señor sea con ustedes.

Pueblo **Y con tu espíritu.**

Oremos.

Dios bondadoso y eterno, tú nos has creado a tu propia imagen: Mira con misericordia a Neidy y a Henryer que vienen a ti pidiendo tu bendición; ayúdales con tu gracia, para que con fidelidad verdadera y amor constante honren y guarden las promesas y votos que hacen; por Jesucristo nuestro Salvador, que vive y reina contigo, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

The Declaration of Consent

Neidy, will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Neidy: I will.

Henryerber, will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Henryerber: I will.

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People: **We will.**

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us in your image: Look mercifully upon Neidy and Henryer who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

La Primera Lectura

EL Cantar de los Cantares 2: 10-13, 8: 6-7

Mi amado me dijo: “Levántate, amor mío; anda, cariño, vamos. ¡Mira! El invierno ha pasado y con él se han ido las lluvias. Ya han brotado flores en el campo, ya ha llegado el tiempo de cantar, ya se escucha en nuestra tierra el arrullo de las tórtolas. Ya tiene higos la higuera, y los viñedos esparcen su aroma. “Levántate, amor mío; anda, cariño, vamos. Llévame grabada en tu corazón, ¡llévame grabada en tu brazo! El amor es inquebrantable como la muerte; la pasión, inflexible como el sepulcro. ¡El fuego ardiente del amor es una llama divina! El agua de todos los mares no podría apagar el amor; tampoco los ríos podrían extinguirlo. Si alguien ofreciera todas sus riquezas a cambio del amor, burlas tan sólo recibiría.

La Palabra del Señor.
Demos gracias a Dios.

La Segunda Lectura 1 Juan 4: 7-16

Queridos hermanos, debemos amarnos unos a otros, porque el amor viene de Dios. Todo el que ama es hijo de Dios y conoce a Dios. El que no ama no ha conocido a Dios, porque Dios es amor. Dios mostró su amor hacia nosotros al enviar a su Hijo único al mundo para que tengamos vida por él. El amor consiste en esto: no en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que él nos amó a nosotros y envió a su Hijo, para que, ofreciéndose en sacrificio, nuestros pecados quedaran perdonados. Queridos hermanos, si Dios nos ha amado así, nosotros también debemos amarnos unos a otros. A Dios nunca lo ha visto nadie; pero si nos amamos unos a otros,

First Lesson

Song of Songs 2: 10-13, 8: 6-7

My beloved speaks and says to me: ‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one’s house, it would be utterly scorned.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson 1 John 4: 7-16

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Dios vive en nosotros y su amor se hace realidad en nosotros. La prueba de que nosotros vivimos en Dios y de que él vive en nosotros, es que nos ha dado su Espíritu. Y nosotros mismos hemos visto y declaramos que el Padre envió a su Hijo para salvar al mundo. Cualquiera que reconoce que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios, vive en Dios y Dios en él.

Así hemos llegado a saber y creer que Dios nos ama. Dios es amor, y el que vive en el amor, vive en Dios y Dios en él.

La Palabra del Señor.
Demos gracias a Dios.

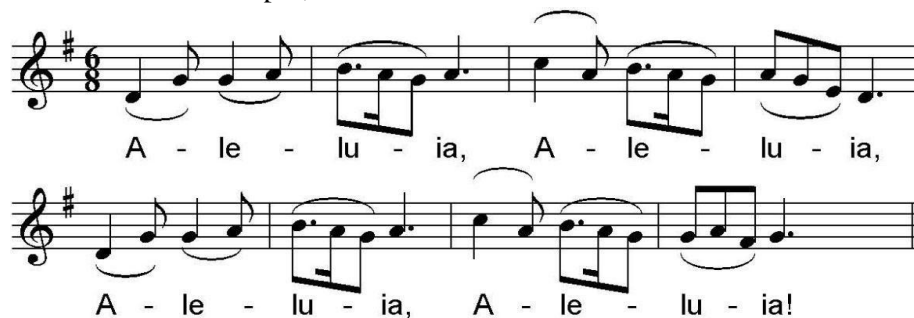
By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

(Sung before and after the Gospel)



El Santo Evangelio San Mateo 5: 13-16

The Holy Gospel Matthew 5: 13-16

El Santo Evangelio según San Mateo.
Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.

The Holy Gospel According to Matthew,
Glory to you, Lord Christ

“Ustedes son la sal de este mundo. Pero si la sal deja de estar salada, ¿cómo podrá recobrar su sabor? Ya no sirve para nada, así que se la tira a la calle y la gente la pisotea. Ustedes son la luz de este mundo. Una ciudad en lo alto de un cerro no puede esconderse. Ni se enciende una lámpara para ponerla bajo un cajón; antes bien, se la pone en alto para que alumbré a todos los que están en la casa. Del mismo modo, procuren ustedes que su luz brille delante de la gente, para que, viendo el bien que ustedes hacen, todos alaben a su Padre que está en el cielo.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Te alabamos Cristo Señor.

Sermón

La Rev. Lisa Ahuja

El Matrimonio

En el Nombre de Dios, yo, Henyer, te recibo a ti, Neidy, para ser mi esposa, desde hoy en adelante, para tenerte y conservarte, en las alegrías y en las penas, en la riqueza y en la pobreza, en la salud y en la enfermedad, para amarte y cuidarte hasta que la muerte nos separe. Este es mi voto solemne.

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La Bendición sobre los Anillos, el Lazo y las Arras

Bendice, oh Señor, estos anillos, este lazo y estas Arras para que sean signos de los votos por los cuales estas personas se han unido el uno al otro; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

Neidy/Henyer, te doy este anillo como símbolo de mis votos, y con todo lo que soy, y con todo lo que tengo, yo te honro, en el Nombre del Padre, y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

Primeros Padrinos colocan el Lazo a la pareja como símbolo de compromiso.

Segundos Padrinos entregan las Arras a Henyer símbolo de prosperidad.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja

The Marriage

In the Name of God, I, Henyer, take you, Neidy, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

In the Name of God, I, Neidy, take you, Henyer, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

The Blessing of the Rings, the Lasso and the Arras

Bless, O Lord, these rings, this Lasso and this Arras to be a sign of the vows by which these people have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Neidy/Henyer, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

First Godparents place the Lasso on the couple as a symbol of commitment.

Second Godparents give the Arras to Henyer as a symbol of prosperity.

Puesto que Neidy y Henyer se han dado el uno al otro por medio de votos solemnes, con la unión de las manos y con la entrega y recepción de anillos, yo los declaro esposo y esposa, en el Nombre del Padre, y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

Lo que Dios ha unido, no lo separe el hombre. **Amén.**

Las Plegarias

Oremos. Eterno Dios, creador y conservador de la vida, autor de la salvación y dador de toda gracia: Mira con tu favor al mundo que has hecho y por el cual tu Hijo dio su vida, y especialmente a este hombre y a esta mujer, a quienes haces una cola carne en Santo Matrimonio.

Amén.

Confiédeles sabiduría y devoción, para que ordenen su vida en común, de tal modo que cada uno sea para el otro fortaleza en la necesidad, consejero en la duda, consuelo en la tristeza y compañero en el gozo.

Amén.

Concede que sus voluntades se entrelacen en tu voluntad, y sus espíritus en tu Espíritu, para que crezcan en amor y paz contigo y el uno con el otro, todos los días de su vida. **Amén.**

Dales gracia para que, cuando se ofendan el uno al otro reconozcan y acepten sus faltas, se pidan perdón y busquen el tuyo, oh Señor. **Amén.**

Haz que su vida en común sea un signo del amor de Cristo para este mundo dividido y pecador, y que la unidad venza la división, el perdón sane la culpa y el gozo conquiste la desesperación. **Amén.**

Now that Henyer and Neidy have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder. **Amen.**

The Prayers

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, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony. **Amen.**

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. **Amen.**

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 life. **Amen.**

Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours. **Amen.**

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. **Amen.**

Dales tal plenitud de su afecto mutuo que se proyecten en amor y preocupación por los demás. **Amén.**

Concede que todas las personas casadas que han sido testigos de este intercambio de votos vean fortalecidas sus vidas y confirmada su lealtad. **Amén.**

Haz que los lazos de nuestra humanidad común, que mantienen unidos a todos tus hijos, y a los vivos con los muertos, sean transformados de tal manera por tu gracia, que tu voluntad se haga en la tierra como en el cielo; donde vives y reinas, Oh Padre, con tu Hijo y el Espíritu Santo, en perfecta unidad, por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

La Bendición

Oh Dios, que al consagrar el pacto matrimonial nos muestras la unidad espiritual entre Cristo y su Iglesia: Otorga tu bendición a estos tus siervos, para que se amen, se honren y se cuiden, con fidelidad y paciencia, con sabiduría y verdadera santidad, de tal manera que su hogar sea un puerto de bendición y de paz; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, ahora y por siempre. **Amén.**

Dios Padre, Dios Hijo, Dios Espíritu Santo les bendiga, conserve y guarde: el Señor por su misericordia mire con favor hacia ustedes, y les colme de toda bendición espiritual y gracia, para que fielmente vivan juntos en esta vida, y en la venidera tengan vida eterna. **Amén.**

La Paz

La Paz del Señor sea siempre con Ustedes.
Y con tu Espíritu.

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others. **Amen.**

Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. **Amen.**

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all your children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by your grace, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign in perfect unity, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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 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

Oye

Jim Papoulis and Francisco Núñez

(Translated from Spanish)

*Esta solo, llorando
En silencio, en la oscuridad
Esta sonando, deseando
Con esperanza, por la oportunidad.
Escuchalos, escuchalos, ellos te llaman.
Escuchalos, miralos
Escucha lo que tartan de decir
Estan en busqueda, del camino
Pequenas voces llamandote.*

*All alone, in the darkness
They are crying out for your help
They are hoping, they are dreaming
They are asking, for a change to be heard.
Are you listening, can you hear their cries?
They are watching, they are listening
They are searching to find their way
Can you see them, can you hear them calling
What their voices are trying to say.*

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 #516 in Blue Hymnal

Come down, o love divine

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.

Hymn #376 in Blue Hymnal

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

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.

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional

Wedding March

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage today of Henyer and Neidy.
Participants: Wedding Party: Carol Coonrod, Dan Costello, Radley Emes, Danielle Germain, Juan Tomas Nunez, and Gary Palmer. Organist: Michael Lodico. Choir: St. Thomas' Parish Choir. World Music Collective Musicians: Noah Getz (saxophone), Pepe Gonzalez (bass) and Taimoor Saeedi.*



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our worship! We are so glad you've joined us on this special day! 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.



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!

God bless you,
The Rev. Lisa Ahuja, Rector

On Sunday, October 30, we will welcome the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington (GMCW)

Next Sunday, members of the GMCW Staff and Board will worship with us and receive a blessing for the work they now do in our space. The Rock Creek Singers, one of the GMCW ensembles, will lead music at our 10:30 am service. Following the service, we will enjoy a festive fall coffee hour and celebrate this new journey together.

Thank you for your generous participation in our community!

3rd Quarter 2022 Pledge statements were distributed via Realm on Thursday. Please write to administrator@stthomasdc.org if you need assistance reviewing your statement.

Annual Giving Pledge Packets for 2023 were mailed this week. Extra packets are found on informational tables on the first and second floors. We invite your prayerful consideration of the invitation to share your gifts for the building up and blessing of our community.

For those looking to pledge to St. Thomas' Parish, please use the above QR Code or the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/3347daku>



SCAN ME



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."

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.





St. Thomas' Parish

October 23, 2022 – October 30, 2022

Weekly Schedule



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newsletter.

Sunday, October 23rd

9:30am to 11:30am Nursery and Christian Education/Kids Activities (4th floor)
9:30am to 10:10am – Choir Practice (2nd Floor Nave)
10:30am to 11:30am – Holy Eucharist with the Marriage of Henry & Neidy (2nd Floor Nave)
11:30am to 12:15pm – Coffee Hour (1st floor Commons + Garden)
1:30pm – Henry & Neidy's Wedding Reception (1441 Q Street NW.)
2:00pm to 4:00pm – East Sea Sword School (4th Floor)
2:00pm to 9:30pm – GMCW Full Chorus (2nd Floor Nave & 1st Floor Commons)

Monday, October 24th – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

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

Tuesday, October 25th – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

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

Wednesday, October 26th – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

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

Thursday, October 27th – Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)
5:00pm to 6:30pm – Capital Clubhouse Employment Dinner (4th Floor Parish Hall)

Friday, October 28th – Office Hours: 9am to 12pm

8:30am to 4:30pm – Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)
6:00pm to 7:30pm – Yoga with Asiya (2nd Floor Nave)
8:00pm to 9:00pm – NA Meeting (4th Floor Parish Hall)

Saturday, October 29th

9:30am to 8:30pm – GMCW GenOUT (Commons & 2nd Floor Nave)

Sunday, October 30th

9:30am to 11:30am Nursery and Christian Education/Kids Activities (4th floor)
10:30am to 11:30am – Holy Eucharist with guest choir, Rock Creek Singers (2nd Floor Nave)
11:30am to 12:15pm – Coffee Hour to Welcome GMCW (1st floor Commons & Garden)
12:00pm to 1:00pm – Pumpkins and All Saints' Preparation (Garden)
2:00pm to 4:00pm – East Sea Sword School (4th Floor)
2:00pm to 9:30pm – GMCW Full Chorus (1st Floor Commons & 2nd Floor Nave)
4:00pm to 6:00pm – GMCW Welcome Dinner (1st Floor Commons & 2nd Floor Nave)

Worship with St. Thomas'

All Saints' Day

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 or adding your names to this Google form <https://tinyurl.com/279sfdfh> 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.

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.

Study with St. Thomas'

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 email John (johntrumbo@gmail.com) with questions. We hope you join us!



SCAN ME

Please use the following link to sign-up: <https://tinyurl.com/mvzud9x> or use the above QR Code.



Pumpkins and Preparation

*For All Saints
and All Souls*



& **DIA DE
MUERTOS**



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!



Gala 2022: Equipping for Change!

Saturday, November 5th
St. Andrew's Episcopal School
8804 Postoak Rd., Potomac, MD

5:30 - 7:00 pm:

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres &
Silent Auction: Partner Baskets!

7:00 - 8:00 pm:

Program & Live Auction



Emcee: The Rev. Andrew T.P. Merrow,
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA

Register at:

<https://Samaritanministry.org/Gala>

Honorees



Outstanding Achievement Award:
Mr. Benjamin Timothy Morgan
Next Step Participant



Compassionate Samaritan Award:
Ms. Karen Ringo, Realtor at
Compass Realty



Outstanding Partner Award:
St. Columba's Episcopal Church, DC

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 (11/12 and 11/26):

<https://tinyurl.com/5n77sx2y> - Please do either sign up for a slot or let Carol Coonrod (csoonrod@gmail.com) and/or Elizabeth Terry (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 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.

Sign Up to See the Soweto Gospel Choir

The world-famous Soweto Gospel Choir is coming to Strathmore on December 6 at 8pm. Multiple people from St. Thomas are interested in attending the performance so we can go together. Tickets run from \$34 to \$68. Buy your tickets online at <https://tinyurl.com/3fnkvkf9> or contact Benjamin Bynum if you've bought tickets and want to coordinate for meeting up before the show. If you're willing to contribute to buying tickets for others who cannot afford a full ticket, that's great, too! Benjamin's email is b.bynum@gmail.com and phone is (502) 868-0612.



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.*

Parish Prayer List

Lynette Alexander
Alan Allison
Shaune Bazner
John Bisco
Peggyann Cohen
Liz Dahlen
Craig Evertt
June Gangler
Karin Garcia's fiance
Carol Goldman

Pam Greer
Jan Harrison
Betsy Hollingsworth
Brenda Holman
James Insinga
Judy Johnson
Mike Knapp
Dave Kucharski
Hugo Llanos
Cecilia Manibusan

Joe Rivas
Jane Saari
Eric Scharf
The Sommer Family
Chris Spangler
Chester Thompson

A loved one starting recovery

You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: 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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