

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – YEAR C Holy Eucharist

July 24, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Information for newcomers and visitors is located on the back page of this service bulletin.

PRELUDE

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

On this day, the first of days
Hymn 47 (*Gott sei Dank*)

1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
dwell within my heart alone;
thou dost give thyself to me:
help me give myself to thee.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

HOSEA 1:2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O **Lord**, *
you have restored the good fortune of **Jacob**.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your **people** *
and blotted out all their **sins**.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your **fury** *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indig-**nation**.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our **Savior**; *
let your anger depart from **us**.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for **ever**? *
will you prolong your anger from age to **age**?
- 6 Will you not give us life a-**gain**, *
that your people may rejoice in **you**?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O **Lord**, *
and grant us your sal-**vation**.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is **saying**, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to **him**.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who **fear him**, *
that his glory may dwell in our **land**.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met to-**gether**; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each **other**.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the **earth**, *
and righteousness shall look down from **heaven**.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant pros-**perity**, *
and our land will yield its **increase**.
- † 13 Righteousness shall go be-**fore him**, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his **feet**.

THE SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 2:6-19

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



All: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *cf Matthew 4:4*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 11:1-13

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III

Intercessor

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Priest

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Priest and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

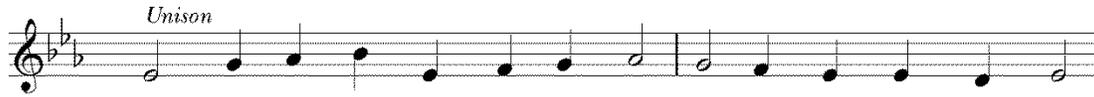
People: **And also with you.**

The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements.

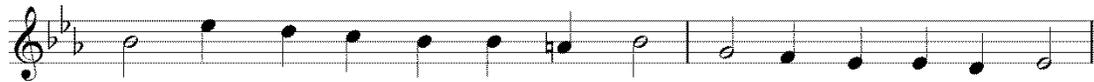
During the Offertory Hymn, the People gather around the altar for Communion by following the ushers in procession up the center aisle. You are encouraged to position children where they can see, and small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If you are unable to stand, you may sit in one of the chairs arranged near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain in your seat.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Hymn 709 (*Dundee*)



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace;
3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;
4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,
5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:
2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.
3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!
5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

THE HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 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.

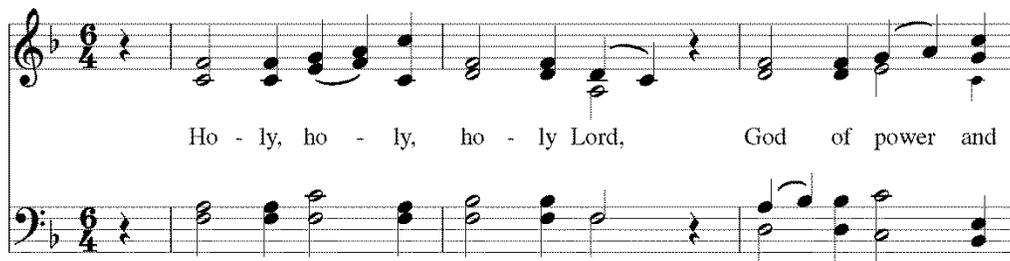
Celebrant

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

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:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant

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 blessed 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.]

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

For the bread which you have broken
Hymn 341 (*Omni die*)

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

After all have received communion, the people remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

Thy kingdom come, O God!
Hymn 613 (*St. Cecilia*)

1 Thy king - dom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ, be - gin!
2 Where is thy reign of peace, and pu - ri - ty, and love?
3 When comes the prom - ised time that war shall be no more,
4 We pray thee, Lord, a - rise, and come in thy great might;
5 Wher - ev - er near or far thick dark - ness brood - eth yet:

1 Break with thine i - ron rod the tyr - an - nies of sin!
2 When shall all ha - tred cease, as in the realms a - bove?
3 op - pres - sion, lust, and crime shall flee thy face be - fore?
4 re - vive our long - ing eyes, which lan - guish for thy sight.
5 a - rise, O Morn - ing Star, a - rise, and nev - er set!

DISMISSAL

Priest: *[A priest dismisses the people.]*

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp
Preacher & Assisting Priest: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Organist: Dan Harrison
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dunlap
Crucifer: Ricardo Chavira
Acolytes: Kevin Johnson, Ozan Say
Lectors: Laura Bower-Phipps, Ed Leavy
Intercessor: Claire Scully
Sacristans: Jennifer & Michael Fournier
Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Sally Nanfeldt
Coffee Hour Hosts:

Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Bill, Bob, Donna, Ginny, Jane, Jonathan, Katie, Lee, Marj, Marilyn, Norma, Phil, Suzanne

In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Thomas Radice, Jennifer Ricker, Rosalie, and Andrew; Catherine Ray and Anuhea

Pray for those who have died, especially:
Edmond Lee Browning, retired Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
St. John's, Salisbury; St. John's, Sandy Hook; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; parish office volunteers

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
The Scottish Episcopal Church, The Most Rev. David Chillingworth, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of St Andrews Dunkeld & Dunblane

Collect for Social Service

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 260)

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Church Leadership

The Rev. Keri Aubert—Priest-in-Charge
Simon Jacobs—Director of Music and Organist
Julie Kelly—Administrator, Parish and Property

Officers and Vestry

Ricardo Chavira (Senior Warden)
Mark Branch (Junior Warden)
Alexander Scherer (Treasurer)
Sarah Insley-Say (Clerk)
Dorothy Asch (Deanery Representative)
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)
Laura Bower-Phipps
Michael Fournier
Daniel Harrison
Jennifer Herdt
The Rev. Julie Kelsey
Chris Martinez
Erika Nemeti
Jennifer Regan
Christopher Ritacco

Associate Priests

The Rev. Dexter Cheney
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan
The Rev. Julie Kelsey
The Rev. Bill Loutrel
The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp
The Rev. Lee McGee Street
The Rev. Dr. Parke Street
The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

Ministry Coordinators

Dr. Dorothy Asch— Volunteer Lay Assistant
Jennifer Ricker— Children and Youth Ministries
Jennifer Herdt, David Kelsey— Adult Formation

Day School Leadership

Gina Panza—Head of School

Board of Managers

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The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.
Jennifer McTiernan (Chair & Parish Rep)
Jonathan Macey (Vice-Chair & PTO Rep)
Tracey Meares (Treasurer & Member of the Parish)
Gina Criscuolo (Secretary & PTO Rep)
Mark Branch (Warden Rep)
Frank Chang (Community Rep)
The Rev. K. Dexter Cheney (Parish Rep)
Lois DeLise (Community Rep)
Don Edwards (Parish Rep)
John Forrest (Alumni Rep)
Michael Fournier (Vestry Rep)
Greg Mokotoff (PTO Rep)
Kenneth Paul (Community Rep)
Kathryn Scherer (Parish Rep)

Announcements

For more calendar highlights, visit www.stthomasnewhaven.org and www.musicatstthomas.org.

Staff Vacations

- Simon Jacobs is currently on vacation and due back in the office July 25.
- Julie Kelly is currently on vacation and due back in the office August 1.
- Keri Aubert will be on vacation July 28 through August 15, including the Sundays of July 31, August 7, and August 14.

Flowers

Have you noticed the small flower arrangements on the altar the last several Sundays? Parishioner Sally Edwards has graciously volunteered to lead the flower ministry here at St. Thomas's, and she has been creating those arrangements from the plants in her backyard gardens. You can participate by bringing the flowers one Sunday. Contact Sally Edwards for more information or to volunteer. And, thinking ahead...

Garden Rehab

We are hoping to rehab the garden across from the memorial garden, using bulbs, perennials, grasses, and annuals, to keep us in altar flowers and greens from early spring until late fall. We are trying to assess whether there are enough parishioners interested in this ministry to get the garden started and keep it tended. If you're interested, contact Keri (keri.aubert@frontier.com).

Parish Prayer Intentions

On the previous page of this bulletin, you will find this week's prayer intentions. To explain:

- "Those in any need or trouble" includes all who have requested prayers from our community.
- St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer includes two or three parishioners or parishioner families. We cycle through our parish membership list alphabetically during the course of the year. The people listed are included not because they are in crisis, but so that we can all pray for one another.
- The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer is set by for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Each worshipping community and diocesan ministry is included once during the course of the year.
- The Anglican Cycle of Prayer is set by the Anglican Communion Office. The Anglican Communion includes "provinces" (for example, The Episcopal Church) and "primates" (provincial leaders, in our case Presiding Bishop Michael Curry) around the globe. Each province and primate is included once during the course of the year.

Facebook Friend Requests

This fall, the Vestry will be taking a look at various parish policies and procedures, and part of that work will include developing a policy around social media. For now, know that Church staff (Keri, Simon, and Julie) will accept Facebook friend requests *from* parishioners, but they will not make Facebook friend requests *to* parishioners.

Office Hours and Pastoral Emergencies

Church office hours are 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Thursday. For pastoral emergencies outside those hours, contact Keri at home (listed in the directory). If you are unable to reach Keri, contact Ricardo Chavira or Mark Branch.

Vacation Bible School at Trinity Episcopal Church on the Green, New Haven

Trinity on the Green is offering FREE summer Vacation Bible School the week of August 22nd. It will take place from 9AM-12PM Monday–Friday, with after-school programs for parents who are unable to pick up their children until later in the day. For questions, email Church School Director, Julia Johnson (jjohnson@trinitynewhaven.org).

St. Thomas's Choristers

Children 7 and up are invited to join the St. Thomas's Choristers (junior choir). They rehearse following the Sunday service and sing monthly on the 3rd Sunday. Contact Simon Jacobs.



Electronic Giving. You can give online via the St. Thomas's website or by scanning the QR code at left. If you do so using a credit card, the Church pays a small fee. If you do so using a debit card, there is no fee. Also, if you use online banking, you can always set up automatic pledge payments. There is no fee to the Church if you use this option.

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If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! Thank you for attending worship at St. Thomas's. Please consider returning the information slip below, signing the guest register near the main entry, and introducing yourself to a clergyperson or usher. After the service, you are invited to join the congregation for Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

Families with children: On most Sundays during the academic year, Sunday School is offered for children from pre-K through grade 8. All children are invited to attend. On three Sundays a month, Sunday School takes place during the service; on one Sunday a month, it follows the service. On any given Sunday, the bulletin announcements and worship instructions provide additional information.

Families with small children: Two seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under); the area in front of the left side of pews (for children age ten and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

There are usually two stations (located at the front corners of the altar) where you may receive Holy Communion. **Gluten-free bread** is available at both stations. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference in orientation will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands; they will place it on your tongue if that is your practice. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. Some people 'intinct' (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

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Address _____

E-mail & Phone _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak to a clergyperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receive parish emails | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about joining the Adult Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a permanent name tag | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's
Choristers (Junior Choir) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explore becoming a member | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get involved with _____ | |