



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 12, YEAR B

Service of Holy Eucharist

July 29, 2018 10 A.M.

If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! After the service, please come to Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the 2nd floor) for food and fellowship. Though other churches make the claim, ours really is the Best Coffee Hour in Connecticut. Please consider filling out a blue visitor information card (found in your pew rack). You can request a name tag using the form in the pew rack or the sheet at the entrance. Next Sunday your new name tag will be waiting for you on the table in the foyer inside the main church entrance.

To follow along with the service you need this service bulletin as well as two books in the pew rack: *The Book of Common Prayer* (RED) and *The Hymnal 1982* (BLUE).

Families with small children: Three 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), and the areas in front of the two front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Education for All Ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. on most Sundays during the academic year. We are currently on hiatus for the summer.

Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and St. Thomas's website. Sunday bulletins are posted on the website's Bulletin Archive. We aim to reduce printing by encouraging worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the order of service.

Restrooms for men and women are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

For the celebration of Holy Eucharist, the People gather around the altar. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion at our common table.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Instructions for Holy Communion will be given during the announcements. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the single server at the center. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion hold out your hands, and the server will place bread in them. If you wish to receive wine, please sip it from the common cup, using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips.

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The People gather in prayerful silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in g minor (BWV 558)
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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

2 SAMUEL 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited

him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 14 (*said by all*)

Page 598, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 6:1-21

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that

nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Presider: 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

Presider 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:
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,
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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I **Page 383, *The Book of Common Prayer***

THE CONFESSION **Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer***

THE PEACE **Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer***

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

After the announcements, the People remain seated while the Usbers take the collection. When the Usbers carry the gifts forward, the People rise, follow, and encircle the altar for the Eucharistic prayer. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. 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 where you are.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A **Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer***

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER **Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer***

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL **Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer***

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Memorial and Honorific Gifts

Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and “like” St. Thomas’s on Facebook.

Note that we will be using an abbreviated service bulletin for worship the rest of the summer. Therefore, to follow along, you will need the service bulletin as well as two books in the pew rack: *The Book of Common Prayer* (RED) and *The Hymnal 1982* (BLUE).

Wells Residency. Our wonderful Choir will be resident at Wells Cathedral in the U.K. through July 30. Many Choir members are bringing family members with them and will extend their stay for some additional sightseeing. Please pray for those traveling—see the list of travelers from St. Thomas’s in the Prayer Intentions section below.

No congregational singing today. Just so you know, because so many will be gone the two Sundays of the Wells residency, there will be no congregational singing during worship. (So you won’t actually need a hymnal today.) THANK YOU to Madison Thompson for offering the organ prelude.

Pledge Reports. Second-quarter pledge reports have been mailed. Please: (1) note your payment status; and (2) consider giving automatically if you’re not already doing so. See the instructions in the Enews.

New Sunday School Space! The former Music Director office is becoming the grades 3-5 Sunday School classroom. Check out the beautiful new paint job: **THANK YOU to volunteer painters Katherine Vaillancourt and Madison Thompson!** The new Music Director will share an office with Day School Chaplain Eric Snow.

Keri’s Vacation. Keri is on vacation and will return to the office on August 7. For pastoral emergencies, during regular office hours (10 to 6, Monday through Thursday) contact Julie Kelly, and at all other times contact Senior Warden Joann Sweasy.

Playgrounds Update. Playground rehab has begun! Keep an eye out for progress over the summer. And remember, Church children are also invited to use the playground!

Summer Coffee Hour: Keep it simple! Thanks to all who have hosted Coffee Hour this summer - due to your efforts, our wonderful Sunday fellowship has continued unabated! Help is needed through August 26 - slots are still open. Please use the sign-up sheet located in the lounge.

Parish Directory Updates. Looking toward the Fall edition of the Parish Directory, please let us Julie know of any address and contact information updates. Thank you!

Missing Linens. We’re missing several of the white round tablecloths, several of the dark blue round tablecloths, all of the rectangular white and all of the light blue round tablecloths, as well as several dishtowels from the kitchen.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT, JUNE 30

	June 2018		Year-to-Date	
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
Income				
Pledge/Plate & Building Use	\$12,186.43	\$9,433.00	\$73,118.50	\$60,254.97
School Reimbursement	\$3,175.15	\$5,856.04	\$19,050.93	\$21,046.49
Regular Endowment Income*	\$9,783.83	\$10,220.62	\$58,703.00	\$59,959.10
Additional Endowment Income**	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Total Income	\$25,145.41	\$50,509.66	\$150,872.43	\$166,260.56
Total Expenses	\$30,618.99	\$20,696.89	\$183,713.99	\$167,688.39
Net	-\$5,473.58	\$29,812.77	-\$32,841.56	-\$1,427.83

* This figure represents 5.25% of a three-year rolling average of the Fair Market Value of the endowment, consistent with accepted prudent practices for endowment management and with the endowment spending policy adopted by the Vestry at the January 2018 meeting.

** Also at its January 2018 meeting, the Vestry approved a deficit budget, planning to meet the shortfall with additional, specially-approved endowment funds. As part of this plan, the Vestry approved the additional withdrawal from the endowment of \$25,000 in June to meet cash flow demands. Meanwhile, the Vestry, with support from the Finance and Stewardship Committees, are working to develop a long-term solution to the underlying challenges.

For more information and announcements, see our website and last week's Weekly Parish Enews.

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Julie Kelsey
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp
Organist: Madison Thompson
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Chris Martinez
Crucifer: Derek Stefanovsky
Lectors: Drew McDermott, Jen Fournier
Intercessor: Katherine Vaillancourt
Sacristans: Bill & Sally Nanfeldt
Ushers: Mel & Judy Thompson
Vestry Host: Jennifer Regan
Counters: Diana Empsall, Jennifer Regan
Coffee Hour Hosts:

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Dorothy, Greg, Katie, Lee, Luann, Maria, Marilyn,
Parke

Pray for those who have died.

Pray for the Choir members and their families traveling to the U.K. for the Wells residency:

Mark; Carolyn; Stephanie; Constance; Erika, Michael, Audrey, Isabel, Ryan; Jennifer, Jan, Cora, Adam; Dan, Ann; Fred; Emerson; Dawn; Linda; Chandler; Alexandria, Gary; Sarah, Ozan, Evelyn; Gabe; Rebecca

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Christ Church, Roxbury; St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; Parish office volunteers; Curates; seminary interns; parish assistants and associates; missional curacies

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda; The Most Rev. Onesphore Rwaje Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda and Bishop of Gasabo

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Church Officers and Vestry

Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)
Don Edwards (Junior Warden)
Diana Empsall (Treasurer)
Martha Deeds Hogan (Clerk)
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)
Constance Cahill
Daniel Harrison
Dawn Lorentson
Chris Martinez
Jennifer Regan
Alexandria Robison
Kate Schilling
The Rev. Keri Aubert (Priest-in-Charge)

Church (Volunteer) 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

Church Ministry Coordinator

Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

Day School Board of Trustees

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