



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 15, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

August 18, 2019 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 (located in the pew rack). You can use the form to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting for you on the table just 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)** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each communion station; **non-alcoholic wine** is available from the chalice bearer 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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Andante

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901), *Organ Sonata No. 1*, Op. 27, mvt. 2, 1868

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Abide with me (662, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-2,8-18 (*said by all*)

Page 702, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered

mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Glory be to Jesus (479, *The Hymnal 1982*)

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:49-56

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

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, RITE I

Page 328, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE CONFESSION

Page 331, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE PEACE

Page 332, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements. At the beginning of the **Offertory Hymn**, the People remain seated while the Ushers take the collection. When the Ushers carry the gifts forward, the People follow and encircle the altar. 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.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

And now, O Father (337, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II, RITE I	Page 340, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>
THE LORD’S PRAYER	Page 336, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD	Page 337, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>
THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS	Page 337, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God’s table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. 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 each station; non-alcoholic wine is available from the chalice bearer at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing (**334,** *The Hymnal 1982*)
After all have received communion, the People remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER **Page 339,** *The Book of Common Prayer*

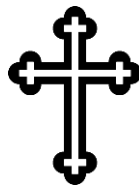
THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN Crown him with many crowns (**494,** *The Hymnal 1982*)

DISMISSAL **Page 339,** *The Book of Common Prayer*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Fugue in F major
 Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780), BWV 556/2

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Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and "like" St. Thomas's on Facebook.

Today we begin three weeks of using Rite I, the traditional-language Eucharistic liturgy in *The Book of Common Prayer*. Please note that **many of the congregational responses are different, so be prepared!** We will continue to use *The Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal* through Labor Day.

Thank you... to today's substitute organist, Madison Thompson. Thank you, Madison, for offering your musical gifts to the Church!

Keri is on vacation ... through August 18. Contact the Church Office for pastoral emergencies.

We're already seeing lots of newcomers and visitors on Sundays. St. Thomas's has long taken pride in its welcome - which is a good thing, because hospitality is important. This is something to which everyone can contribute. So please: wear your nametags; be ready to help during worship; extend a sign of Peace; and introduce yourself after worship.

Next Delight Night (Parish Potluck): Friday, September 6, 6 p.m. Because so many people are away, there will be NO Delight Night in August. Look for the festivities to return in September.

Save the Date: Startup Sunday and Bishops Visitation: September 8. Startup Sunday, September, is also the date of our official Bishop's Visitation. Bishop Laura Ahrens will be presiding and preaching as well as doing confirmation/reception/reaffirmation; the Choir will return. Look for more information to come.

Holy Baptism? The next "regular" dates for holy baptism are September 8 (Bishop's Visitation) and November 3 (All Saints' Sunday). If you're interested in holy baptism for yourself or your child, contact Keri.

If you're looking for a way to help immigrants at our nation's southern border ... you might consider donating to either Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center (which provides legal assistance to migrants on the border) or the Fronterizx Fianza Fund (which bonds people out of ICE custody). A parishioner got these suggestions from a friend who is an immigration attorney in El Paso. If you'd like to help immigrants closer to home, please consider donating to the Immigrant Bail Fund (which funds bail for Connecticut residents in immigration detention).

Update on Dorothy. Dorothy is still at Whitney Manor (2798 Whitney Avenue, Hamden 06518). Please consider staying in touch with visits, cards, or calls.

Education for All Ages is now on suspension for the summer. Look for our restart in September.

Sunday School Outreach. The Sunday School has been collecting coins for the Malawi Orphan Feeding Program. Keep those coin jars handy and start filling them up again. Thank you!

Summer Coffee Hour. Please use the link in the Enews to sign up for summer coffee hour, or use the sign-up sheet in the lounge, for the Sundays through September 1. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

Loaves & Fishes: Through the summer, please bring **DRIED BEANS** and **TOILET PAPER**.

Our Little Free Library always needs books. Summertime traffic has been high. Just pop them in yourself.

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

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney
Deacon & Preacher: The Rev. April Alford-Harkey
Organist: Madison Thompson
Eucharistic Minister: Chris Martinez
Crucifer:
Lectors: Judy Thompson, Bob Herdt
Intercessor: Greg D'Andrea
Vestry Host: Alexandria Robison
Sacristans: Valerie & Greg Echols
Ushers: Gary Robison, Mary Ann Nelson
Counters: Ricardo Chavira
Coffee Hour Hosts: Sally & Don Edwards

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
Bonnie, Dorothy, Drew, Dwight, Imane, John

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments; Students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries; the Higher Education Ministry Network

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Church Officers and Vestry

Kyle Holton (Senior Warden)
Denise Terry (Junior Warden)
Ricardo Chavira (Treasurer)
Linda Meyer (Clerk)
Thomas Hogan
Alexandria Robison
Catherine Stricklan
Joann Sweasy
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