

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 13) – YEAR C Holy Eucharist

July 31, 2016

10:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE Adagio in F major, K 580a W.A. Mozart (1756-1791), arr. R. Green

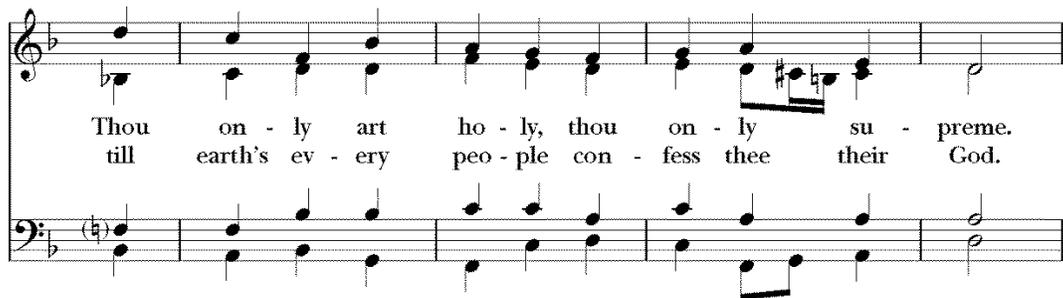
At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
Hymn 532 (*Old 104th*)

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows, shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,



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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They

shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-9, 43 (*said by all*)

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty *
and fills the hungry with good things.
- 43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

THE SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things--g anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self,

which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life. *1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Intercessor

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please add your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Celebrant

Father of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. Let Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of 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, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

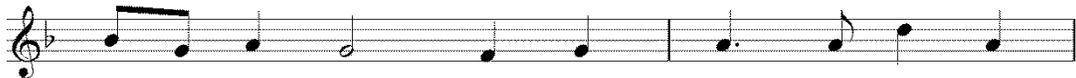
During the Offertory Hymn, the People gather around the altar for Communion by following the ushers in procession up the center aisle. You are encouraged to position children where they can see, and small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 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

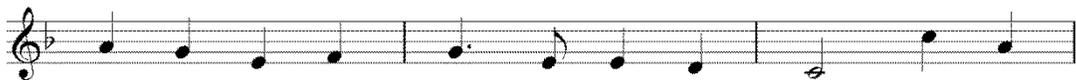
All my hope on God is founded
Hymn 665 (*Michael*)



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 5

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

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes".

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and 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 ANTHEM

View me, Lord

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

View me, Lord, a work of Thine:
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might Thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At Thine altar pure and white:
They that once Thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heav'nly light appears,
But the cov'nants Thou hast made,
Endless, know nor days nor years.

In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust,
To Thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet Thy grace can lift me high. Amen.

Text: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

People: And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A BLESSING FOR THOSE LEAVING THE CONGREGATION

Today the congregation says goodbye to Jacqui and Grae Worster, who join the Celebrant and Director of Music in front of the congregation.

Director of Music

As you prepare to leave this community of faith, we, members of the Body of Christ at St. Thomas's Church, come to acknowledge your parting from us and ours from you.

Celebrant and People

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servants Jacqui and Grae, who have enriched and brought gladness to this faith community. Bless and uphold them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your bountiful gifts. Give them sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends and family to cheer their way, and confidence in the path ahead. By your Holy Spirit be present as they return with refreshed hearts to familiar places, that they may travel always with the One who guides us to peace, hope, justice, and love, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

Christ is the world's true Light
Hymn 542 (*St. Joan*)

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "St. Ann's"

C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp

Preacher & Assisting Priest: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson

Organist and Choirmaster: Simon Jacobs

Eucharistic Minister: Dorothy Asch

Crucifer: Ricardo Chavira

Acolyte: Chris Martinez

Lectors: Charles Tyson, Kat Bower-Phipps

Intercessor: Diane Schultz

Sacristans: Valerie Echols, Jill Morrison

Ushers/Greeters: Laura Bower-Phipps, Gail Curran, Katie Coleman

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Chavira and Riker Families

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:

Richard Regan, Jennifer Regan, Olivia and Molly, Susan Richmond

Pray for those who have died, especially:

All around the world who have died in terrorist attacks

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Good Shepherd, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; St. Alban's, Simsbury; The Cathedral's ministry in Hartford; the Cathedral Chapter; honorary canons of the Cathedral

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

the Church of the Province of South East Asia

Prayer for all Christians in their vocation

(*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 256)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all member of your holy church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.

Today's Eucharistic Prayer...

...is from the Alternative Service Book of the Anglican Church of Canada. The Prayers of the People and Post-Communion Prayer are also from that source.

New St. Thomas's Parish Website!

Our new church website has been launched, at the same URL as before: www.stthomasnewhaven.org. It is not complete, but we're on our way. Because this is the time of year when a lot of people move into the area, we tried to make it easy to find information of interest to newcomers and visitors. Note that the website now includes archives for Sunday sermons (text and audio), Sunday bulletins, and the Parish Enews.

Staff Vacations

- Julie Kelly is currently on vacation and due back in the office tomorrow, August 1.
- Keri Aubert is on vacation through August 15, including today and the Sundays of August 7, and August 14.

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.

Save the Date: Bishop's Visitation October 9

St. Thomas's official Bishop's Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, October 9. Bishop Ian Douglas will preside and preach at our usual 10 a.m. service. After worship, he will enjoy fellowship with the congregation and then meet for conversation with the Vestry. (Remember, this is rescheduled from our original February date, which Bishop Ian had to cancel due to illness.)

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.



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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 school 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 the pews (for children age 10 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.

Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail & Phone _____

I would like to:

Speak to a clergyperson

Receive parish emails

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