



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 16, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

August 25, 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

How fair and how pleasant art thou
Marcel Dupré (1886–1971), Op. 18, No. 5, 1919

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Holy Father, great Creator (368, *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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, LORD God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1-6 (*said by all*)

Page 683, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that

what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Our Father, by whose Name (587, *The Hymnal 1982*)

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 13:10-17

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 O bless the Lord, my soul (411, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5
 Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist (**315**, *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 **Page 339,** *The Book of Common Prayer*

FINAL HYMN Jesus, Lover of my soul (**699**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY **Gloria**
 Marcel Dupré (1886–1971), Op. 18, No. 15, 1919

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Announcements

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

Today is Deacon April’s (and Sandy’s!) last Sunday serving at St. Thomas’s. We are grateful for their presence among us. Please come to Coffee Hour after worship to say THANK YOU and FAREWELL.

Today is the second of 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. See last week’s Enews for information about Rite 1.

Fall Coffee Hour. Fall Coffee Hour hosting signups have begun. Please use the link in the Enews to choose your Sunday to host. Unfilled spots will be populated by the parish office after September 8. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

It’s already Back-to-School time! Blessings be upon all children and youth and their families as the new school year commences. We pray especially for those who will be starting at a new school this fall. And let’s give a special shout-out to Audrey and Cora, who are off to college—our love is with you!

Startup Sunday and Bishop’s Visitation. Come one, come all! Our new program year kicks off on Sunday, September 8. The service time is as usual at 10 a.m. Bishop Laura Ahrens will be preaching and presiding. The Choir will be back. Note that Bishop Laura will also: meet with the Sunday School children at 9 a.m.; during the service, do confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations (including four folks from St. John’s, Stamford) ; have a Q&A with the congregation during Coffee Hour / Luncheon; meet with the Vestry after that. **We hope to have a Coffee Hour that is really more of a Luncheon, and for that we need your help! PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A DISH TO SHARE.**

Safe Church Training, HERE at St. Thomas’s: Monday, October 7, 6:30 p.m We are hosting Safe Church training to make it easy for St. Thomas’s folks to attend. If you’ve had it before but it’s been more than three years, it’s time for a repeat. Use the links in the Enews for more info or to sign up. ***Remember, Safe Church training is REQUIRED for all who work with children and youth, all pastoral visitors, and all Vestry members, and it is recommended for everyone in parish leadership. It won’t get any easier than this! Please sign up!!!!***

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.

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!

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 & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Deacon: The Rev. April Alford-Harkey
Organist: Dr. Noah Horn
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dunlap
Crucifer: Ricardo Chavira
Lectors: Jenny Chavira, Jocelyn Tidwell
Intercessor: Greg D'Andrea
Vestry Host: Alexandria Robison
Sacristans: Valerie & Greg Echols
Ushers: Mel & Judy Thompson
Counters: Ricardo Chavira
Coffee Hour Hosts: Elsa Ward and Ginger Savo

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

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Denise Terry (Junior Warden)
Ricardo Chavira (Treasurer)
Linda Meyer (Clerk)
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