



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 14), YEAR A

Service of Holy Eucharist

August 13, 2017 10 A.M.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Choral Fugue on *Hosanna Filio David*
(Jeanne Demessieux, 1921-1968)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 410, Praise, my Soul the King, *The Hymnal 1982*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

KYRIE

Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and

your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 133, Page 787, *The Book of Common Prayer*

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 360, Only-begotten, Word of God, *The Hymnal 1982*

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:10-28

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV, Page 388, *The Book of Common Prayer*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE PEACE

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please remain seated for the beginning of the Offertory Hymn. The Oblationers come forward immediately, presenting the bread and wine for communion. The Ushers follow but turn and take the collection from the front to the back of the church. The Ushers then bring the collection forward. Follow them up the center aisle, and then join with the congregation to 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

Hymn 539, O Zion, haste, thy mission, *The Hymnal 1982*

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 439, What wondrous love is this, *The Hymnal 1982*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation sur le Te Deum (Charles Tournemire, 1870-1939;
transc. Maurice Durufle, 1902-1986)

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Serving Today

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson
Organist: Gabriel Rhys Simerson
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Robert Laughton
Crucifer: Ricardo Chavira
Lectors: Jenny Chavira, Don Edwards
Intercessor: Claire Scully
Sacristans: Jennifer & Michael Fournier
Ushers: Gary Robison, Mary Ann Nelson

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Bill R., Dorothy, Greg, Jane, Jonathan, Lee, Luann,
Marilyn, Meg, Parke, Paul, Phil, Suzanne, Timothy

Pray for those who have died, especially:
Janice Marenholz

In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Jennifer McTiernan, Rhea, Daniela, Tracey Meares,
Jordan, Jude, Jonas

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs;
Church of Christ the Healer, Stamford; Church
musicians: organists; choirs and choir directors;
bands; community chorister programs; parish
committees on liturgy, music, and worship; Music,
Liturgy, and the Arts Ministry Network

**Prayer for the Future of the Human Race (BCP,
p. 828):** O God our heavenly Father, you have
blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth:
Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and
give us new insight into your purposes for the human
race, and new wisdom and determination in making
provision for its future in accordance with your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Additional Leadership

Church Officers and Vestry
Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)
Don Edwards (Junior Warden)
Alexander Scherer (Treasurer)
Sarah Insley-Say (Clerk)
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)
Laura Bower-Phipps
Michael Fournier
Daniel Harrison
Martha Deeds Hogan
Kevin Johnson
Chris Martinez
Tom Radice
Jennifer Regan
Christopher Ritacco

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
The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

Church Ministry Coordinators
Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

Day School Board of Trustees
Gina Panza—Head of School
The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.
Jonathan Macey (Chair)
Gina Criscuolo (Vice-Chair)
Tracey Meares (Treasurer)
Jeralyn Fantarella (Secretary)
Alex Babbidge Frank Chang
Don Edwards John Forrest
Jennifer McTiernan Eileen O'Donnell
Kenneth Paul Kathryn Scherer
Denise Terry

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. 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 will need this bulletin and, from the pew racks, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red) and *The Hymnal 1982* (blue). During Holy Communion, you will need only the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*.

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.

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.

Education for all ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. on most Sundays during the academic year. All programs are currently on hiatus until September.

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. There are usually two communion stations, one at each front corner of the altar. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

Receiving Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands. Please sip wine from the common cup; using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips—this is the most sanitary option. 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 following order of service.

Announcements

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

It’s Visitor and Newcomer Season! Please wear your nametag and assist new folks in church.

Thanks and best wishes to interim organist Gabe Simerson. Simon Jacobs returns next Sunday.

Shakespeare in the Park: This Wednesday, August 23. Gather on the lawn at Edgerton Park for a shared picnic at 6:30 and *Romeo and Juliet* at 8. Contact Keri if you’re coming so she can save space.

Tag sale to help fund the Choir’s 2018 residency at Wells Cathedral: This Saturday, August 26, 8am to 2pm.

There will be a **special meeting about education for children and youth on Sunday, August 27, at 9 a.m. in the Lounge.** Please attend if you can.

Don’t forget your summer reading! Check out the Enews for new book suggestions for teens.

Pride Interfaith Prayer Service. Saturday, September 16. Details to come.

St. Thomas’s Sunday (Startup Sunday) is September 10. The Choir will be back, education programs will resume, and there will be a special event after church. Oh, and your servers will wear vestments again!

Choir and Choristers. There’s no better time than now to join or enroll your child. All are welcome!