



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 16), YEAR A

Service of Holy Eucharist

August 27, 2017 10 A.M.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 451, All hail the power, *The Hymnal 1982*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

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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.

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.**

FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied

and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 124, Page 781, *The Book of Common Prayer*

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 581, Where charity and love prevail, *The Hymnal 1982*

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah

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 invited 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 near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain where you are.

OFFERTORY HYMN Hymn 518, Christ is made the sure foundation, *The Hymnal 1982*

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt.
 Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A	Page 361, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>
THE LORD'S PRAYER	Page 364, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD	Page 364, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>
COMMUNION HYMN	Hymn 315, Thou, who at thy first Eucharist, <i>The Hymnal 1982</i>
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER	Page 365, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>
BLESSING AND DISMISSAL	Page 366, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>
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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.

Startup Sunday is September 10. Look for education for all ages at 9 a.m. and an Open House and Ministry Fair after church.

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

Queer-Positive Interfaith Gathering (at New Haven Pride). Saturday, September 16, 6:30 p.m..

August 13, 2017

Serving Today

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Preacher: Matthew Babcock
Organist: Simon Jacobs
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Chris Martinez
Crucifer: Sara Misgen
Lectors: Jennifer Herdt, Laura Bower-Phipps
Intercessor: Don Edwards
Sacristans: Joan Hogan, Bill & Sally Nanfeldt
Ushers: Drew McDermott, Gail Curran, Katie Coleman

This Week’s Prayer Intentions

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

Pray for those who have died.

In St. Thomas’s Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Bill Nanfeldt, Sally Nanfeldt, Mary Ann Nelson

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Kent School, South Kent School, Pomfret School, Salisbury School, Wooster School, Rectory School; St. Thomas’s Day School, New Haven; Trinity School on the Hill (Middle School), Hartford; the Episcopal Church at Yale; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven

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

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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 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 single server at the center of the altar. 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.