

# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 15) – YEAR C Holy Eucharist

August 14, 2016

10:00 A.M.

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

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**PRELUDE**      Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr, BWV 663      J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*At the ringing of the bell, please stand.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

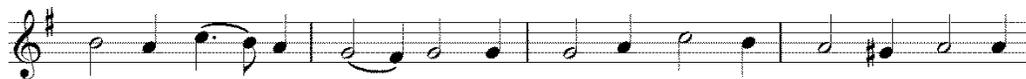
All glory be to God on high  
Hymn 421 (*Allein Gott in der Höh*)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

### 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.

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.**

*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*)

*Qui regis Israel*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.

- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## **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.*

### 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 12:49-56

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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?"

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**

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
 Hymn 495 (*In Babilone*)



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



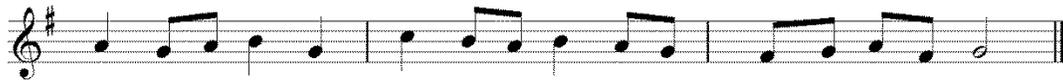
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

## 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*

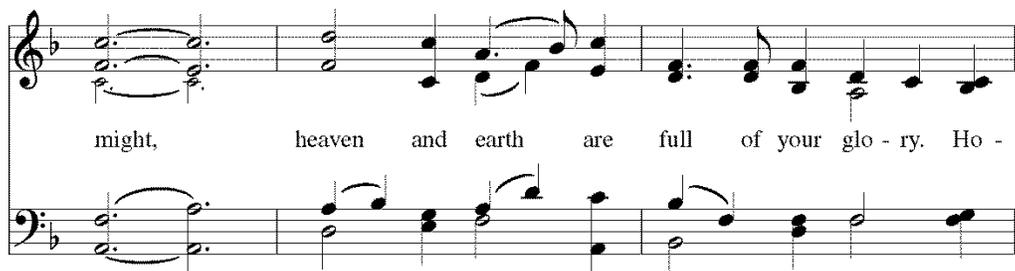
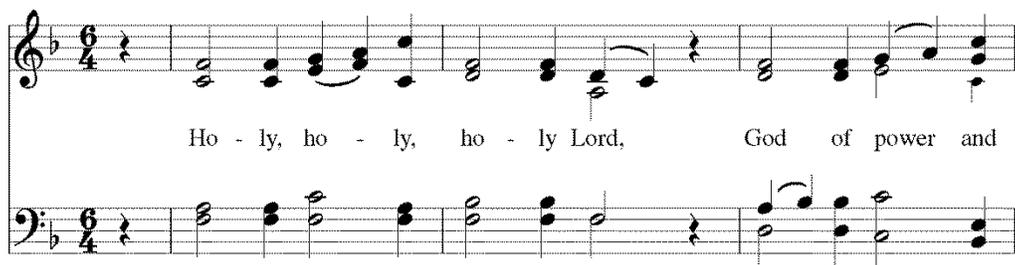
We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**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



san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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

Lord, I trust thee

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee.  
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!  
On thy loving grace relying,  
For the bread of life I'm sighing.  
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,  
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.  
When the breath of life has left me,  
May my soul be blended with thee.

*Text: Barthold Brockes (1680-1747), trans. Darlow*

*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.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## THE BLESSING

### FINAL HYMN

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Hymn 680 (*Litton*)



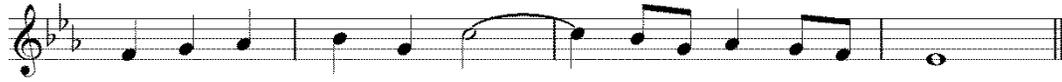
1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king-dom we — be - hold his face.  
his love sup - plies the grace — and power we seek.  
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Paeon

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)



## Serving Today

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson  
**Preacher & Assisting Priest:** The Rev. Julie Kelsey  
**Organist and Choirmaster:** Simon Jacobs  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Chris Martinez  
**Crucifer:** Kevin Johnson  
**Acolyte:**  
**Lectors:** Robert Laughton, Sally Edwards  
**Intercessor:** Don Edwards  
**Sacristans:** Mary Ann Nelson  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Gary Robison, Mary Ann Nelson

## Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:**  
Bill, Bob, Donna, Ginny, Jane, Jonathan, Katie, Lee, Marj, Marilyn, Norma, Phil, Suzanne

**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:**  
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; the diocesan Commission on Music and Liturgy

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

## Prayer for the Good Use of Leisure (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 825)

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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)  
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The Rev. Julie Kelsey  
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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

Gina Panza—Head of School  
The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.  
Jennifer McTiernan (Chair & Parish Rep)  
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Michael Fournier (Vestry Rep)  
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Kathryn Scherer (Parish Rep)

## Announcements

For more calendar highlights, visit [www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org) and [www.musicatstthomas.org](http://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](http://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

- Keri Aubert is on vacation through August 15.

### 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak to a clergyperson   | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receive parish emails     | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about joining the Adult Choir                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a permanent name tag | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's<br>Choristers (Junior Choir) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explore becoming a member |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get involved with _____   |  |