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# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 16, YEAR A

Service of Morning Prayer August 27, 2023 10 A.M.

# St. Thomas's Church Welcomes Everyone

Wherever you happen to be on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here, and we invite you to participate as fully as you wish. There is a saying in the Episcopal tradition that answers many a question: "All may, some do, but none must." We gather to feast on Word and sacrament and song, to learn and inquire, to enjoy relaxed fellowship and find mutual support. And we are sent out to be the Body of Christ in the world, to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

To participate in worship today all you need is this bulletin. If you are new or visiting, we invite you to consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a **nametag**, which will be waiting for you on the table inside the main entrance.

All church spaces are accessible. Handicapped parking and a wheelchair ramp are located in back of the building; a lift for access to the second floor is located at the stairway.

Restrooms are located on the second floor. Go through the double doors near the pulpit, upstairs to the second floor, and to the far end of the hallway. A **gender-neutral restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit.

Three seating areas at the front of the nave are reserved for **families with small children**: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the two areas in front of the 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 the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the service.

St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (Quinnipiac) land. This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

## **HYMN**

# The Church's one foundation (525, *The Hymnal 1982*)



#### **OPENING SENTENCE**

Officiant

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6* 

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [Silence is kept.]

Officiant 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.

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.** 

# THE INVITATORY

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# **JUBILATE**

Officiant and People

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \* serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

All are seated.

## **PSALM 124**

Sung to a Simple Tone by the People



- 1 If the LORD had not been on our | side, \* let Israel now | say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our | side, \* when enemies rose up a-|gainst us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up a-|live \* in their fierce anger toward | us;
- 4 Then would the waters have over-|whelmed us \* and the torrent gone | over us;
- 5 Then would the raging | waters \* have gone right over | us.
- 6 Blessed be the | LORD! \*
  he has not given us over to be a prey for their | teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the | fowler; \* the snare is broken, and we have es-|caped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the | LORD, \* the maker of heaven and | earth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy | Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A-|men.

## THE 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.

All stand.



All are seated.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 12:1-18

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.

#### **CANTICLE 11**

The Third Song of Isaiah

Officiant and People

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \* and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \* deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*

and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*

and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*

by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*

The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \* ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*

and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*

by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \* and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## THE THIRD LESSON

MATTHEW 16:13-20

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

All stand.



Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879), alt. Music: *Hendon*, Henri A. César Malan (1787–1864).

#### THE SERMON

After the sermon, all remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord; **People:** And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.
Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People: For only in you can we live in safety.
Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: Your saving health among all nations.
Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

# Officiant

(The Collect of the Day) 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.** 

(A Collect for the Renewal of Life) O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

(A Collect for Guidance) Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

The Officiant may add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

#### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please remain in place while greeting your neighbors with a sign of peace. You may then be seated for brief announcements.

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Your financial support is sincerely appreciated. To give online, go to the Church website Home page (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, simply <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Thank you!

All stand.





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## DISMISSAL AND CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

# Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21* 

You may be seated for the voluntary or exit the church.

**VOLUNTARY** Final

Louis Vierne (1870–1937), Symphony No. 1, Op. 14 (1899)

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### Announcements

For all the latest news and information, see last week's edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Parish website Home page (<u>www.stthomasnewhaven.org</u>), click Enews Archive for the latest edition or Enews (subscribe) to subscribe.

#### **Transition Update**

- The meeting with Amber Page Gehr, Diocesan Transition Officer, is tentatively scheduled in person for Sept. 24, following worship—stay tuned!
- On August 6, we launched a **process of reflection** and consultation that will enable us to articulate to candidates our identity and aspirations as a parish. Thank you for your robust participation during our coffee hour conversation. We will be holding other short meetings like this in weeks to come. We also sent out an electronic **parish survey**. If you missed the Enews special, you can find the survey here: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/WayV9w4CEc">https://forms.office.com/r/WayV9w4CEc</a>. Please help us imagine our future!
- We have submitted information to the diocese which will enable a **financial analysis** and determination of what we can afford by way of clergy compensation.
- We hope by early fall to begin **advertising the position** through diocesan channels. The diocese will gather applications and pass them along to the Vestry, who will review applications and interview candidates. While Bishop Jeff Mello must approve any offer that we make, the choice will be ours.
- The position will **initially be a time-limited Priest-in-Charge position**, which can in due course be converted to a Rector position if both parties wish to proceed.
- Feel free to **reach out to any member of the Vestry** with your questions and ideas.

**Upcoming Worship Schedule. D**uring our leadership transition, we will have a combination of lay-led worship and services led by supply clergy. Please join us!

August 27	Morning Prayer led by Sheldon Campbell (w/ sermon)
September 3	Eucharist with Rev. Nathan Empsall preaching and presiding
September 10	Eucharist with Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding
September 17	Eucharist with Rev. Jill Morrison preaching and presiding
September 24	Eucharist with Rev. Carolyn Sharp preaching and presiding
October 1	Morning Prayer led by Jane Nichols (w/ sermon)
October 8	Eucharist with Rev. Derek Stefanovsky preaching and presiding
October 15	Morning Prayer led by Madeleine Anderson (w/ sermon)

**Today**, August 27, Sheldon Campbell will be preaching and leading the congregation in Morning Prayer. Sheldon Campbell was born in Tulsa and grew up in Kansas City and Houston. He has an M.D. and Ph.D. from the Baylor College of Medicine and is currently Associate Chief for Laboratory Medicine at VA Connecticut Healthcare, and Professor of Laboratory Medicine at Yale School of Medicine, specializing in diagnostic microbiology, and where he's also an award-winning teacher. He was a lifelong Methodist prior to coming to St. Thomas, so it would be wise to pay particular attention to his sermons in case he tries to slip in any heretical ideas.

The Rev. Nathan Empsall will be preaching and presiding on **September 3**. Rev. Nathan is the executive director of Faithful America, leading Christian resistance to Christian nationalism, and a recent member of the Episcopal Church's Task Force on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism. Rev. Nathan holds a Master of Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (since renamed Yale School of the Environment), a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, and a B.A. in government and Native American studies from Dartmouth College.

**Donating Clothing for Loaves and Fishes.** Our support for the clothing ministry is ongoing. Please be thoughtful in your selection of items. Current specific requests include: men's/women's jeans; men's short-sleeved shirts, sweaters, jackets, shoes, new socks; spring and summer clothing. Bring donations to St. Thomas's (leave them in the tub at the Whitney Ave. entrance) or to Loaves and Fishes (Thurs-Sat, 9-11 a.m., in the driveway at 57 Olive St.).

Thursday Night Study Group, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom. The Thursday Night Study Group is now on hiatus for the summer. Stay tuned for fall plans.

Coffee Hour Hosting Sign-Up Link. You are invited to consider hosting coffee hour at St. Thomas's following Sunday worship. Would you like to contribute to St. Thomas's coffee hour, but don't know how to operate the coffee maker? Do you have a treat from your kitchen or favorite neighborhood bakery that you would love to share, but you are not sure that you can manage a whole coffee hour? Sign up to be a coffee hour helper! It's easy: look at the signup sheet (electronic or paper) and sign up as a "Helper." Contact the coffee hour host to discuss what you can bring and how you can help out. Then, discover how fun it is to help make fellowship happen! Visit this link to sign up: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee</a> and add your contact info in the comment box. You may also access the Parish Directory on our homepage, <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee">www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee</a> and add your contact info in the comment box. You may also access the Parish Directory on our homepage, <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee">www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee</a> and add your contact info in the comment box. You may also access the Parish Directory on our homepage, <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee">www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee</a> and add your contact info in the Parish Office can provide the directory password. Thank you for contributing to our time of fellowship!



# Serving Today

Officiant & Preacher: Sheldon Campbell

Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn

**Lector:** Claire Scully

Ushers: Gary Robison, Claire Scully

Coffee Hour: The Robisons Vestry Host: Claire Scully

# Leadership at St. Thomas's

Preacher-in-Residence

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp

**Church Vestry** 

Claire Scully

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden) Linda Meyer (Junior Warden) Bill English (Treasurer) Denise Terry (Clerk) Madeleine Anderson Max Ballardo

# This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially: the people of Ukraine

Pray for those who have died, especially:

The Right Reverend Clarence Nicholas Coleridge, Thirteenth Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut, 1993-1999, Bishop Suffragan 1981-1993

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut 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 Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven; Trinity College, Hartford.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for: Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

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