



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 17, YEAR A)

Service of Morning Prayer

August 30, 2020 10 A.M.

## INTROIT

O successores fortissimi leonis

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inter templum et altare  
dominantes in ministracione eius  
sicut angeli sonant in laudibus  
et sicut assunt populis in adiutorio  
vos estis inter illos qui hec faciunt  
semper curam habentes in officio Agni.

Successors of the mighty Lion,  
between the temple and the altar  
commanding in his service:  
as angels sing in praise resounding  
and quicken to defend the people with their aid—  
so you among them as they do these things  
keep ever carefully the office of the Lamb.

Words and Music: Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179), *Scivias III*

## HYMN

Lord, speak to me (98, *Voices Found*)

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the  
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou has sought, so  
wand - ering and the wav - ering feet; O feed me, Lord, that  
pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that

let me seek thy err - ing child - ren lost and lone.  
I may feed thy hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879).  
Music: *Canonbury*, adapt. Robert A. Schumann (1810–1856), from *Nachtstücke*, 1839; arr. from *Hymnal with Tunes, Old and New*, 1872.

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

## THE CONFESSION

*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 the grace of 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

**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.**

**PSALM 105:1-6,23-26,45**

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!  
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 FIRST LESSON**

EXODUS 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the

God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 11

The Third Song of Isaiah

**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 SECOND LESSON**

MATTHEW 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **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.*

<b>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,</b>	<b>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.</b>
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Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

**People: We praise your Name for ever.**

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**People: For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

**People: And we shall never hope in vain.**

*Officiant*

*(The Collect of the Day)* Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Peace)* O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(A Prayer for Mission)* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The Officiant will add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.*

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God,**

**you have given us grace at this time with one accord**

to make our common supplication to you;  
 and you have promised through your well-beloved Son  
 that when two or three are gathered together in his Name  
 you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;  
 granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
 and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is especially appreciated at this time. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you can simply [CLICK HERE](#). Know also that the Church office is able to process checks that have been mailed. Thank you!*

## HYMN

### Go Down, Moses (228, Lift Every Voice and Sing II)

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;  
 2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;  
 3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;  
 4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go.  
 2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.  
 3. and come at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.  
 4. and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

## DISMISSAL AND CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

## VOLUNTARY

Prelude in A minor

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 543

*After the Voluntary, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour. Please see the Parish Enews for the latest announcements and information.*



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## Announcements

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

**The Season of Creation.** St. Thomas’s will celebrate The Season of Creation during Sunday morning worship on September 13, 20, 27, and October 4. The Season of Creation is an ecumenical effort aimed at recognizing the importance of our natural environment and our Christian responsibility to protect it. Look for details to come!

**Bible Study.** The Gospel of Matthew is coming! Look for details to come.

**It’s Back-to-School time!** St. Thomas’s Day School resumes September 2. The families of St. Thomas’s Parish are looking at a variety of back-to-school situations, for those who are students and for those who are teachers. This is a stressful time for so many of them. Please offer your prayers for and support to all who are going back to school this fall.

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## Serving Today

**Officiant:** The Rev. Keri Aubert

**Musician:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Lectors:** Jesse Stricklan, Jocelyn Tidwell

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**  
all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic,  
especially those who work in healthcare and those  
who have lost their livelihood

**Pray for those who have died.**

**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 Yale; the  
Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley  
Divinity School, New Haven; Trinity College,  
Hartford

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
the Church of South India (United)

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:**  
Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

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