



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 18, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

September 4, 2022 10 A.M.

Whether you are new or returning, WELCOME!

To follow along with the service you need this service bulletin and *The Hymnal 1982*, the blue book in the pew rack.

Please remain masked and observe social distancing throughout the service and any time you are inside, regardless of vaccination status. Our expectation is that everyone who can be has been vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. Very young children and people who are immunocompromised lack vaccine protection, so your continued diligence is appreciated.

There is no mechanical air exchange in the church portions of the building. We are eager to limit occupancy of smaller spaces, so please avoid the Sacristy and Vesting Room, and please do not linger in the narthex (the area inside the main doors), restrooms, or hallways. The Lounge has high efficiency air filters but no mechanical air exchange.

Please enter the building via either the main doors facing Whitney Avenue or the side door facing Cliff Street. Please use the entry from the parking lot only if you need the wheelchair ramp.

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 **restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit. All restrooms are all-gender single-use.

After the service, please stay for food and fellowship. Coffee hour is hosted either outside behind the building (exit via the side door facing Cliff Street and walk around to the back) or in the Lounge (exit via the double doors near the pulpit and go upstairs to the second floor; the Lounge is at the end of the hall). Children may unwind in the kindergarten playground behind the building.

If you are new, please consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting on the table inside the main entrance.

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.

VOLUNTARY

Prélude in B minor
Frédéric Chopin (1810–1849), *24 Préludes*, Op. 28, No. 6, 1839

All stand.

HYMN

When Christ was lifted from the earth (603, *The Hymnal 1982*)

OPENING ACCLAMATION, SALUTATION, AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ 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

JEREMIAH 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-5,12-17

Presider and People

- 1 **LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- 4 **You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 12 **For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 **I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- 14 **My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**
- 16 **How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!**
- 17 **If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

THE SECOND LESSON

PHILEMON 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN Take up your cross, the Savior said (675, *The Hymnal 1982*)

THE GOSPEL LUKE 14:25-33

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

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

THE NICENE CREED

Presider 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:

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

The Book of Common Prayer, Form I

Intercessor and People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our towns, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of Mary, Thomas, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Presider will add petitions for the week and then the concluding collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider

Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*]

Presider and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider

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

THE PEACE

Presider: 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, and while the altar is prepared.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is sincerely appreciated. We will not be passing a collection plate today; collection plates are located at the doors. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you may simply [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 1

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Presider and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You may be seated. **All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church.** Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Special pandemic precautions are in place for Holy Communion.** The People come forward roughly from closest to farthest, while maintaining social distancing. You will be offered bread only. Approach the priest with your hands extended, and the priest will place a wafer in them. Do not consume the wafer immediately. Instead, return to your seat and then raise your mask to consume the wafer.*

After all have received communion, all stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider: *[The Presider blesses the People.]*

People: Amen.

HYMN Praise the Lord through every nation (484, *The Hymnal 1982*)

DISMISSAL

Presider: *[The Presider dismisses the People.]*

People: Thanks be to God.

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

VOLUNTARY

Maple Leaf Rag
Scott Joplin (c1867–1917), 1899

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Announcements

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

To keep up with the latest parish events and information, please see the most recent edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Home page of the Parish website (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), you can go to the Enews archive or subscribe to have future editions delivered to your email inbox.

Coffee Hour - New Link for Summer Sundays. Visit this link to sign up through Labor Day weekend: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee>. Thank you!

Directory Updates? Please email Julie with your address and contact updates for the fall Parish Directory.

Loaves & Fishes Seeks Donations of Clothing. Loaves & Fishes is in great need of women's and men's summer casual clothes: short sleeved tops, Tshirts, shorts, new underwear, jeans. We also give out bed linens, towels and toiletries. Drop you donations off at St. Thomas's on Sunday, and Don Edwards will make sure they get to St. PJ's.

Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Jeffrey William Mello: Saturday, October 15, at the Connecticut Convention Center. Doors open at 10 AM and the service begins at 11 AM. Chief consecrator is the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Each parish may register up to up to five people to attend. If you're interested, [email Keri](#) by **September 15**.

ST. THOMAS'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY STARTS NOW!

For an energized SEPTEMBER, we need all of you!

Take a look at what we are planning, and sign up online or at the church on Sundays.

THE CHOIR:

- September 11: The choir will sing! All are welcome to join. Our choir is a combination of paid "section leaders" and volunteer singers. Contact Noah if you are interested in learning more.
- September 25 at 4pm: A 175th anniversary CONCERT, followed by a reception. Please come to the concert and bring guests!
 - We need volunteers at the concert:
 - To set up and clean up the reception
 - To contribute wine and sparkling water/juice for the reception
 - To contribute finger food, savory and sweet
 - Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba9af22abfdc52-175th>

THE ALTAR:

- Weekly: Individuals work with Keri on Sundays as sacristans, lectors, and ushers. Contact Keri if you are interested in learning more.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- September 11 at 9am: Sunday School classes begin, infants to teens! First activity will be a "Season of Creation" pageant to be performed on Sunday, September 18, in place of the sermon. We need adults and children, and a lot of creativity!
- Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba9af22abfdc52-175th>

COMMUNITY COFFEE HOURS:

- On Sundays September 11 and 18, St. Thomas's will offer food and activities in our parking lot. The dates correspond with events at Edgerton Park: on Sept. 11, the Connecticut Folk Festival, and on Sept. 18, "Sunday in the Park."
- We need volunteers for the following activities:
- Coffee hour (preparing coffee, tea, and water)
- Bringing baked goods for a bake sale
- Overseeing activities and games (face-painting, chalk drawing, cornhole)
- Overseeing sale of baked goods, notecards and choir CDs).
- Lemonade stand run by Sunday School children (proceeds to go to a local charity)
- Open playground
- Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba9af22abfdc52-175th>
- The theme will tie in with New Haven PRIDE WEEK (Sept 11 – 18) with decorations, flags, stickers
- We will have information about our parish, and we will make connections with our neighbors.

POTLUCK DINNERS:

- In October, we will have a community dinner – stay tuned!



Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn

Eucharistic Minister: Madeleine Anderson

Lector:

Intercessor: Madeleine Anderson

Sacristan: Madeleine Anderson

Usher: Bob Tait

Hosting Coffee Hour:

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:

Cynthia (Sally Edwards' sister-in-law), Dwight (Miller), Katie (Coleman), Leon (Denise Terry's brother-in-law), Lily (Madeleine Anderson's mother), Sally (Edwards), Tom (Linda Meyer's father)

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

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

L'Eglise de L'Epiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Stamford; St. Francis', Stamford; Those involved in the ministry in Christian Formation in parishes; church school & youth group directors, teachers, & mentors; for adult education leaders; Education for Ministry leaders and students & those who have been received into The Episcopal Church

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Anglican Church of Australia

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

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