

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 18, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist with Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations

September 8, 2019 10 A.M.

If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! After the service, please come to Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the 2nd floor) for food and fellowship. Please consider filling out a blue visitor information card (located in the pew rack). You can use the form to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting for you on the table just inside the main church entrance.

To follow along with the service you will need this service bulletin as well as *The Hymnal 1982* (the blue book in the pew rack).

Families with small children: Three seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the areas in front of the two front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Education for All Ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. on most Sundays during the academic year.

Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and St. Thomas's website. Sunday bulletins are posted on the website's Bulletin Archive. We aim to reduce printing by encouraging worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the order of service.

Restrooms for men and women are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each communion station; **non-alcoholic wine** is available from the chalice bearer at the center. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion hold out your hands, and the server will place bread in them. If you wish to receive wine, please sip it from the common cup, using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips.

Congratulations to today's Candidates for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation!

EGLISE ST. JEAN
AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
BRIDGEPORT

Candidates for Confirmation:

Carrington Millien
Clarence Daril Millien
Nathan Riley Morency

ST. THOMAS'S, NEW HAVEN

Candidates for Reception:

Greg Joseph D'Andrea
Alexandria Elizabeth Robison

Candidate for Reaffirmation:

Robert William Tait

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Andante religioso
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), Op. 65, No. 4 (1845)

INTROIT

Ich folge dir gleichfalls

Ich folge dir gleichfalls mit freudigen Schritten
und lasse dich nicht, mein Leben, mein Licht.
Befördere den Lauf und höre nicht auf,
selbst an mir zu ziehen, zu schieben, zu bitten!

I follow you likewise with happy steps
and do not leave you, my Life, my Light.
Pursue your journey, and don't stop,
continue to draw me on, to push me, to urge me!

Words: Anonymous Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), *St. John Passion*, BWV 245

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Take up your cross (675, *The Hymnal 1982*)

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND VERSICLES

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

SONG OF PRAISE

S-280, *The Hymnal 1982*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: 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.

- 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.

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

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 14:25-33

Priest: 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

All stand.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Each presenter says in turn

I present these Candidates for [Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation] from [name of church].

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates

I do.

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People

We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES AND FOR THE WORLD

Bishop

Let us now pray for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ, and for the welfare of the whole world.

Intercessor and People

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Unite your church and all your people. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of every nation and land. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and all its inhabitants. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us fulfill our baptismal promises through service to you. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deliver all who live in danger, sickness or need. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Hold the living and the dead in the communion of all your saints. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFIRMATIONS, RECEPTIONS, AND REAFFIRMATIONS

The Bishop lays hands upon each Candidate for Confirmation and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her/them* for your service; and sustain *him/her/them* all the days of *his/her/their* life. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each Candidate for Reception and says

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each Candidate for Reaffirmation and says

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop: 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. After the announcements, the People remain seated for the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thou knowest, Lord

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
 shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer;
 but spare us, Lord most holy,
 O God most mighty,

O holy and most merciful Savior,
 thou most worthy Judge eternal,
 suffer us not, at our last hour,
 for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Words: *Book of Common Prayer*, 1660 Music: Henry Purcell (1659–1695), from *Funeral Sentences*, Z. 860

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Ushers carry the gifts forward. The People follow and encircle the altar. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. Small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If you are unable to stand, you may sit in one of the chairs arranged near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain where you are.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

God the sculptor of the mountains (130, *My Heart Sings Out*)



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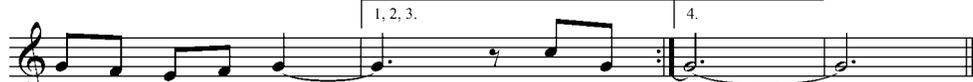
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THE HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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.

Bishop

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

S-129, *The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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. _____

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second and third staves contain triplets of eighth notes. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Bishop

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Bishop and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Bishop

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

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.
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

S-163, *The Hymnal 1982*

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.

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

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 each station; non-alcoholic wine is available from the chalice bearer at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O for the wings of a dove

O for the wings of a dove!
Far away would I rove!

In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there for ever at rest.

Words: Psalm 55:7-8 Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), *Hör mein Bitten*, 1844

After all have received communion, the People remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop: Let us pray.

Bishop and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

God of grace and God of glory (594, *The Hymnal 1982*)

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro con brio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), Op. 65, No. 4 (1845)

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Announcements

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

Today is Startup Sunday! And Bishop's Visitation with Confirmations/Receptions/Reaffirmations! We're glad to have Bishop Laura Ahrens with us for worship. Be sure to extend a special welcome to our friends from Elise St. Jean, some of whom will be confirmed today. Please stay for Coffee Hour, when we will grab some lunch and have a Q&A with Bishop Laura. **THANKS TO THE MANY WHO HELPED MAKE THIS A SPECIAL DAY.**

THANK YOU to NEW HAVEN FARMS for the flower donations for today and in recent weeks.

DIY Bible Study is Back! Join us Sundays at 9 a.m. for informal conversation about the Bible readings of the day. Meet in the Day School lobby.

Education programming for children and youth begins next Sunday, September 15.

Program year will begin on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15. We offer programs for young people, from pre-K through high school at 9 a.m. in the second floor classrooms. Everyone is welcome. Please come and sign up any Sunday! Questions? Contact Denise Terry (240-481-8537 or terry.df@gmail.com). There are three groups:

- KIDZONE – Grades Pre-K and K. Children will participate in play-based learning with a focus on the Golden Rule. Head teacher: Catherine Stricklan.
- GRAFFITI – Grades one through six. This group will study the life of Jesus Christ. Head Teacher: Denise Terry
- WE NEED A NAME – grades six through twelve. The curriculum for the Jr Hi/Hi will continue to follow the work that was established by Sara Misgen. Head teacher: Kyle Holton.

In addition:

- Education will also include a Children’s Service once every month, at which the parish youth will participate fully as lectors, ushers, and preachers.
- Once each month we will offer an opportunity for all ages to work together in the arts and in outreach.
- Thank you to Jennifer Regan, Amy Sheehan, Elsa Ward and Alisa D’Andrea, who will assist in the classrooms and beyond.

Fall Coffee Hour. Fall Coffee Hour hosting signups have begun. Please use the link in the Enews to choose your Sunday to host. Unfilled spots will be populated by the parish office after September 8. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

Derek Stefanovsky’s Ordination to the Priesthood: Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Darien, CT. All are invited!

Safe Church Training, HERE at St. Thomas's: Monday, October 7, 6:30 p.m We are hosting Safe Church training to make it easy for St. Thomas's folks to attend. If you've had it before but it's been more than three years, it's time for a repeat. Use the links in the Enews for more info or to sign up. **Remember, Safe Church training is REQUIRED for all who work with children and youth, all pastoral visitors, and all Vestry members, and it is recommended for everyone in parish leadership. It won't get any easier than this! Please sign up!!!!**

Update on Dorothy. Dorothy is still at Whitney Manor (2798 Whitney Avenue, Hamden 06518). Please consider staying in touch with visits, cards, or calls.

Sunday School Outreach. The Sunday School has been collecting coins for the Malawi Orphan Feeding Program. Keep those coin jars handy and start filling them up again. Thank you!

Loaves & Fishes: Through the summer, please bring **CANNED VEGETABLES** and **BODY SOAP**.

Our Little Free Library always needs books. Just pop them in yourself.

For more information and announcements, see our website and last week’s Weekly Parish Enews.

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens
Assisting Clergy: The Rev. Keri Aubert, The Rev. Jakki Flanagan, The Rev. Yves Joseph
Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Noah Horn
Eucharistic Minister: Chris Martinez
Bishop's Chaplain: Madison Thompson
Thurifer: Michael Dunlap
Lead Crucifer: Sally Edwards
Torchbearers: Ricardo Chavira, Kyle Holton
Clergy Crucifer: Adam Hagens
Lectors: Samuel Ernest, Wilky Millien
Intercessor: Bob Herdt
Sacristans: Kyle Holton & Kids
Ushers: Claire Scully & Alexandria Robison
Counters: Erika Nemeti, Diana Empsall
Flowers: Sally Edwards
Coffee Hour Hosts: Jennifer Herdt & Jan Hagens, Lorna & Bob Herdt

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
Bonnie, Dorothy, Drew, Dwight, Franklin, Greg, Imane, John, Katie, Marion

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 of education for Christian formation in parishes; church school and youth group directors, teachers, and mentors; for adult education leaders

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

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