

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 16) – YEAR C Holy Eucharist

August 21, 2016

10:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

Dolce (from *Symphonie IV*)

C.M. Widor (1844-1937)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Holy Father, great Creator
Hymn 368 (*Regent Square*)

Descant

4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na-tion let thy won-drous

1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,
2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, Come with unc - tion
4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won-drous

mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,
hosts pro-claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,
from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire,
mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,
 clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,
 meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,
 fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,
 ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,
 great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.
 heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior hear and bless.
 dear Re - deem - er, in our hearts thy peace pro - claim.
 Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love.
 great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 71:1-6 (*said by all*)

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



All: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, _____ al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life. *1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 13:10-17

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant

because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Please add your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Celebrant

Father of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. Let Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Priest

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Priest and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements.

During the Offertory Hymn, the People gather around the altar for Communion by following the ushers in procession up the center aisle. You are encouraged to position children where they can see, and small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If you are unable to stand, you may sit in one of the chairs arranged near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain in your seat.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken
Hymn 523 (*Abbot's Leigh*)

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 5

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Celebrant

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

WLP 858

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes".

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Turn thy face from my sins T. Attwood (1765-1838)

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Text: Psalm 51:9-11

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

People: And your faithful servants bless you.

Celebrant and People

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might
Hymn 521 (*Chelsea Square*)

Descant

4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

1 Put forth, O God, thy Spi - rit's might and
2 Let works of dark - ness dis - ap - pear be -
3 Let what a - pos - tles learned of thee be
4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

bid thy Church in - crease, in breadth and length, in
fore thy con - quering light; let ha - tred and tor -
ours from age to age; their stead - fast faith our
Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

ter - nal life, to serve thee, to reign.
depth and height, her u - ni - ty and peace.
ment - ing fear pass with the pass - ing night.
u - ni - ty, their peace our her - it - age.
ter - nal life, to serve thee is to reign.

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Choral Song

S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Julie Kelsey
Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Jakki Flanagan
Organist and Choirmaster: Simon Jacobs
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dunlap
Crucifer: Ricardo Chavira
Acolyte: Chris Martinez, Ozan Say
Lectors: David Kelsey
Intercessor: Claire Scully
Sacristans: Jennifer & Michael Fournier
Ushers/Greeters: Drew McDermott, Mel Thompson

Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Bill, Bob, Carly, Donna, Ginny, Jane, Jonathan, Kathy, Katie, Kim, Lee, Marij, Marilyn, Norma, Phil, Suzanne

In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Chandler Ricker, Charlotte, Audrey and Nora; Chris Ritacco, Rachel Ritacco, and Sylvia

Pray for those who have died, especially:

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments; Students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries; the Committee on Higher Education

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
The Anglican Church of South America; The Most Revd Hector Zavala Muñoz Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Chile

Prayer for all Christians in their vocation
(Book of Common Prayer, p. 256)
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 member of your holy church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one god, now and for ever. Amen.

Church Leadership

The Rev. Keri Aubert—Priest-in-Charge
Simon Jacobs—Director of Music and Organist
Julie Kelly—Administrator, Parish and Property

Officers and Vestry

Ricardo Chavira (Senior Warden)
Mark Branch (Junior Warden)
Alexander Scherer (Treasurer)
Sarah Insley-Say (Clerk)
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Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)
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Michael Fournier
Daniel Harrison
Jennifer Herdt
The Rev. Julie Kelsey
Chris Martinez
Erika Nemeti
Jennifer Regan
Christopher Ritacco

Associate Priests

The Rev. Dexter Cheney
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan
The Rev. Julie Kelsey
The Rev. Bill Loutrel
The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp
The Rev. Lee McGee Street
The Rev. Dr. Parke Street
The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

Ministry Coordinators

Dr. Dorothy Asch— Volunteer Lay Assistant
Jennifer Ricker— Children and Youth Ministries
Jennifer Herdt, David Kelsey— Adult Formation

Day School Leadership

Gina Panza—Head of School
Eric Gregory Snow—Chaplain

Board of Managers

Gina Panza—Head of School
The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.
Jennifer McTiernan (Chair & Parish Rep)
Jonathan Macey (Vice-Chair & PTO Rep)
Tracey Meares (Treasurer & Member of the Parish)
Gina Criscuolo (Secretary & PTO Rep)
Mark Branch (Warden Rep)
Frank Chang (Community Rep)
The Rev. K. Dexter Cheney (Parish Rep)
Lois DeLise (Community Rep)
Don Edwards (Parish Rep)
John Forrest (Alumni Rep)
Michael Fournier (Vestry Rep)
Greg Mokotoff (PTO Rep)
Kenneth Paul (Community Rep)
Kathryn Scherer (Parish Rep)

Announcements

For more calendar highlights, visit www.stthomasnewhaven.org and www.musicatstthomas.org.

Start-Up Sunday is September 11! The day will include the return of our Adult Choir, a special celebration after church, and a 5 p.m. service of choral evensong. Sunday School begins the following Sunday, September 18.

Sing at St. Thomas's: Rehearsals begin soon! Now is a great time to consider joining the Adult Choir or enrolling your child in Choristers (junior choir for ages 7 and up). Our choirs are talented and fun. For more information, contact Simon Jacobs.

Welcome: New Day School Chaplain Eric Gregory Snow. This week we welcomed Eric Gregory Snow as St. Thomas's new Day School Chaplain. Eric is a full-time staffer, filling the roles of both Chaplain and Tech Integrator. Check out Eric's full bio on our website.

Celebration of the Spirit: Sunday of Convention. The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) is doing something wonderful and different on the Sunday of Convention this year—a massive worship service in the Convention Center in Hartford, open to all, with the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, preaching. **You are invited!** Please register on the ECCT website before all the seats are filled. *If you have already registered for Convention then you do not need to register again for the Celebration of the Spirit.*

Sunday Bulletins. If you haven't noticed, there is now a Sunday bulletin archive on our website. On Thursday afternoon, the office generally posts the bulletin for the coming Sunday. Please consider using your tablet (or smartphone, if you have good eyesight) to read the bulletin during the Sunday service - if enough people participate, we can reduce the number of printed bulletins.

Ecumenical Focus on Prayer for Creation. Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox Christians are being asked to join in the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1, and to use the following month, leading up to the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October, as a Season of Creation.

Today's Eucharistic Prayer...

...is from the Alternative Service Book of the Anglican Church of Canada. The Prayers of the People and Post-Communion Prayer are also from that source.

New St. Thomas's Parish Website!

Our new church website has been launched, at the same URL as before: www.stthomasnewhaven.org. It is not complete, but we're on our way. Because this is the time of year when a lot of people move into the area, we tried to make it easy to find information of interest to newcomers and visitors. Note that the website now includes archives for Sunday sermons (text and audio), Sunday bulletins, and the Parish Enews.

Save the Date: Bishop's Visitation October 9

St. Thomas's official Bishop's Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, October 9. Bishop Ian Douglas will preside and preach at our usual 10 a.m. service. After worship, he will enjoy fellowship with the congregation and then meet for conversation with the Vestry. (Remember, this is rescheduled from our original February date, which Bishop Ian had to cancel due to illness.)



Electronic Giving. You can give online via the St. Thomas's website or by scanning the QR code at left. If you do so using a credit card, the Church pays a small fee. If you do so using a debit card, there is no fee. Also, if you use online banking, you can always set up automatic pledge payments. There is no fee to the Church if you use this option.

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If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! Thank you for attending worship at St. Thomas's. Please consider returning the information slip below, signing the guest register near the main entry, and introducing yourself to a clergy person or usher. After the service, you are invited to join the congregation for Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

Families with children: On most Sundays during the school year, Sunday School is offered for children from pre-K through grade 8. All children are invited to attend. On three Sundays a month, Sunday School takes place during the service; on one Sunday a month, it follows the service. On any given Sunday, the bulletin announcements and worship instructions provide additional information.

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

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

There are usually two stations (located at the front corners of the altar) where you may receive Holy Communion. **Gluten-free bread** is available at both stations. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference in orientation will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands; they will place it on your tongue if that is your practice. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. Some people 'intinct' (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish

Name _____
Address _____
E-mail & Phone _____

I would like to:

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