



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 16, YEAR B

Service of Holy Eucharist

August 26, 2018 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. Though other churches make the claim, ours really is the Best Coffee Hour in Connecticut. Please consider filling out a blue visitor information card (found in your pew rack). You can request a name tag using the form in the pew rack or the sheet at the entrance. Next Sunday your new name tag will be waiting for you on the table in the foyer inside the main church entrance.

To follow along with the service you need this service bulletin as well as two books in the pew rack: *The Book of Common Prayer* (RED) and *The Hymnal 1982* (BLUE).

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. We are currently on hiatus for the summer.

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)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

For the celebration of Holy Eucharist, the People gather around the altar. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion at our common table.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Instructions for Holy Communion will be given during the announcements. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the single server 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.

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & DAY SCHOOL

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The People gather in prayerful silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata no. 31 in C major
Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 518: Christ is made the sure foundation, *The Hymnal 1982*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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

1 KINGS 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 84 (*said by all*)

Page 707, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 339: Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness *The Hymnal 1982*

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 6:56-69

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Presider: 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

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 WITH CONFESSION, FORM IV

Page 392, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE PEACE

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*At the beginning of the **Offertory Hymn**, the People remain seated while the Ushers take the collection. When the Ushers carry the gifts forward, the People rise, follow, and encircle the altar for the Eucharistic prayer. 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

Hymn 304, *The Hymnal 1982*

Unison or harmony

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1918)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer*

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 325: Let us break bread together on our knees, *The Hymnal 1982*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE BLESSING

Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer*

FINAL HYMN

Hymn 525: The church's one foundation, *The Hymnal 1982*

DISMISSAL

Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C major, BuxWV 174
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



Memorial and Honorific Gifts

Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and "like" St. Thomas's on Facebook.

Today we welcome new Music Director Noah Horn and thank Interim Gabriel Simerson.

Abbreviated service bulletin for worship through Labor Day. You will need the service bulletin as well as two books in the pew rack: *The Book of Common Prayer* (RED) and *The Hymnal 1982* (BLUE).

Startup Sunday is September 9! Look for the Choir and a special "mixer" during Coffee Hour. There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, but at there will be **a meeting of Sunday School Leaders with Parents of children age 2 through grade 5, at 9 a.m. in the Lounge.** Education for all ages returns at 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 16.

Parish Potluck: Friday, September 14, 6 p.m. Come to the Lounge for the first potluck social of the season.

The next "regular" date for baptism is All Saints, Sunday, November 4. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, contact Keri.

Parish Directory Updates. Please let us Julie know of any address and contact information updates. Thank you!

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

FALL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September 5: Day School First Day of Classes

Opening Day Chapel and Dedication of the Playgrounds at 8:30 a.m.

September 9: Startup Sunday

- Before worship: At **9 a.m.**, there will be a meeting of all parents of children from age 2 through grade 5. CHILDCARE will be provided in the gym, beginning at 8:45, so that the meeting can start ON TIME.
- During worship: Our wonderful Choir will be back, along with a full complement of altar servers.
- After worship: Come to a festive Coffee Hour celebrating our common life.

Saturday, September 14: New Haven Pride

St. Thomas's will have a booth at the **Street Fair from 4 to 8 p.m.**
And we're co-sponsors of the **Interfaith Worship at 6:30 p.m.**

Sunday September 15: Pride Sunday and more

- Education for all ages returns at 9 a.m.
- During Coffee Hour, we will bid farewell to longtime Associate Priest the Rev. Bill Loutrel

Sunday, September 23: Three-Choirs Evensong, Christ Church, New Haven, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 14: Day School Sunday

Friday & Saturday, October 26 & 27: Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Saturday, November 3: Holy Eucharist with Confirmations, 10 a.m., Bishop Ian Douglas Presiding
Bishop Ian will be here at St. Thomas's for a service of confirmation, offered to all the churches in the region.
Please come and support our inquirers.

Sunday, November 4: All Saints Sunday

Sunday, December 2: First Sunday of Advent

Serving Today

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Organist: Dr. Noah Horn
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dunlap
Crucifer: Chris Martinez
Lectors: Constance Cahill, Don Edwards
Intercessor: Dawn Lorentson
Chalice: Sally Edwards
Sacristans: Judy & Madison Thompson
Ushers: Gary Robison, Mary Ann Nelson
Vestry Host: Diana Empsall
Counters: Diana Empsall, Don Edwards
Coffee Hour Hosts:

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Dorothy, Drew, Greg, Katie, Lee, Luann, Parke

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Chandler Riker, Charlotte, Audrey, Nora, Chris & Rachel Ritacco, Sylvia, Oliver

In the Diocesan 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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Church Officers and Vestry
Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)
Don Edwards (Junior Warden)
Diana Empsall (Treasurer)
Martha Deeds Hogan (Clerk)
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)
Constance Cahill
Daniel Harrison
Dawn Lorentson
Chris Martinez
Jennifer Regan
Alexandria Robison
Kate Schilling
The Rev. Keri Aubert (Priest-in-Charge)

Church (Volunteer) 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

Church Ministry Coordinator
Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

Day School Board of Trustees
Gina Panza—Head of School
The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.
Gina Criscuolo (Chair)
Frank Chang (Vice-Chair)
Tracey Meares (Treasurer)
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