

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 18, YEAR A)

Service of Morning Prayer

September 6, 2020 10 A.M.

VOLUNTARY

Sonata in C major

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791), KV 330, 1783

HYMN

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (376, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - lect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;
giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant

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

THE CONFESSION

Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [*Silence is kept.*]

Officiant and People

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

Officiant

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

THE INVITATORY

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

JUBILATE

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

PSALM 149

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
 - 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
 - 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
 - 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
 - 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
 - 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
 - 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
 - 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
 - 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and

you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 19

The Song of the Redeemed

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

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

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

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

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

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

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

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

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

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

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

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

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

Officiant

(The Collect of the Day) 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.**

(A Collect for Grace) Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The Officiant will add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People

Almighty God,

you have given us grace at this time with one accord

to make our common supplication to you;

and you have promised through your well-beloved Son

that when two or three are gathered together in his Name

you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;

granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,

and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love (74, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

The image shows the first line of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 6/8 time and G major. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics underneath: 'Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a bass line.

Fine

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you._____

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh - bors are rich_____ and poor, neigh - bors are black_____ and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D.C.

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave_____ to them._____
 2. white, neigh - bors are near_____ and far_____ a - way._____
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us_____ and you._____
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live_____ with you._____
 5. feet, this is the way we should live_____ with you._____

DISMISSAL AND CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

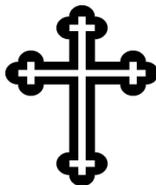
Officiant

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

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



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Announcements

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

Tomorrow is Labor Day! We hope you are able to enjoy the long weekend and these last days of summer.

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

Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew. The Bible study group is taking a couple of weeks off, after which we will delve into the Gospel of Matthew. Details to come.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation Group. We’re considering doing a deeper dive into the theology of James Cone. Details to come.

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

Serving Today

Officiant: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Musician: Dr. Noah Horn

Lectors: Jenny Chavira, Bob Herdt

This Week’s Prayer Intentions

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

Pray for those who have died, especially:
Marvin Alfred Hudson (brother-in-law of Gary Robison)

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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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

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