

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 19, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

September 11, 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.

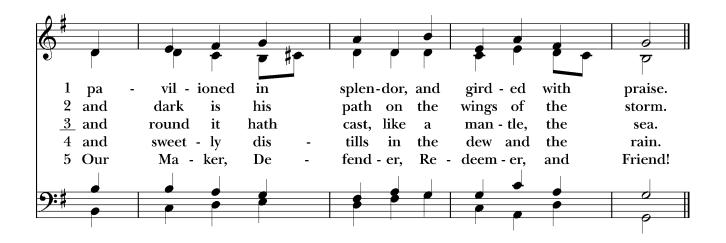
Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the 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

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

O worship the King, all glorious above! (388, The Hymnal 1982) **HYMN** 1 \mathbf{O} wor - ship the King, all glo - rious bove! O tell of his might! \mathbf{O} grace! sing of his 3_ The earth, with store its of won ders un told, Thy boun - ti cite? ful care, what tongue can re 5 Frail chil - dren of and fee ble frail, dust, as O grate - ful ly sing his power and his love! Whose robe is the light, whose can - o py space. _3_ Al might - y, thy hath found - ed old, power of 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; 5 in find thee fail; thee do trust, nor we to Our shield and de fend - er, the An - cient of Days, His char - iots wrath the thun - der - clouds 2 of deep form, 3 stab - lished change - less hath it fast by a de cree, 4 streams from the hills, it de scends the plain, it to 5 ten - der! firm end! thy mer - cies, how how the to



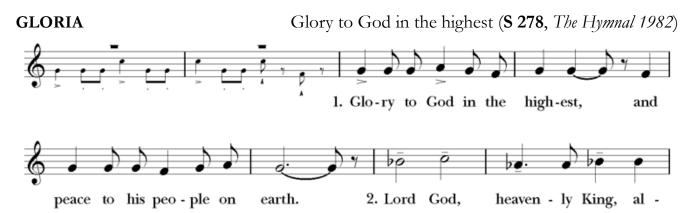
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF A CHURCH

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the 175th anniversary of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 4:11-12,22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish, they do not know me;

they are stupid children,

they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,

but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black;

for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
 All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
 there is none who does any good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the LORD is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

All stand.



THE GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-10

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we have become part of that great fellowship of believers in all times and places: the communion of saints. In baptism God has adopted us as children and made us members of Christ's body and inheritors of God's kingdom with the saints in light. Let us now renew the vows of our baptism by which God has made us a holy people.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: 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.

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and

integrity of all creation?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

A LITANY FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH The 2018 Book of Occasional Services

Presider

Today we formally launch our celebration of the 175th anniversary of St. Thomas's Church, which arrives on Easter Sunday. In gratitude for the gifts we have inherited and the gifts we bring, we begin by centering ourselves with one another and in God. Therefore let us pray for the mission of the Church, as it is located both here on this beautiful corner of New Haven and throughout our creator's glorious world.

Intercessor and People

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being, Have mercy on us.

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father, Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God, Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity, Have mercy on us.

From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love, Savior, deliver us.

From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion, Savior, deliver us.

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness, **Savior**, **deliver us**.

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel, **Savior**, **deliver us**.

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation. Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Presider

Christ Jesus, you go before and behind us, you are our light and our shield; guide our path, be our clear sight, lift us up in your Gospel joy, and bless the work we do in your name and honor, for you are our beloved, and our life made new. **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 the **Offertory Anthem**, during which 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 <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Thank you!

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

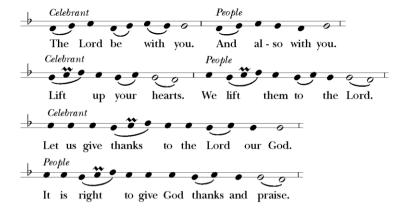
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake

to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

Words: Lidley's Prayers, 1566 Music: Richard Farrant (c1525–1580)

THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A



Presider

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:





Presider

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

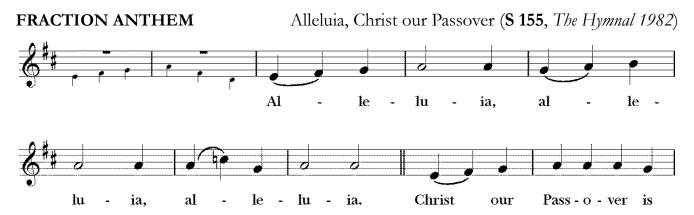
You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Schafe können sicher weiden

Schafe können sicher weiden, wo ein guter Hirte wacht.

Wo Regenten wohl regieren, kann man Ruh und Friede spüren und was Länder glücklich macht. Sheep can graze securely where a good shepherd watches.

Where rulers govern well quiet and peace can be experienced and all that makes countries happy.

Words: Salomon Franck (1659-1725) Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), Was mir behagt (1713), BWV 208

After all have received communion, all stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider: | The Presider blesses the People.]

People: Amen.

HYMN Immortal, invisible, God only wise (423, *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

Prelude in C major

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 545

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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.

It's Startup Sunday! We're kicking off our 175th anniversary celebration today. Welcome back, Choir! For the next four Sundays we'll celebrate the Season of Creation.

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 <u>Julie</u> with your address and contact updates for the fall Parish Directory.

Loaves & Fishes Seeks Donations of Clothing. Drop you donations off at St. Thomas's on Sundays.

ST. THOMAS'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY STARTS NOW!

COMMUNITY COFFEE HOURS:

- On Sundays September 11 and 18, St. Thomas's will offer food and activities in our parking lot from noon until 2 pm. 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
- 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.
- Sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba9af22abfdc52-175th

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.
- The planned anniversary concert scheduled for September 25 at 4pm is being postponed until later in the year—stay tuned!

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

THE ALTAR:

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



Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn Eucharistic Minister: Ben Schager

Crucifer: Lucy Sheehan

Lector: Intercessor:

Sacristan: Madeleine Anderson

Usher:

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:

St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; The Province of New England: the Dioceses of CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT, and Western MA; their bishops, clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and congregations; Provincial Synod; Provincial Networks

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Church of Bangladesh

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

Ghana, Nigeria

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