



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 20, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

September 22, 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* (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.

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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Quatuor
Louis Marchand (1669–1732)

INTROIT

When David heard

When David heard that Absalon was slain,
he went up to his chamber over the gate,
and wept; and thus he said:

"O my son Absalon,
would God I had died for thee,
O Absalon, my son."

Words: 2 Samuel 18:33 Music: Thomas Weelkes (1576–1623)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (390, *The Hymnal 1982*)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

Presider and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

S-280, *The Hymnal 1982*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 79:1-9 (*sung by the Choir*)

Charles Villiers Stanford

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.

- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
 an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
 and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
 for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
 deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Jesus calls us (549, *The Hymnal 1982*)

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 16:1-13

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

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

Presider

We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. With multiplicity of gifts and unity of purpose, let us pray for the church and for the world, responding to, "Christ, hear us," with "Christ, graciously hear us."

Intercessor and People

For all ministers of your church, that they may faithfully follow where you lead. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For all leaders in government and business, that they may serve justice and peace. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For all people of every land, that compassion for one another will draw us together as one human family. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For your children of every race and ethnicity, that they may grow to the full flowering of their gifts. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For your creation, that its beauty and bounty may endure from age to age. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For the members of this congregation, that we discern your call to us as individuals and as a community. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For those whose lives are marred by violence, that they may know safety and security. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For the poor, for prisoners, and for refugees, that they may not be forgotten. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For the sick and the dying, and for their caregivers, that they may be comforted. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For those who have died, that they may find eternal rest in you. Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For [_____], and for the concerns that we now offer before you, either silently or aloud. [*Silence is kept.*]

Presider

Holy God, we give you thanks for gathering us in faith, and for equipping us for ministry in the name of your Christ. Graciously hear the prayers that we offer through him, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Presider

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

Presider 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.

Presider

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

THE PEACE

Presider: 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

O praise the Lord

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen,
praise him, all ye nations:
for his merciful kindness

is evermore and more towards us.
And the truth of the Lord
endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Words: Psalm 117 Music: Adrian Batten (1591–1637)

*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

There is a balm in Gilead (203, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the lyrics: "There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed". The second system contains the lyrics: "whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, And_ think my work's in vain, — But —
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can
 3. Don't_ ev - er be dis - cour - aged For_ Je - sus is your friend, — And —

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. —
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. —
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. —

D.C.

THE HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

Here a proper preface is sung or said.

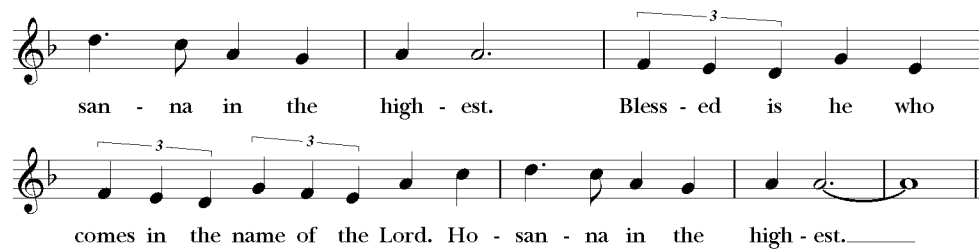
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 -



Presider

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,

Presider and People

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

Presider

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider 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.

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

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. 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

Like as the hart

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God,
yea, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear

before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me,
Where is now thy God?

Words: Psalm 42:1-3 Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983), 1941

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

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider 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

Presider

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

God himself is with us (475, *The Hymnal* 1982)

DISMISSAL

Presider: *[The Presider dismisses the People.]*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Plein jeu
Louis Marchand (1669–1732)

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Announcements

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

Music for this Sunday. The choir will sing the classic anthem by Howells, “Like as the hart” and a motet by Adrian Batten on “O praise the Lord,” and the Schola Antiqua will sing “When David heard” by Weelkes. The organ music will be by Louis Marchand; the postlude contains double-pedal activity throughout, and the prelude requires the organist to play on three keyboards at the same time, involving lots of hand-stretching. Marchand is famous for challenging Bach to a harpsichord contest, but when Bach accepted and was about to arrive, Marchand fled before Bach reached the city.

Dorothy Asch’s memorial service will be a part of next Sunday’s regular worship service. Immediately afterward, her ashes will be interred in the memorial garden. Celebrating a burial liturgy during Sunday worship, while still rare, is particularly fitting for someone like Dorothy. We hope you can make it.

Congratulations to Derek Stefanovsky, who was ordained to the priesthood yesterday at St. Luke’s, Darien, where he is serving as Assistant Rector. He and Katherine will be back next Sunday to help us celebrate Dorothy.

Education for all ages has begun! Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. See the Enews for details.

Season of Racial Reconciliation and Justice - Book Club and Discussion Group. As part of St. Thomas's participation in the Season of Racial Justice and Reconciliation, we are putting together a book club and discussion group. We will meet once a month to gain insight on how we can confront problems of racism in our society, community, and ourselves. We invite parishioners and friends to join us. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:30 in the lounge. Our main text will be Ijeoma Oluo's book, *So You Want to Talk About Race* We have tried to select an accessible but challenging read for our first book, which focuses on how to have the kinds of conversations we hope to have in the future. We will also be considering Kevin Young's poem, "Hank Aaron," found in his new collection of poetry, *Brown*. Check out the video links in this week's Enews.

Hymnal for Worship. To make our bulletin production easier (and use less paper), we will continue to use The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book in the pew racks) during worship. Remember, the "service music" (hymns with a number beginning with "S-") is at the beginning of the book. This includes the Gloria. If you're an old hand at this, please offer assistance to those who need it.

Three-Choir Evensong: Sunday, September 29, 5 p.m., Christ Church Episcopal, 84 Broadway, New Haven This special service will feature the choirs of St. Thomas’s, Trinity on the Green, and Christ Church. Come support our parishioners and choir in their work to create beautiful music for the New Haven area. Music includes the “Collegium Regale” service by Howells, Dering's “Factum est silentium”, and plenty more.

Enews Submissions. We would like to start sending the Enews on Wednesdays. Please submit your blurbs for the Enews to both Keri and Julie, by 9 a.m. on Wednesday (and sooner is always better). Thank you!

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!!!!**

Loaves & Fishes: For September, please bring **CANNED VEGETABLES** and **BODY SOAP**.

Save the Date: St. Thomas's Day School Open House: Sunday, November 3, 2-4 p.m.

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 Rev. Keri Aubert
Choir Director & Organist: Dr. Noah Horn
Eucharistic Minister: Kyle Holton
Crucifers: Chris Martinez, Brian Scully
Chalice:
Lectors: Jennifer Herdt, Jenny Chavira
Intercessor: Claire Scully
Vestry Host:
Sacristans: Claire Scully & Kids
Ushers: Greg D'Andrea, Gail Curran, Katie Coleman
Counters:
Coffee Hour Hosts: Jenny & Ricardo Chavira, Chris Martinez

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
Bonnie, Drew, Dwight, Franklin, John

Pray for those who have died, especially:
Dorothy Asch, Rosario Gonzalez (grandfather of Ricardo Chavira)

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Trinity, Torrington; Children and Children's ministries; Rhythms of Grace, Grace2Go, and other ministries for children with special needs

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

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:
Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

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