ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEASON OF CREATION (YEAR C, WEEK 1): OCEAN SUNDAY

Service of Holy Eucharist

September 18, 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.

SEASON OF CREATION

Christians around the world have begun to recognize the period from September 1 (the Global Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to October 4 (St. Francis of Assisi Day) annually as **Creationtide** or the **Season of Creation**. Anglican, Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox Christians observe this time as one for prayer and action on behalf of the natural environment. The Season of Creation website is at www.seasonofcreation.org. Information about The Episcopal Church and Creation Care may be found at www.episcopalchurch.org/creation-care.

The Season of Creation website offers this: "The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation."

St. Thomas's is recognizing the Season of Creation on the four Sundays from September 18 through October 9. Our liturgy includes special elements from a variety of sources. The readings are those suggested by *The Season of Creation: A Preaching Commentary.* For Year C, the readings are "the Wisdom series," and the four Sundays are, in order: Ocean Sunday, Fauna Sunday, Storm Sunday, and Cosmos Sunday. These readings "include those texts where Wisdom is the designing force behind creation and the impulse that enables the parts of creation to fulfil their roles."

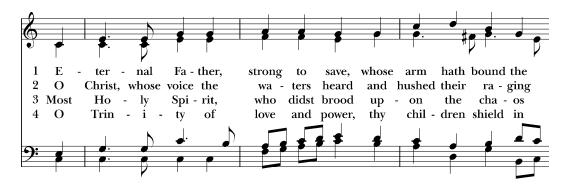
VOLUNTARY Nautilus

Edward MacDowell (1860–1908), Sea Pieces, Op. 55, No. 7

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

HYMN

Eternal Father, strong to save (608, The Hymnal 1982)





OPENING ACCLAMATION ['Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation and Various Rites and Prayer for Animals," the Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music]

Presider: Blessed be the God of all creation.

People: And blessed be God's Holy Name for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP [Hildegard of Bingen, in "2020 Celebration Guide," a Season of Creation resource]

Presider

We gather in the Name of the one Triune God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all its creatures! Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in us all.





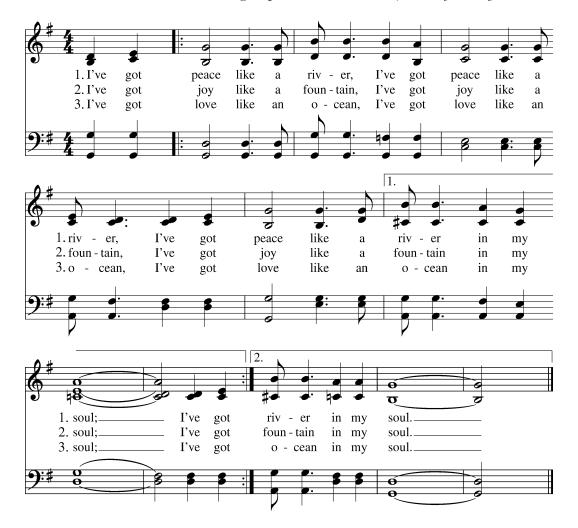
SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water—the waters on the earth, and under the earth, the water above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's water, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us; through Jesus Christ, source of living water. **Amen.** [The 2018 Book of Occasional Services]



THE GOSPEL LUKE 5:1-11

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be

catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

CREATION PAGEANT

After the pageant, all remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[The Rev. Kay Sylvester, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Tustin, CA]

Presider and People

Holy One, root of all life, Spirit of Creation, the Love that spreads the stars across the sky:

Yours is the ground on which we stand.

Yours are the hands that fashioned us.

Your Spirit is the wind that lifts us,

You are the thirst-quenching river of life.

In Jesus, we see a life lived in you and for you.

We affirm our desire to follow him,

to step gently in the world,

to love what you love,

to shine light in dark places

and bring your future

of justice and peace into being.

Through the gift of your Spirit,

empower us to love the world with your love;

to look deeply at our waste and abuse of Creation;

to repent of our divisions, harsh thoughts, and selfish actions;

to cherish each creature, every mountain, all the waters,

the shining deserts, the woods green and deep,

and to see ourselves as part of the

immense, connected web of life

that reflects your grace and love.

We honor you and praise you, Creator God, today and evermore. Alleluia! Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ['Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation and Various Rites and Prayer for Animals," the Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music]

Intercessor and People

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

In the beginning, God was.

Here and now, God is.

In the future, God will be.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us, that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth; and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer**.

Good Shepherd of these your sheep, hear the prayers of praise, celebrations, and concern that we now offer in the stillness of our hearts. [Silence is kept.]

Presider

Eternal God, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN ['Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation and Various Rites and Prayer for Animals," the Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music]

Presider

Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation. [Silence is kept.]

Presider and People

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.

We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.

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

Deep river

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast, That promised land where all is peace?

Words: Traditional Music: Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949), 1917

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: SPECIAL FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

[The Rev. Kay Sylvester, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Tustin, CA]

Presider: God dwells in you.
People: And also in you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift our hearts to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

Presider

Creating God, in the beginning, you spoke the world into being. You said, "let there be light," and there was light enough to illuminate every darkness. You formed galaxies of stars and the microscopic world of the atom; You ordered the universe and brought majesty and purpose from chaos. Amid the shining stars you placed the sweet green earth. At your command, the earth brought forth the multitude of living things, and you breathed your spirit into all of us.

We praise you together with every creature, small and great, to sing in joyful harmony:

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy:

God of mercy, giver of life:

Glory to you, maker of all that is living;

Let the birds of the air sing your glory.

Let the creatures of the deep sing your glory.

Let the dwellers of the earth sing your glory.

Alleuia! Alleuia! Alleluia!

Presider

Gracious God, when we had forgotten who we are, you sent Jesus to live among us. He spoke to us of the lilies of the field, of your care for the sparrow, of planting and harvest, of the simple life of love and service. He proclaimed your love that turns the world upside down, and brought healing to the damaged world through his life, his death, and his rising again.

On the night before he died, he sat at table with his friends. He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This bread is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he lifted the cup and said, "This is my blood, given for you. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." We remember him now and his promise of new life:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death; Rising, you restore our life. Let your kingdom come among us.

Presider

God of love, let your Spirit rest upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, so that we may be nourished by your grace and fed to do love's work.

Presider: We pray because of Jesus, **People:** Who shows us the way;

Presider: We pray in the strength of the Holy Spirit, **People:** Who binds us to one another and to you;

Presider: We pray to you, Creator of everything that is,

People: Here and everywhere, now and forever. 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,

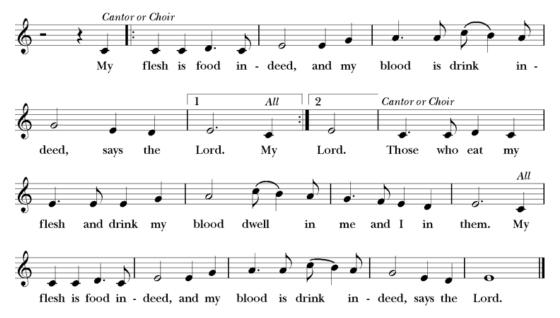
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

My flesh is food indeed (S 169, The Hymnal 1982)



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

Panis angelicus

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum dat panis coelicus figuris terminum o res mirabilis manducat Dominum pauper servus et humilis. The bread of angels becomes the bread of people, the heavenly bread gives an end to earthly forms. O wondrous sacrament: feeding on their Lord are the poor, the slave, and the humble person.

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) Music: César Franck (1822–1890), Mass, Op. 12 (1872)

After all have received communion, all stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER [Enriching Our Worship 2]

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

Faithful God,

in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING ["2021 Celebration Guide," a Season of Creation resource]

Presider

May God who established the dance of creation, who marvelled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to reflect God's glory in creation.

And may God's blessing be upon you, now and always. **Amen.**



DISMISSAL

Presider: [The Presider dismisses the People.]

People: Thanks be to God.

You may be seated for the voluntary or exit the church.

VOLUNTARY

Waves of the Ocean Charles Dupee Blake (1847–1903), ICB 30

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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.

Sunday in the Park, Edgerton Park, TODAY, 11-3. Edgerton Park's annual Sunday in the Park is this Sunday. St. Thomas's Church will have a bake sale in our parking lot from noon to 2. Among goings-on inside the park, St. Thomas's Day School will have a table and Young Adult Episcopalians of Greater New Haven will host a portable labyrinth. (Thanks to Madeleine Anderson for leading the YAE labyrinth effort.) Drop by if you can!

The Rev. Meg Stapleton Smith Called to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Bethel, CT. The Rev. Meg Stapleton Smith was called to be a missional curate at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Bethel, CT. Her first Sunday was September 4. In addition to serving quarter-time in Bethel, Meg also accepted a new full-time position as a Lecturer in Theology & Ethics at Fordham University. This semester she'll be teaching Faith & Critical Reason, Church in Controversy, and Introduction to Bioethics. Remember, St. Thomas's was Meg's sponsoring congregation as she discerned her call to holy orders. She was ordained a deacon in June and should be ordained a priest this winter.

The Rev. Jill Morrison Called to Christ Church Quaker Farms, Oxford, CT. The Rev. Jill Morrison was called to Christ Church Quaker Farms in Oxford, CT, as quarter-time missional curate. Her first Sunday was September 11. Jill will continue her half-time position as chaplain of St. Thomas's Day School. She, too, was ordained a deacon in June and should be ordained a priest this winter.

Coffee Hour Hosting. Visit this link to sign up: 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.

Serving on Sundays. Our hope is that everyone contributes to our common life by serving in some way on Sunday mornings. If you aren't already serving in some capacity, please ponder whether you might be called to the ministry of usher, sacristan, Eucharistic minister, lector or choir member. To volunteer, contact Keri. Email Keri or contact another ministry leader to learn more or volunteer.

ST. THOMAS'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY STARTS NOW!

COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUR:

- Today, September 18, St. Thomas's will offer food and activities in our parking lot from noon until 2 pm., during "Sunday in the Park" at Edgerton.
- 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.

THE CHOIR:

- **September 11:** The choir is singing! 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!

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: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Organist: Jill Brunelle
Eucharistic Minister:
Lector: Jennifer Herdt
Intercessor: Claire Scully
Sacristan: Claire Scully
Usher: Claire Scully
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:

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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

Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

Leadership at St. Thomas's

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