



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 21, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist and Celebration of the Life of Dr. E. Dorothy Asch

September 29, 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 all you need is this service bulletin.

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.

ABOUT TODAY'S LITURGY

Today's liturgy is a departure from our usual Sunday celebration: it includes the burial rites offered for our sister in Christ, Dr. E. Dorothy Asch. The intent is to celebrate Dorothy's life within the fullness of our gathered community. There is no need for anyone (including children) to behave differently than is our usual practice.

According to the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*, "The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'" For this reason, we will be singing mostly Easter hymns, while hearing the readings regularly appointed for this Sunday. Dorothy selected today's music. The Offertory hymn, "Eternal Father, strong to save," is better known as the "Navy Hymn." By singing it we also honor Dorothy's service in the Navy during World War II.

At the end of the service, you are invited to follow the procession to the Memorial Garden for the committal of Dorothy's ashes, or you may go directly to the Lounge, where all will gather for food and fellowship.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen
Johannes Brahms (1833–1897), Op. 122, No. 11, 1896

INTROIT

Remember not, Lord, our offenses

Remember not, Lord, our offenses,
nor the offenses of our forefathers,
neither take thou vengeance of our sins,
but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,

whom thou hast redeemed
with thy most precious blood,
and be not angry with us for ever,
spare us, good Lord.

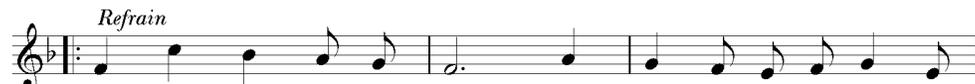
Words: Thomas Cranmer (1489–1556) Music: Henry Purcell (1659–1695), Z. 50, c. 1679–82

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hail thee, festival day (175, *The Hymnal* 1982)

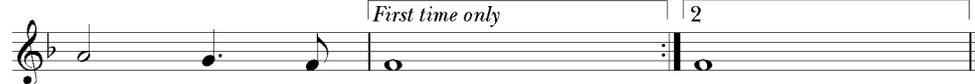
Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lored for -

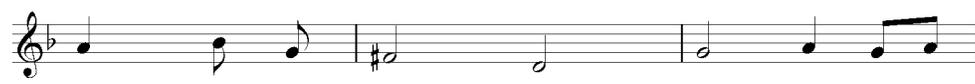


ev - er, day where - on Christ a - rose, break - ing the



king - dom of death. death.

1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the
3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who - rul - est the
7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now - flow in us,



win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her
earth and the hea - vens, guard us from
fount of our be - ing, light that dost



gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
light - en - all, life that in all dost a - bide:

Repeat Refrain

2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of
6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on
life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

Repeat Refrain
earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
death, life thou be - stow - est on all:
preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt. Music: *Salve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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THE SALUTATION AND COLLECTS

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Dorothy, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 32:1-3, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16 (*sung by the Choir*)

Percy Jackman

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus,

who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Jesus lives! thy terrors now (194, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus
 3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall
 4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O
 liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry
 sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us
 giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Christian Furchtegott Gellert (1715-1769); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *St. Albinus*, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 16:19-31

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

All stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

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

For our sister Dorothy and for the welfare of the world, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Intercessor and People

Unite your church and all your people. **Hear us, Lord.**

Guide the leaders of every nation and land. **Hear us, Lord.**

Protect the earth and all its inhabitants. **Hear us, Lord.**

Help us fulfill our baptismal promises through service to you. **Hear us, Lord.**

Deliver all who live in danger, sickness or need. **Hear us, Lord.**

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Dorothy, and dry the tears of those who weep. **Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. **Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life. **Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven. **Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints. **Hear us, Lord.**

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. **Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence is kept.

Presider

Father of all, we pray to you for Dorothy, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **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

The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Words: George Herbert (1593–1633), *The Temple*, 1633 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), 1911
Arranged by Allen Percival (1925–1992), 1984

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.

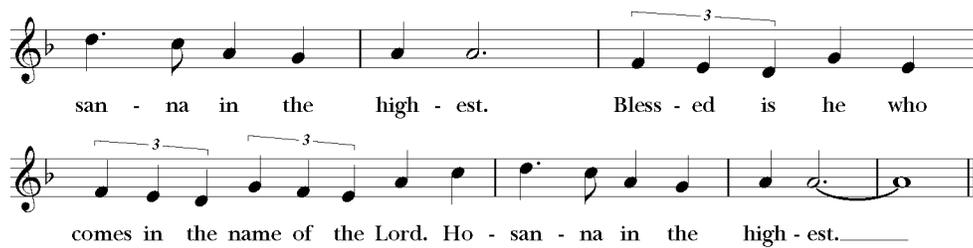
OFFERTORY HYMN

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

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



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 Mary, Thomas, Dorothy, 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

Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings

Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings, O Lord,
and give Thine angels charge concerning me:

That I may lie down in peace, and take my rest,
for it is Thou, Lord, only,
that makest me to dwell in safety.

Words: Psalm 17:8, 91:11, 4:8 Music: John Ebenezer West (1863–1929)

COMMUNION HYMN

God is Love, let heaven adore him (379, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all
 earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness
 and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall
 da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so
 all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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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 COMMENDATION

Presider: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints:

People: **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Presider: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints:

People: **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Presider

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Dorothy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937), *Symphony No. 5*, Op. 42, No. 1, 1887

Dorothy's ashes will be placed in the Memorial Garden outside the church. Those who wish to attend should follow the Presider.

THE COMMITTAL

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger. For none
of us has life in himself, and none becomes his
own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

The Presider pours out the ashes and says the following while covering them with earth.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to Almighty God our sister Dorothy, and we commit her body to the
ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the
Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his
countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

**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.**

Presider: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

People: And let light perpetual shine upon her.

Presider: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Presider dismisses the people with these words

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

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

Three-Choir Evensong: TODAY, 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.

Next Sunday is Day School Sunday! We set aside one Sunday morning a year especially to celebrate OUR Episcopal Day School, and this is it! All are invited for a special worship service and luncheon to follow.

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. We had a great kick-off meeting on Wednesday. We’ll meet next on Wednesday, October 16, and Wednesday, November 13.

Season of Creation. Christians around the globe are currently recognizing the annual Season of Creation, which lasts from September 1 (the Global Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) through October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi).

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!!!!***

Next Delight Night: Friday, October 11: Potluck and Contra Dance! (NOTE: this is the SECOND Friday of the month.) We have a special treat for our next Delight Night: after enjoying our potluck in the Lounge, we will move to the Nave for contra dancing! Thanks to Elizabeth Peters for putting this together.

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: The Rev. Derek Stefanovsky
Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Choir Director & Organist: Dr. Noah Horn
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dunlap
Crucifers: Ricardo Chavira, Brian Scully
Torchbearers: Kyle Holton, Chris Martinez
Chalice: Judy Thompson
Lectors: Jocelyn Tidwell, Samuel Ernest
Intercessor: Claire Scully
Vestry Host: Alexandria Robison
Sacristans: Judy & Madison Thompson
Ushers: Claire & Kathy Scully
Counters: Alexandria Robison, Diana Empsall
Coffee Hour Hosts: Erika Nemeti & Michael Dunlap, Robert Tait, and the Day School Community

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, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; Youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith & discipleship

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
the Episcopal Church

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

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Church Officers and Vestry
Kyle Holton (Senior Warden)
Denise Terry (Junior Warden)
Ricardo Chavira (Treasurer)
Linda Meyer (Clerk)
Thomas Hogan
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Catherine Stricklan
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The Rev. Keri Aubert (Rector)

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The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

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