



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEASON OF CREATION (YEAR C, WEEK 2): FAUNA SUNDAY

Service of Holy Eucharist

September 25, 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.

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

Andante religioso

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), *Sonata*, Op. 65, No. 4 in Bb major

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

HYMN

All creatures of our God and King (400, *The Hymnal* 1982)



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers (S 236, *The Hymnal 1982*)



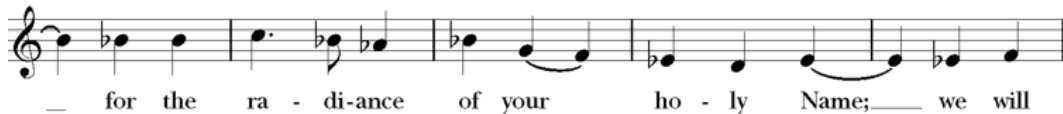
1. Glo - ry to you, Lord



God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;



glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you



for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you!
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. **Amen.** [*The 2018 Book of Occasional Services*]

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

JOB 38:1, 39:1-8, 26-30

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfill,
 and do you know the time when they give birth,
 when they crouch to give birth to their offspring
 and are delivered of their young?

Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open;
 they go forth and do not return to them.

“Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
 to which I have given the steppe for its home,
 the salt land for its dwelling place?

It scorns the tumult of the city;
 it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

“Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars,
and spreads its wings toward the south?

Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up
and makes its nest on high?

It lives on the rock and makes its home
in the fastness of the rocky crag.

From there it spies the prey;
its eyes see it from far away.

Its young ones suck up blood;
and where the slain are, there it is.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:14-23 (*sung by the Choir*)

- 14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds *
and plants to serve mankind;
- 15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, *
and wine to gladden our hearts,
- 16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap, *
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.
- 19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, *
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
- 20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time of its setting.
- 21 You make darkness that it may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 22 The lions roar after their prey *
and seek their food from God.
- 23 The sun rises, and they slip away *
and lay themselves down in their dens.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-19

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by

Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN

Let all things now living (107, *Voices Found*)

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic-ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the
love and re - joic-ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:22-31

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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.

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 [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

Words: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917), 1864 Music: John Rutter (b. 1945), 1980

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! Alleuia!

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*)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a rest for the Cantor or Choir, followed by the lyrics: "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord." The score includes a first ending marked "1 All" and a second ending marked "2 Cantor or Choir".

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

Straight opening her fertile womb

And God said: Let the earth bring forth
the living creature after his kind;
cattle and creeping thing,
and beasts of the earth after their kind.
Straight opening her fertile womb,
the earth obeyed the word,
and teemed creatures numberless,
in perfect forms and fully grown.
Cheerful roaring stands the tawny lion.
In sudden leaps the flexible tiger appears.
The nimble stag bears up his branching head.

With flying mane and fiery look,
impatient neighs the sprightly steed.
The cattle in herds already seeks his food
on fields and meadows green.
And over the ground, as plants,
are spread the fleecy, meek and bleating flock.
Unnumbered as the sands
in whirl arose the host of insects.
In long dimensions
creeps with sinuous trace the worm.

Words: Genesis 1:24; Anonymous, 1795 Music: Joseph Haydn (1732–1809), *The Creation*, 1798

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.**

HYMN

O praise ye the Lord! (432, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - jice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with the first part being the most common. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

VOLUNTARY

Allegro con brio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), *Sonata*, Op. 65, No. 4 in Bb major

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Thank you! Hearty thanks to Denise Terry, the children, and their parents for offering the Creation Pageant for worship this past Sunday. You are a blessing to us all!

Celebration of the Life of Drew McDermott: Saturday, October 1, 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Thursday Night Bible Study Returns, Weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. From September 28 through November 17, we’re studying First Isaiah, using the eight-part program from Yale Bible Study. It’s easy: at your convenience, watch the 15-minute video and review the study materials; and then, at the appointed time, gather on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2506069964>). More details are in the Enews.

Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Whether or not you’re an anglophile and regardless of your opinions about the British monarchy, it’s worth noting that an estimated 4.1 billion of the world’s 7.7 billion watched the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. In other words, billions of people watched an Anglican liturgy, a liturgy that was, aside from some contemporizing of the language, is nearly exactly the same as our Episcopal burial rite.

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 Julie 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. Interested in serving as usher, sacristan, Eucharistic minister, lector/intercessor, or choir member. Email Keri or contact another ministry leader to learn more or volunteer.



Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn

Eucharistic Minister: Madeleine Anderson

Lector:

Intercessor: Jennifer Herdt

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, 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 Anglican Church of Burundi

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical

Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Church Vestry

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden)

Linda Meyer (Junior Warden)

Bill English (Treasurer)

Denise Terry (Clerk)

Madeleine Anderson

Valerie Garlick

Claire Scully

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Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney

The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

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