# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEASON OF CREATION (YEAR C, WEEK 3): STORM SUNDAY

# Service of Holy Eucharist

October 2, 2022 10 A.M.

#### Whether you are new or returning, WELCOME!

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 <a href="https://www.seasonofcreation.org">www.seasonofcreation.org</a>. Information about The Episcopal Church and Creation Care may be found at <a href="https://www.seasonofcreation.org">www.seasonofcreation.org</a>. Information about The Episcopal Church and Creation Care may be found at <a href="https://www.seasonofcreation.org">www.seasonofcreation.org</a>, creation-care.

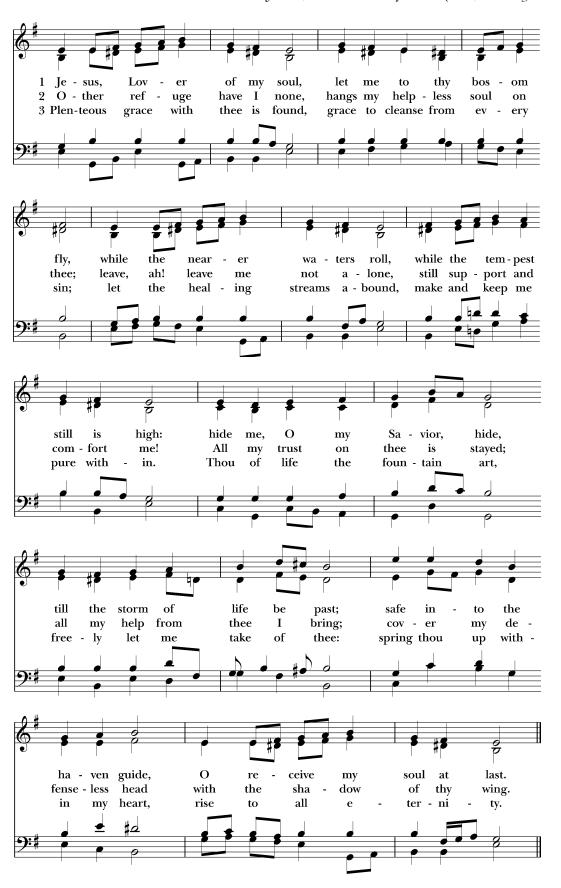
The Season of Creation website offers this: "The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, 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** 

Fugue in G major Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 541

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.



**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*)





#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Mysterious God, whose imagination and desire embrace all: We seek to discern you in the interplay of forces, in the order and the chaos of the universe, and in the complexities of every living system. Give us grace to honor your goodness in what we know and in what we do not know, in the world's harmonies and turbulence, and in its promise and change. For you are in, through, and beyond all that is: one God, made known to us in Jesus Christ, though the Holy Spirit, our inspiration and guide. **Amen.** [The 2018 Book of Occasional Services]

All are seated.

# THE FIRST LESSON

JOB 28:20-27

Job said:

"Where then does wisdom come from?

And where is the place of understanding?

It is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the air.

Abaddon and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'

"God understands the way to it, and he knows its place.

For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under the heavens.

When he gave to the wind its weight, and apportioned out the waters by measure,

when he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the thunderbolt;

then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out.

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

# PSALM 29 (sung by the Choir)

Stephen Darlington

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \* ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \* worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \* the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \* the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \* all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \* the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \* the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

# THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1:20-31

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

All stand.



THE GOSPEL LUKE 8:22-25

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A

windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. Then he said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

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 <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Thank you!

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters;

these men see God's wonders,

His great and mighty wonders in the deep.

For He commanded the stormy winds to blow, and He lifted up the waves thereof.

They are mounted up as it were, into heaven, and then down into the deep;

and their souls melt away with trouble.

They reel and stagger to and fro like a drunken man and are at their wits' end.

Then they cry unto God in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves are still.

Then they are glad because they are quiet; and he bringeth the vessel into port, and all huzzah, huzzah!

Their friends assembled on the wharf to welcome them on shore, and all huzzah, huzzah!

Welcome here again, welcome home!

Words: Psalm 107:23-30 Music: William Billings (1746–1800), 1781

#### 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, vour 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,

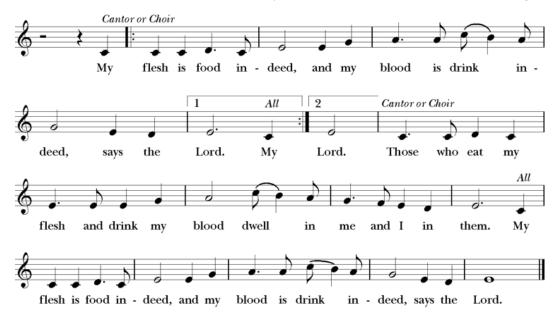
now and for ever. Amen.

#### 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**

Laudamus te

Laudamus te benedicimus te adoramus te glorificamus te.

We praise you, we give you thanks, we worship you for your glory.

Words: Canticle 20 Music: Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741), Gloria, RV 589

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.

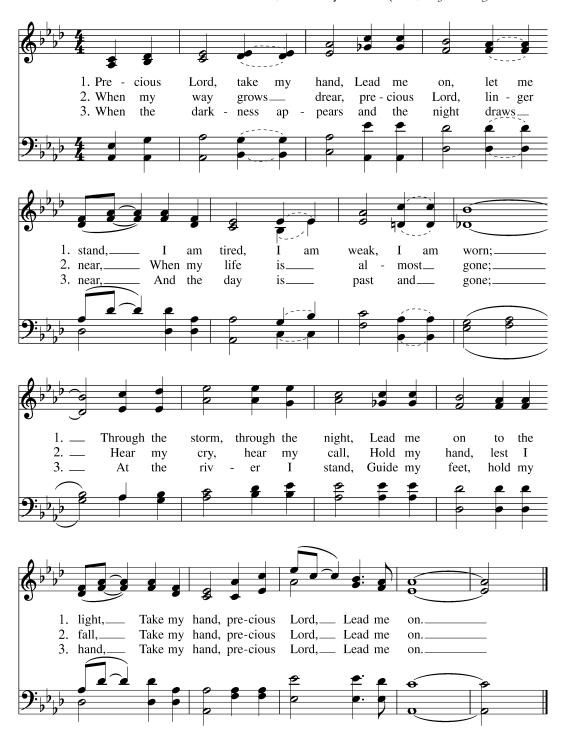
May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**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**

Prelude in G major Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 541



#### 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.

**Sally Edwards, 1940-2022.** We're sad to announce the death last weekend of parishioner Sally Edwards. Her memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, at 11 a.m. Please pray for Sally, Don, Jenny, Ricardo, Alex, and all who loved Sally. She will be missed.

**Keri on Vacation.** Keri will be on vacation starting Monday, October 3. She's returning Tuesday, October 17. For a pastoral emergency, contact Senior Warden Jennifer Herdt or another officer. For other matters, <u>email Julie Kelly</u>.

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.

Ordination and Consecration of our New Bishop, the Rev. Jeffrey William Mello. The service will take place on Saturday, October 15, at the Connecticut Convention Center. Seats are available if you wish to attend in person; the service will also be livestreamed on ECCT's YouTube Channel. See the Enews for details. Please pray for our bishop-elect.

**Coffee Hour Hosting.** Visit this link to sign up: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee</a>. Thank you!

**Serving on Sundays.** Interested in serving as usher, sacristan, Eucharistic minister, lector/intercessor, or choir member. <u>Email Keri</u> 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: Lector: Ben Schafer

Intercessor: Madeleine Anderson Sacristan: Madeleine Anderson

Usher: Gary Robison 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), Tom (Linda Meyer's father)

#### Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:

All those affected by hurricanes Fiona and Ian; the people of Ukraine

#### Pray for those who have died, especially:

Sally Edwards

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

The Consecration of the XVI Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut on October 15, 2022

#### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Anglican Church of Canada

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

Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

# Leadership at St. Thomas's

#### **Church Vestry**

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden) Linda Meyer (Junior Warden) Bill English (Treasurer) Denise Terry (Clerk) Madeleine Anderson Valerie Cicero Claire Scully

The Rev. Keri Aubert (Rector)

#### Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

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

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