

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 20) Holy Eucharist

September 18, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Information for newcomers and visitors is located on the back page of this service bulletin.

PRELUDE Allegretto (from *Sonata IV*) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
Hymn 390 (*Lobe den Herren*)

Descant



4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Celebrant and People

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

SONG OF PRAISE

WLP 900

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God,

(senza Ped. ad lib.)

heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship

(Ped.)

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —

(♩ = ♩ of preceding - same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —
 Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Fa - ther, —

(♩ = ♩ of preceding - same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
Fa - ther: re - ceive
Fa - ther: re - ceive

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Deus, venerunt

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light
Hymn 490 (*Houston*)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
I want to look at Je-sus.
I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and we
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 16:1-13

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

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

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Priest

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

Intercessor

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

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

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

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

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

For this congregation, that this time of transition may help us discern your call to us.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For those affected by war or violence, that they may know safety and security. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

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

For the sick and the dying, and for their caregivers, that they may find comfort. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

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

For those other concerns that we now offer before you, either silently or aloud.

Silence is kept.

Presider

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

THE CONFESSION

Priest

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Priest and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant: 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. Following the announcements, the Commissioning of the St. Thomas's Choir takes place.

COMMISSIONING OF THE ST. THOMAS'S CHOIR

Members of the St. Thomas's Choir, the Priest, and the Director of Music gather on the chancel steps.

Priest: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

Choir: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Director of Music: Keri, I present to you these singers to be commissioned as full members of the St. Thomas's Choir.

Priest: Do you choose to accept this commissioning?

Choir: We do.

Priest: Do you promise to devote your effort and skill to helping others in their worship?

Choir: We do.

Priest: Do you promise to perform your part in the worship of God to the best of your ability?

Choir: We do.

Priest: Do you promise to be faithful in fulfilling all the duties involved in being a member of the St. Thomas's Choir?

Choir: We do.

Priest: May God, who has put into your heart the desire to sing and to serve, enable you to fulfill your promise.

All: AMEN.

Priest: In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as full members of the St. Thomas's Choir.

The Choir members say the following prayer together:

Bless, O Lord, we thy servants, who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest

Let us pray.

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, be ever present with your servants who seek through music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM There is a balm in Gilead arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin sick soul.

Some times I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say He died for all.

Text: Negro Spiritual

During the Offertory Hymn, the People gather around the altar for Communion by following the ushers in procession up the center aisle. You are encouraged to position children where they can see, and 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 in your seat.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Hymn 488 (*Slane*)

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.+

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

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,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

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 Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH A EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

This prayer is said when a Eucharistic Visitor will take communion to an ill or homebound parishioner. The Eucharistic Visitor joins the Celebrant in front of the altar.

Celebrant and People

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Go in peace.

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

Earth and all stars
Hymn 412 (*Earth and all stars*)



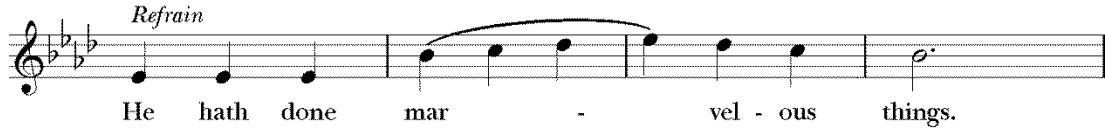
1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



DISMISSAL

Priest: *[A priest dismisses the people.]*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Rhapsody no. 3 in C sharp minor

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



Announcements

For more calendar highlights, visit www.stthomasnewhaven.org and www.musicatstthomas.org.

Parish Outing Today: Bag Lunches (Provided) and Sunday in the Park. This coming Sunday is "Sunday in the Park" at Edgerton Park, just across the street. "Coffee hour" will be "pack your own lunch" event with PB&J, chips, cookies, and fruit. There will also be bottles of water and to-go cups for coffee. Folks can come upstairs after the service to assemble their own lunch and then head over to the Park. Please consider spending time with one or more people you don't know well, particularly over generational lines. Thanks to the Bower-Phipps, Hagens/Herdt, Kelsey, and Regan households for the lunch fixings!

Midweek Concert Next Wednesday, September 21, 12:30 p.m. Simon Jacobs, organ

The first of our midweek concert series celebrating the 60th anniversary of St. Thomas's Day School. Program to last around forty minutes, and attended by students from the Day School. All are welcome. Freewill offerings.

Nametags: Please wear them! This is the time of year when we welcome lots of visitors and newcomers. Please continue to show our amazing St. Thomas's hospitality, and wear your nametag, to help them out.

Coffee Hour Hosts? As you probably know, St. Thomas's has great coffee hours. It's one of the important ways we create community and care for each other, especially for the many Yale students who call our church home. We are about to prepare the coffee hour schedule. Please contact Julie Kelly: if you have been on the list of hosts and want to come off, or if you haven't served as a host but would like to start. It's really not hard, and your participation will be appreciated by all.

Save the Date: Sunday, October 2 (with details to come): The Rev. Michael Ray, rector emeritus, will join us for church, coffee hour, and portrait unveiling; the Blessing of the Animals will take place at 4 p.m.

More Tech Improvements: Internet Access in the Church. We now have wireless access in the sanctuary! Simply look for the network "STEC Guest". No password is required. Agree to the terms on the splash page, and the home page of the St. Thomas's website will open. This is just in time for...

Social Media Sunday in The Episcopal Church in Connecticut is September 25. From the Diocese: On September 25, we want you to be the church online: to tweet the sermon, "check-in" to your parish, take selfies with fellow parishioners, and overall bring your Sunday morning to social media. The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has our designated hashtag #ECCT, and Social Media Sunday has a designated hashtag #SMS16.

Electronic Giving. With wireless access in the church, online giving is easier than ever. Please consider giving electronically, either through our credit card donation page (available by clicking the DONATE button on the home page of our website), or (even better, because there are no fees) via regularly scheduled payments from your bank. During our stewardship campaign this year, we will encourage everyone to use this second option for pledge payment. And...

New Pew Chits. Note that there are new laminated "I give electronically" chits available for the offertory. If you give online or through automatic banking, please place a chit in the offertory basket. This will encourage others to give electronically and, even more importantly, allow you to help model stewardship for the children.

Interested in Helping Organizing an Integrity or Similar LGBT+ Group? Keri is leading a group organizing a regional group. Contact Keri to get involved.

Sing at St. Thomas's! It's always a good time to join the Adult Choir or enroll your child in Choristers (junior choir for ages 7 and up). Our choirs are talented and fun. For more information, contact Simon Jacobs.

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Julie Kelsey

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Organist and Choirmaster: Simon Jacobs

Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dunlap

Crucifer: Robert Laughton

Torchbearers: Chris Martinez, Peter Piech

Lectors: David Kelsey, Claire Scully

Intercessor: Dan Harrison

Sacristan: Valerie Echols

Usher/Greeter: Gary Robison

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Bower-Phipps, Hagens/Herdt, Kelsey, and Regan households

Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:

Bill M., Bill R., Bob, Carly, Donna, Ginny, Jane, Jonathan, Kathy, Katie, Kim, Lee, Marj, Marilyn, Norma, Phil, Suzanne

In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Colin Sheehan, Amy Sheehan, Lucia, Annabel and Caroline, George Shelton

Pray for those who have died.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Trinity, Torrington; The Girl's Friendly Society; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Episcopal Church; The Most Revd. Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of TEC

Collect for Education

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 261)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! Thank you for attending worship at St. Thomas's. Please consider returning the information slip below, signing the guest register near the main entry, and introducing yourself to a clergy person or usher. After the service, you are invited to join the congregation for Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

Families with children: On most Sundays during the school year, Sunday School is offered for children from pre-K through grade 8. All children are invited to attend. On three Sundays a month, Sunday School takes place during the service; on one Sunday a month, it follows the service. On any given Sunday, the bulletin announcements and worship instructions provide additional information.

Families with small children: Two 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); the area in front of the left side of the pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

There are usually two stations (located at the front corners of the altar) where you may receive Holy Communion. **Gluten-free bread** is available at both stations. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference in orientation will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands; they will place it on your tongue if that is your practice. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. Some people 'intinct' (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail & Phone _____

How did you hear about St. Thomas's? _____

I would like to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak to a clergy person | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receive parish emails | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about joining the Adult Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a permanent name tag | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's
Choristers (Junior Choir) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explore becoming a member | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get involved with _____ | |