



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEASON OF CREATION (YEAR C, WEEK 4): COSMOS SUNDAY

Service of Holy Eucharist

October 9, 2022      10 A.M.

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**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.

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**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.

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## 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](http://www.seasonofcreation.org). Information about The Episcopal Church and Creation Care may be found at [www.episcopalchurch.org/creation-care](http://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.”

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## VOLUNTARY

Tierce en taille  
Louis Marchand (1669–1732)

*At the ringing of the bell, please stand.*

HYMN

Earth and all stars (412, *The Hymnal* 1982)



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

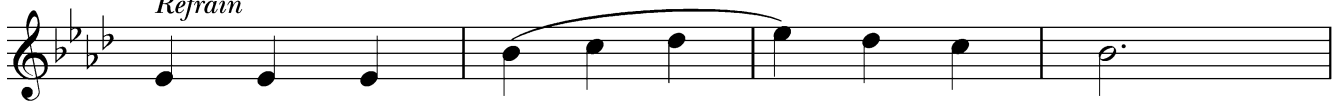


1 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! O vic - to - ry,  
 2 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,  
 3 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,  
 4 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,  
 5 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Ath - lete and band,  
 6 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!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

*Refrain*



He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Words: Herbert F. Brokering (b. 1926). Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Music: *Earth and All Stars*, David N. Johnson (1922-1987). Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.

**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



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to recognize your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of the One through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.** [*The 2018 Book of Occasional Services*]

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

PROVERBS 8:22-31

Wisdom cries out:

“The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—

when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world’s first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,

rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 148** (*sung by the Choir*)

George Thalben-Ball

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
  
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingèd birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## HYMN

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (339, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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 has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me  
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -



splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 6:41-51

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

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

The Jews began to complain about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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](http://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

Seek him that maketh the seven stars

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion  
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.

Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day,  
the night is light about me.

Amen.

Words: Amos 5:8, Psalm 139:10-11 Music: Jonathan Dove (b. 1959), 1998

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: SPECIAL FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

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

Presider: God dwells in you.

**People: And also in you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift our hearts to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

*Presider*

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

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

*Presider and People*

**Holy, holy, holy:**

**God of mercy, giver of life:**

**Glory to you, maker of all that is living;**

**Let the birds of the air sing your glory.  
Let the creatures of the deep sing your glory.  
Let the dwellers of the earth sing your glory.  
Alleuia! Alleuia! Alleluia!**

*Presider*

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

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

*Presider and People*

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

*Presider*

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

Presider: We pray because of Jesus,

**People: Who shows us the way;**

Presider: We pray in the strength of the Holy Spirit,

**People: Who binds us to one another and to you;**

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

**People: Here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

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

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. *1 All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You may be seated. All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Special pandemic precautions are in place for Holy Communion. The People come forward roughly from closest to farthest, while maintaining social distancing. You will be offered bread only. Approach the priest with your hands extended, and the priest will place a wafer in them. Do not consume the wafer immediately. Instead, return to your seat and then raise your mask to consume the wafer.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Panis angelicus

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum  
dat panis coelicus figuris terminum  
o res mirabilis manducat Dominum  
pauper servus et humilis.

The bread of angels becomes the bread of people,  
the heavenly bread gives an end to earthly forms.  
O wondrous sacrament: feeding on their Lord  
are the poor, the slave, and the humble person.

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

*After all have received communion, all stand.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER [*Enriching Our Worship 2*]

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Faithful God,**

**in the wonder of your wisdom and love**

**you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,**

**and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.**

**We thank you for feeding us with this bread.**

**May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**we may embody your desire**

**and be renewed for your service**

**through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING [*“2021 Celebration Guide,” a Season of Creation resource*]

*Presider*

May God who established the dance of creation,

who marvelled at the lilies of the field,

who transforms chaos to order,

lead us to transform our lives and the Church

to reflect God’s glory in creation.

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



## HYMN

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (376, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

## DISMISSAL

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

## VOLUNTARY

Plein jeu  
Louis Marchand (1669–1732)

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**Sally Edwards, 1940-2022.** We're sad to announce the death 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, [email Julie Kelly](mailto:email@stthomasnewhaven.org).

**All Saints** Parishioners are invited to participate in a series of Sunday morning 9. a.m. workshops in the Lounge. On October 16 and 30 and on November 6, we will prepare decorations for an "ofrenda," an altar for All Saints Day inspired by the Mexican celebration of Day of the Dead. In addition to creating flower chains, we will decorate wooden frames for photographs of those who have died since last November 1. We will remember friends, family members, and pets. Please come and work together! If you would like someone's photograph to be included on the display, please bring a photo to church (or email it to [terry.df@gmail.com](mailto:terry.df@gmail.com)) and tell us the person's name and the kinds of things they loved. You may also take a frame home and decorate it, then bring it back to church for All Saints Sunday, November 6. On November 6, we will share memories.

**Sunday School** On October 16 and 30 and on November 6, we will meet in the lounge for 9. a.m. workshops. We will prepare decorations for an "ofrenda," an altar for All Saints Day inspired by the Mexican celebration of Day of the Dead. In addition to creating flower chains, we will decorate wooden frames for photographs of those who have died since last November 1. We will remember friends, family members, and pets. Please come and work together! If you would like someone's photograph to be included on the display, please bring a photo to church (or email it to [terry.df@gmail.com](mailto:terry.df@gmail.com)) and tell us the person's name and the kinds of things they loved. You may also take a frame home and decorate it, then bring it back to church for All Saints Sunday, November 6. On November 6, we will share memories.

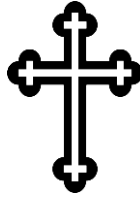
**Thursday Night Bible Study Returns, Weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. From September 28 through November 17, we're studying First Isaiah,** using the eight-part program from Yale Bible Study. It's easy: at your convenience, watch the 15-minute video and review the study materials; and then, at the appointed 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:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee> **Thank you!**

**Serving on Sundays.** Interested in serving as usher, sacristan, Eucharistic minister, lector/intercessor, or choir member. [Email Keri](mailto:Keri@stthomasnewhaven.org) or contact another ministry leader to learn more or volunteer.



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## Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. K. Dexter Cheney

**Music Director:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Eucharistic Minister:** Madeleine Anderson

**Lector:** Denise Terry

**Intercessor:** Claire Scully

**Sacristan:** Claire Scully

**Usher:** Claire Scully

**Hosting Coffee Hour:** Alexandria, Heather, and Gary Robison

## 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:

St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; For all companions and service animals, all livestock & wild animals, great and small

### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:** Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

## 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

### Day School Board of Trustees

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