

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 21) Holy Eucharist

September 25, 2016

10:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

Fantasia in C

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Hymn 423 (*St. Denio*)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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,

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

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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 a-lone 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.

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

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 32:1-3a, 6-15

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

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the

guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Qui habitat

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

THE SECOND LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will

be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

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 GOSPEL

LUKE 16:19-31

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

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. The commissioning of Sunday School teachers and students takes place thereafter.

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

The Sunday School teachers and students assemble in front of the altar.

Presider, addressing the congregation

People of this congregation, will you support the ministry of our teachers, and will you encourage our children and youth as they grow in their life in Christ?

People

We will, with God's help.

Presider, addressing the families of Sunday School students

Families of these children and youth, will you keep our faith alive in your homes through conversation, prayer, and action?

Families

We will, with God's help.

Presider, addressing the Sunday School teachers

Church School teachers, will you nurture each child and youth as a gift from God and proclaim the Gospel to them, empowering them to receive and respond to God's love?

Sunday School Teachers

We will, with God's help.

Presider, addressing the children and youth

Children and youth, we give thanks for your presence among us, invite you to participate fully in this church community, and pray that you will grow to fully know God's love.

Presider

In the name of God and this congregation, I commission you as Teachers and Students at St. Thomas's Church.

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

*Cantate Domino canticum novum;
 laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
 Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
 et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.*

Sing unto the Lord a new song,
 and his praise in the congregation of saints.
 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Text: Psalm 149:1-2

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

Book of books, our people's strength
 Hymn 631 (*Liebster Jesu*)

1 Book of books, our peo - ple's strength, states - man's, teach - er's, he - ro's
 2 Thank we those who toiled in thought, man - y di - verse scrolls com -
 3 Praise we God, who hath in - spired those whose wis - dom still di -

trea - sure, bring - ing free - dom, spread - ing truth,
 plet - ing, po - ets, pro - phets, schol - ars, saints,
 refts us; praise him for the Word made flesh,

shed - ding light that none can mea - sure: wis - dom comes to
 each a word from God re - peat - ing; till they came, who
 for the Spi - rit which pro - tects us. Light of know - ledge,

those who know thee, all the best we have we owe thee.
 told the sto - ry of the Word, and showed his glo - ry.
 ev - er burn - ing, shed on us thy death - less learn - ing.

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

In paradisum (from *Requiem*)

M. Duruflé (1902-1986)

*In paradisum deducant te angeli,
 in tuo adventu
 suscipiant te martyres,
 et perducant te
 in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.*

May the angels lead you into paradise,
 may the martyrs receive you
 in your coming,
 and may they guide you
 into the holy city, Jerusalem.

*Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.*

May the chorus of angels receive you
and with Lazarus once poor
may you have eternal rest.

Text: From the Office of the Dead

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

Ye holy angels bright
Hymn 625 (*Darwall's 148th*)

Descant

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a single melodic line in treble clef, labeled 'Descant'. The middle and bottom staves are four-part vocal settings in treble and bass clefs, respectively. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the descant line above the first vocal line.

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy
 through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
 with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.
 song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Praeludium in D minor, BuxWV 140 Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)



Announcements

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

Today is Social Media Sunday in The Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Go for it: tweet the sermon, “check-in” to your parish, take selfies with fellow parishioners, and overall bring our Sunday morning to social media. The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has our designated hashtag #ECCT, and Social Media Sunday has a designated hashtag #SMS16.

Stewardship season kicks off **today** with a light lunch of sandwiches and salads in the Lounge. Please stop by the photo/video booth!

Sunday School Today (4th Sunday in September):

- **9:30 a.m.: Church in the Community.** Preparing to focus on animals in October, children will discuss how we can love and care for animals in need. Children will create posters for an animal food drive for a

local animal shelter and make dog and cat treats! All are welcome to join—and additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated. NOTE: During this time, Sunday School registration forms will be available for parents to complete for their children.

- **During Church:** After the Gospel reading, children will follow the children's cross to join us for songs ("All Things Bright and Beautiful") and to begin learning the Lord's Prayer in sign language.

Sunday, October 2: Portrait Dedication after Worship. On Sunday, October 2, the Rev. Michael Ray, rector emeritus, will join us for worship. After the service, his portrait will be dedicated in the Lounge. A special coffee hour is planned, with help from the Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus.

Sunday, October 2, 4 p.m.: Blessing of the Animals. Come one, come all; come cats, come dogs; come all living creatures! It's almost time for our annual Blessing of the Animals! We'll gather on the Plaza in front of the church and process inside. After a short prayer service and lots of animal blessing, we'll go back out to the plaza for a dessert reception, featuring treats for pets and humans alike. PLEASE HELP OUT BY BRINGING A DESSERT.

Coffee Hour Hosts? 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.

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..

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.

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. Keri Aubert

Preacher: The Rev. Dexter Cheney

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson

Organist and Choirmaster: Simon Jacobs

Emcee: Dr Dorothy Asch

Eucharistic Minister: Chris Martinez

Crucifer: Robert Laughton

Torchbearers: Michael Dunlap, Peter Piech

Lectors: Charles Tyson, Drew McDermott

Intercessor: Kathleen Bower-Phipps

Sacristan: Valerie Echols

Ushers/Greeters: Drew McDermott, Melvin Thompson

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jennifer and Michael Fournier, Susan Fernandez and Anthony Gopal, Alex and Kathryn Scherer, Jenny and Ricardo Chavira

Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:

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

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

Matthew Spight, Suzanne Spight, the Rev, Dr, Parke Street, the Rev. Lee McGee Street

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 Church in Wales; The Most Revd. Dr. Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff

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 _____

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

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Speak to a clergy person

Receive parish emails

Have a permanent name tag

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Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School

Learn about joining the Adult Choir

Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's
Choristers (Junior Choir)