

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 24, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

October 16, 2022 10 A.M.

Whether you are new or returning, WELCOME!

Please remain masked and observe social distancing throughout the service and any time you are inside, regardless of vaccination status. Our expectation is that everyone who can be has been vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. Very young children and people who are immunocompromised lack vaccine protection, so your continued diligence is appreciated.

There is no mechanical air exchange in the church portions of the building. We are eager to limit occupancy of smaller spaces, so please avoid the Sacristy and Vesting Room, and please do not linger in the narthex (the area inside the main doors), restrooms, or hallways. The Lounge has high efficiency air filters but no mechanical air exchange.

All church spaces are accessible. Handicapped parking and a wheelchair ramp are located in back of the building; a lift for access to the second floor is located at the stairway.

Restrooms are located on the second floor. Go through the double doors near the pulpit, upstairs to the second floor, and to the far end of the hallway. A **restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit. All restrooms are all-gender single-use.

After the service, please stay for food and fellowship. Coffee hour is hosted either outside behind the building (exit via the side door facing Cliff Street and walk around to the back) or in the Lounge (exit via the double doors near the pulpit and go upstairs to the second floor; the Lounge is at the end of the hall). Children may unwind in the kindergarten playground behind the building.

If you are new, please consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting on the table inside the main entrance.

Three seating areas at the front of the nave are reserved for **families with small children**: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the two areas in front of the front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the service.

St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (Quinnipiac) land. This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

INTROIT The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Words: George Herbert (1593–1633), The Temple, 1633 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), 5 Mystical Songs (1911)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

HYMN

Be thou my vision (488, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.



Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF A CHURCH

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the 175th anniversary of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Matthew Harrison (2021)



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 119:97-104 (sung by the Choir)

Luke Flintoft

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

THE SECOND LESSON

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

All stand.



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Music: Wer nur den lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621–1681).

THE GOSPEL LUKE 18:1-8

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [The United Church of Canada]

Presider and People

We are not alone,

we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our guide and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [The Rev. Keri Aubert]

Intercessor and People

The season of harvest is a tangible demonstration of God's abundant generosity. In gratitude for the multitude of gifts that we have received, let us seek God's blessings for the church and for the world.

Bless Christ's holy church. Help those who minister in Jesus's name follow the path of true discipleship. Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Bless the leaders of all nations, and especially the elected leaders of this nation. Help them to be steadfast in the pursuit of peace. Gracious God, **hear our prayer**.

Bless all who advocate for systemic change, especially those addressing issues of racial justice. Help heal our nation's wounds as its people learn to uphold one another. Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Bless the fruits of the earth. Help all humans develop the will to halt climate change, and thereby to steward your creation for the generations to come. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless us with gifts for ministry and discernment to recognize them. Help us to offer those gifts as blessings to others. Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Bless the hungry, the homeless, and the sick. Help them to be strong, and help us to be compassionate. Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Bless the communion of saints, the living and the dead. Help us to glean from them the inspiration to seek and serve you. Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Bless the prayerful intentions that we now offer before you, either silently or aloud. [You are invited to offer your prayer intentions.]

Presider

Gracious God, humbly and confidently we turn to you, the source of all blessings; hear our prayers, offered through your redeeming Christ, in the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider

Let us confess our sins to God. [Silence is kept.]

Presider and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love

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.

and serve only your will. Amen.

Please remain in place while greeting your neighbors with a sign of peace. You may then be seated for brief announcements and the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the altar is prepared.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is sincerely appreciated. We will not be passing a collection plate today; collection plates are located at the doors. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you may simply <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Thank you!

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sunset and evening star,

Turns again home.

Crossing the Bar

And one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar,

When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,

Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark,
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Words: Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809–1892), 1889 Music: Hubert Parry (1848–1918), Freshwater, 1903

THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Presider

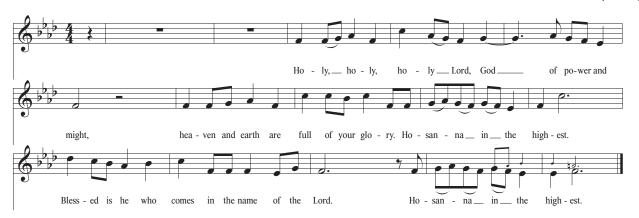
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

Matthew Harrison (2021)



Presider

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **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,

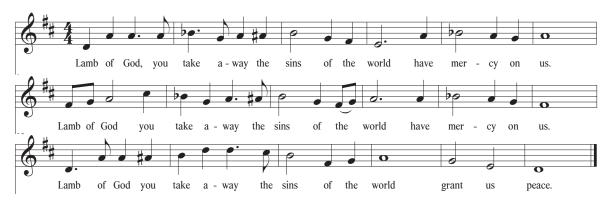
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Matthew Harrison (2021)



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

Almighty and everlasting God

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words: Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

After all have received communion, all stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

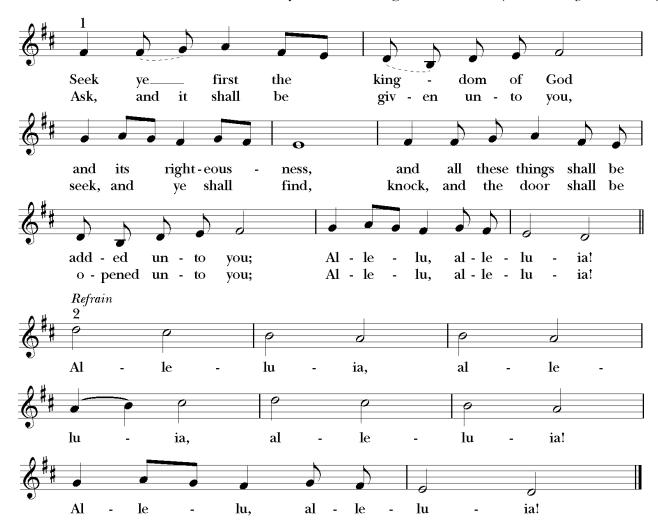
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

THE BLESSING

Presider: | The Presider blesses the People. |

People: Amen.

HYMN



DISMISSAL

Presider: [The Presider dismisses the People.]

People: Thanks be to God.

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

ANTHEM

If with all your hearts

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me."
Thus saith our God.

Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!

Words: Deuteronomy 4:29; Job 23:3 Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), Elijah, Op. 70, 1846

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Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and "like" St. Thomas's on Facebook.

To keep up with the latest parish events and information, please see the most recent edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Home page of the Parish website (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), you can go to the Enews archive or subscribe.

Sally Edwards, 1940-2022. Memorial Service for Sally Edwards

A memorial choral Eucharist for Sally Edwards will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 29 at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, 830 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT.

The family invites you to join them for a luncheon in the St. Thomas's School gymnasium following the service (approximately 12:30 PM). Please RSVP (by October 21 if possible) to help us with an accurate count. Please also share this invitation with others who might like to attend.

If you have dietary restrictions or other questions, please email Jenny at <u>jenchavira@aya.yale.edu</u>. Obituary information here: https://www.connecticutcremations.com/obituary/Sara-Edwards

Keri on Vacation. Keri is returning Tuesday, October 17. For a pastoral emergency, contact Senior Warden Jennifer Herdt or another officer. For other matters, <u>email Julie Kelly</u>.

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) 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) 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 took place on Saturday, October 15, at the Connecticut Convention Center. The service will be available to watch on <u>ECCT's YouTube Channel</u>. See the Enews for details. Please pray for our bishop.

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 or contact another ministry leader to learn more or volunteer.



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:

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.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for: St. John's, Waterbury; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford; Young adults, young adult ministries and networks. The Episcopal Service Corps and the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church. St. Hilda's House, New Haven

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

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