



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEASON OF CREATION (YEAR B, WEEK 4): MOUNTAIN SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Word

October 3, 2021 10 A.M.

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

Please remain masked and observe social distancing throughout the service. The building remains closed, and the restrooms are available for limited use only.

ALL are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. As a pandemic safety precaution, the People will be offered bread but not wine. Remember, the sacrament is complete and efficacious even when received in one kind only. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion are included below at the appropriate point below.

You are invited to stay after the service for socially-distanced fellowship.

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. Among the leaders in the movement are the Anglican Communion Environmental Network and the World Council of Churches. The Season of Creation website is at www.seasonofcreation.org. Information about The Episcopal Church and Creation Care may be found at www.episcopalchurch.org/creation-care.

The 2021 Season of Creation theme is “A home for all? Renewing the *oikos* of God.” The Season of Creation website offers this: “*Oikos* is the Greek word for ‘home,’ or ‘household.’ By rooting our theme in the concept of *oikos*, we celebrate the integral web of relationships that sustain the well-being of the Earth.”

St. Thomas’s is observing the Season of Creation on the four Sundays from September 12 through October 3. liturgy includes special elements from a variety of sources. The readings are those suggested by *The Season of Creation: A Preaching Commentary*. For Year B, the readings are “the Word series,” and the four Sundays are, in order: Earth Sunday, Humanity Sunday, Sky Sunday, and Mountain Sunday.

INTROIT

Lift thine eyes

Lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.

He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.
Thy Keeper will never slumber.

Thy help cometh from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Words: Psalm 121:1-3 Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), *Elijah*, Op. 70 (1846)

At the invitation of the Presider, all stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Hildegard of Bingen, in "2020 Celebration Guide," a Season of Creation resource*]

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.

HYMN

All creatures of our God and King (400, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: *Lass uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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OPENING ACCLAMATION [*"Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation," the Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music*]

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Word, and Spirit,
People: Who brings all things into being and calls them good.
Presider: Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.
People: Let us praise and exalt our Creator together.
Presider: Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.
People: Let us praise and exalt our Creator together.
Presider: Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.
People: Let us praise and exalt our Creator together.
Presider: Bless your Creator, all children of God.
People: Let us praise and exalt our Creator together.

SALUTATION, COLLECT OF THE DAY, & COLLECT FOR ST. FRANCIS

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: You established your covenant with all creation. Guide us and all your people, that we may walk upon the earth in righteousness and peace, and honor you in our kinship with all your creatures; through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**
[The 2018 Book of Occasional Services]

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord: Grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfect joy; 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

ISAIAH 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 48:1-11

Presider and People

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.**
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.**
- 3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.**

- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:28-39

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN

I sing the almighty power of God (398, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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THE GOSPEL

MARK 16:14-18

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

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

Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak

in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

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. At the bidding of the Presider, 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 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS [*with resources from “Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation,” the Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music*]

LESSON

JOB 12:7-10

Presider

But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing.

It is the priestly work of all God’s people to give thanks for God’s blessings, to ask for and lend assistance to all in need, and to stretch our hands to heal and cherish the creatures of God; this is our work of blessing. Recognizing God’s love for these creatures, I invite you to bring forward the animals entrusted to your care, and to join in the laying on of hands in prayer.

SIT! One at a time, please COME! to a priest with your creaturely friend to receive a blessing. You may then return to SIT! Please take a St. Francis medal if you wish.

MUSIC

The Swan

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921), “Le cygne”, *Le carnaval des animaux*, 1886

After all animals have been blessed, all stand and the Presider concludes

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life: Let your blessing be upon these and all animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and may our care for them follow the example of your bountiful mercy. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive, like God’s servant Francis of Assisi, to imitate Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 for Honoring God in Creation,” 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. 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; one is located near the usher for use as you depart. 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 [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider: Let us return to God with grateful hearts the gifts that God has given to us.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Look at the world

Look at the world, everything all around us:
Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth, and his the heavens above.

Words and Music: John Rutter (b. 1945), 1996

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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:

Dying, you destroyed our death;

Rising, you restore our life.

Let your kingdom come among us.

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,	as we forgive those
hallowed be your Name,	who sin against us.
your kingdom come,	Save us from the time of trial,
your will be done,	and deliver us from evil.
on earth as in heaven.	For the kingdom, the power,
Give us today our daily bread.	and the glory are yours,
Forgive us our sins,	now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917), 1864 Music: John Rutter (b. 1945), 1980

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

HYMN

How great Thou art (60, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

*The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

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.

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

[*The St. Thomas's Day School Prayer, adapted from a prayer attributed to St. Francis*]

Presider and People

Where there is hatred, **may I bring love.**
Where there is pain, **may I bring healing.**
Where there is darkness, **may I bring light.**
Where there is despair, **may I bring hope.**
Where there is discord, **may I bring harmony.**
Where there is strife, **may I bring peace.**
Make this a better world, **and let it begin with me.**

BLESSING [*"2021 Celebration Guide," a Season of Creation resource*]

Presider

May God who established the dance of creation,
who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
who transforms chaos to order,
lead us to transform our lives and the Church
to reflect God's glory in creation.
And may God's blessing be upon you, now and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in the peace of Christ, to love and serve all of God's creation.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

The Elephant

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921), "L'éléphant", *Le carnaval des animaux*, 1886

After the Voluntary, you are invited to stay for socially-distanced fellowship.

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Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and “like” St. Thomas’s on Facebook.

Thanks to the Rev. Nathan Empsall for preaching today! Nathan is the executive director of Faithful America, “the largest online community of Christians putting faith into action for social justice” (www.faithfulamerica.org). If you haven’t, check it out! Nathan also assists at St. Paul & St. James in New Haven.

Bible Study: Genesis. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom. We’re using the eight-week Yale Bible Study curriculum. Details are in the Enews. All are invited.

Special Parish Meeting, Next Sunday, October 10, immediately after worship, in person and via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to approve an encumbrance of the Parish property, to secure a mortgage loan of \$435,000 that will be taken out by St. Thomas's Day School. This replaces a \$360,000 encumbrance approved by the Parish on May 16, 2021. Details in the Enews.

Day School Open House: Sunday, October 24, 2-4 p.m. Tell your friends!

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn
Lector:
Intercessor: Claire Scully

This Week’s Prayer Intentions

Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:
Cynthia (Sally Edwards' sister-in-law), Sally (Edwards)

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
Those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Pray for those who have died.

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

Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; For all companions and service animals, all livestock & wild animals, great and small

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
The Church in Wales

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

Columbia, Ecuador, Venezuela

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