



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 23, YEAR B

Service of Holy Eucharist

October 10, 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 Holy Communion are included below at the appropriate point. ♦ **You are invited to stay after the service** for socially-distanced fellowship.

INTROIT

Jesu, meine Freude

Unter deinem Schirmen
bin ich vor den Stürmen
aller Feinde frei.

Laß den Satan wittern,
laß den Feind erbittern,
mir steht Jesus bei.

Ob es itzt gleich kracht und blitzt,
ob gleich Sünd und Hölle schrekken:
Jesus will mich dekken.

Denn das Gesetz des Geistes,
der da lebendig machet in Christo Jesu,
hat mich frei gemacht von dem Gesetz
der Sünde und des Todes.

Under your protection
I am free from the storms
of all my foes.

Let Satan curse and swear,
let the foe become bitter;
Jesus stands by me.

If a storm suddenly crashes and flashes,
if sin and hell suddenly frighten me,
Jesus wants to protect me.

For the law of the spirit,
which gives life in Christ Jesus,
has made me free from the law
of sin and death.

Words: Johann Franck (1618–1677), 1674; Romans 8:2 Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 227

At the invitation of the Presider, all stand.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

St. Thomas's Church is located on Quinnipiac land. This acknowledgment compels us to begin our worship by pausing: 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.

HYMN

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! (460, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the

1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on, thun - der like a
4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

OPENING ACCLAMATION, SALUTATION, & COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

JOB 23:1-9, 16-17

Job said:

“Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:1-15

Presider and People

- 1 **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? ***
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; ***
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 **Yet you are the Holy One, ***
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 **Our forefathers put their trust in you; ***
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 **They cried out to you and were delivered; ***
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 **But as for me, I am a worm and no man, ***
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 **All who see me laugh me to scorn; ***
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 **“He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; ***
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 **Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, ***
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; ***
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 **Be not far from me, for trouble is near, ***
and there is none to help.
- 12 **Many young bulls encircle me; ***
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 **They open wide their jaws at me, ***
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 **I am poured out like water;**
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 **My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;**
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN

Sing praise to God who reigns above (408, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.
 Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

THE GOSPEL

MARK 10:17-31

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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.

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.

RECOGNITION OF SEMINARIAN INTERNS

The Seminarian Interns and Music Director come forward. The congregation remains standing.

Presider

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Ike Harijanto and Emma Wright have been called to the ministry of Seminarian Intern.

Let us pray. Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Presider addresses the congregation

Presider: Is it your will that Emma and Ike fulfil this ministry?

People: It is.

Presider: Will you uphold them in this service?

People: We will, with God's help.

The Presider addresses the Seminarian Interns

Presider: Ike and Emma, You have been called to the ministry of Seminarian Intern in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Ike & Emma: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and for the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Ike & Emma: I will, with God's help.

Presider

Let us pray. Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in their chosen task with true joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

In the Name of God, we recognize you as Seminarian Interns at St. Thomas's parish. Emma, receive this *Book of Common Prayer* as a token of your ministry. Ike, receive this *Hymnal* as a token of your ministry. Let us offer a sign of our welcome, appreciation, and encouragement.

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 against God and our neighbor. [*Silence is kept.*]

Presider 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.**

Presider

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.**

Presider and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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

Warum ist das Licht gegeben

Warum ist das Licht gegeben dem Mühseligen,
und das Leben den betrübten Herzen?

Die des Todes warten und kommt nicht,
und grüben ihn wohl aus dem Verborgenen;
die sich fast freuen und sind fröhlich,
daß sie das Grab bekommen.

Und dem Manne, deß Weg verborgen ist,
und Gott vor ihm denselben bedekket.

Why is light given to those in misery,
and life to afflicted souls?

To those who wait for death, and it comes not;
who dig for it secretly,
who nearly rejoice and are glad
that they have found the grave.

And to the one whose way is hidden
and from whom God has hidden himself.

Words: Job 3:20-23 Music: Johannes Brahms (1833–1897), Op. 74, 1877

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

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.

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.**

BLESSING

Presider

[The Presider blesses the People.] **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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

After the Anthem, 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.

Special Parish Meeting, TODAY, 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.

Young Adult Pizza in the Park, TODAY, after the parish meeting. All those in their 20s and 30s (in age or at heart) are invited to gather in Edgerton Park for some socially-distanced New Haven pizza and fellowship. Look for Emma after the Parish Meeting.

Stewardship Season is Here! Stewardship isn't really a formal season of the church year. But fall is the traditionally time for churches to ask their congregants to make or renew their commitments of time, talent, and treasure for the year ahead. More information will be coming your way over the next few weeks. Meanwhile, please start pondering. Ponder how you understand God moving through your life. Ponder how you see yourself following the way of Jesus in the world. Ponder how this community of faith has been and will be a part of all that.

Coming Up. Our observance of the Season of Creation wrapped up last Sunday. This Sunday, October 10, we're back to the Season after Pentecost and resuming the usual lectionary readings. Keri will be on vacation next week, returning October 18. While Keri is on vacation, contact a warden with any pastoral concerns. Next Sunday, October 17, Seminarian Intern Emma Wright will preside over a service of Morning Prayer (with no sermon but plenty of music). We're already looking ahead to All Saints' Sunday, which we will observe on November 7.

The Church office will be closed tomorrow, October 11, for Indigenous Peoples Day. Enjoy the holiday!

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.

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: Madeleine Anderson
Intercessor: Claire Scully

This Week's Prayer Intentions

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

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

Pray for those who have died, especially:
Nouphiane (Linda Meyer's sister-in-law)

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

St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; Youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith & discipleship

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

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

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

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