ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 25, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

October 23, 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.

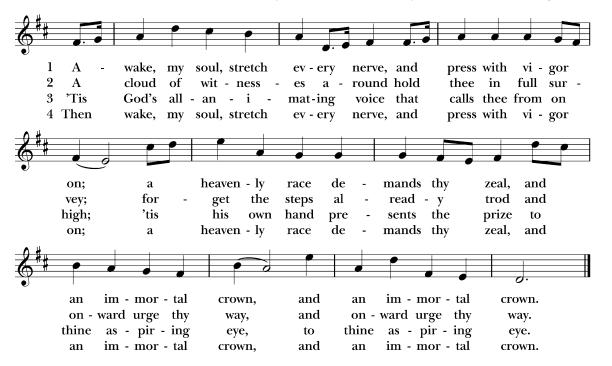
Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the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

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

HYMN

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve (546, The Hymnal 1982)



Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). Music: Siroë, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. Melodia Sacra, 1815.

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



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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

JOEL 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

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

PSALM 65 (sung by the Choir)

Richard Massey

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; * to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
 O God of our salvation, *
 O Hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.

- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; * you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

THE SECOND LESSON

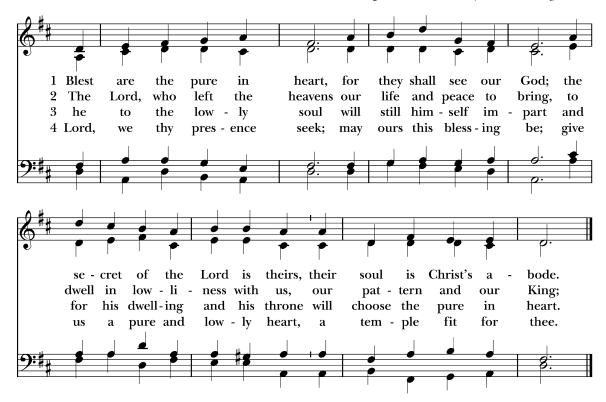
2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

All stand.



Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

THE GOSPEL LUKE 18:9-14

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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 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.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus

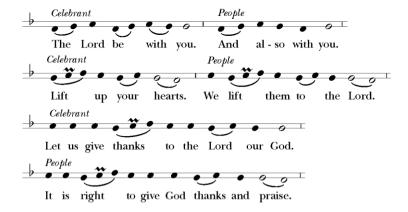
Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Words: Eucharistic hymn, attr. Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, which was sacrificed and crucified for humankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood. Let us taste of Thee in the trial of death.

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791), KV 618 (1791)

THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A



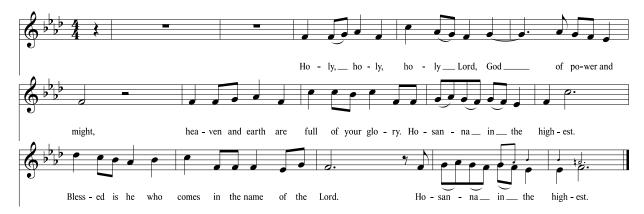
Presider

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

A proper preface is sung or said.

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



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,

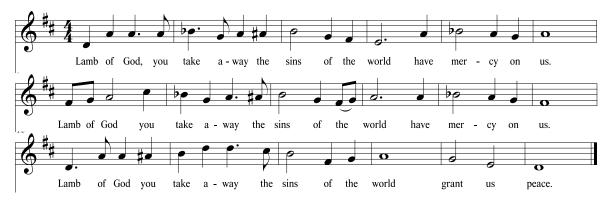
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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

Laudate Dominum

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes laudate eum omnes populi quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. laud him, all you peoples.
For his loving-kindness toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord, all you nations;

Words: Psalm 117 Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791), Vesperae solennes de Confessore, KV 339

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.



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

DISMISSAL

Presider: [The Presider dismisses the People.]

People: Thanks be to God.

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

VOLUNTARY

The Heavens are Telling

Joseph Haydn (1732–1809), Die Schöpfung (The Creation), 1798

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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.

It's Stewardship Season! While stewardship is a year-round activity, we'ew be kicking off a more intentional season of stewardship TODAY. Among other things, look out for a series of Enews specials over the next few weeks.

Our 175th Anniversary Year Celebration Continues with the rollout of the beautiful new art designed by parishioner and artist Valerie Cicero. It's grounded in a stylized representation of our rose window. Besides at the top of this bulletin, look for this and related images on the parish website, and on a new banner hanging soon t be installed over the main doors. THANK YOU, VALERIE!

Sunday School

On Sunday, October 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. *All parishioners are welcome to participate!!*

Preparing for All Saints' Sunday (November 6)

- Our Prayers of the People that day will include the readings of the Names of the Dead. **Please send the names of those you would like to remember** using the electronic form in the Enews. (If you have trouble with the form, email Keri.) Please send them by Tuesday, November 1.
- All parishioners are encouraged to participate in the creation of the "ofrenda" either before church on October 30 and November 6 or by otherwise providing your contributions. See the details under "Sunday School" above.
- Don't forget to "fall back" to Standard Time before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5.

Memorial Service for Sally Edwards

A memorial choral Eucharist for Sally Edwards will be held here at **11:00 AM on Saturday, October 29**. The family invites you to a reception in the gym following the service. For planning purposes, please RSVP for the reception (by October 21 if possible): http://evite.me/2gx9ATQuy7. Please share this invitation with others who might like to attend. If you have dietary restrictions or other questions, please email Jenny at jenchavira@aya.yale.edu. Sally's obituary is here: https://www.connecticutcremations.com/obituary/Sara-Edwards

Thursday Night Bible Study, 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.

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. <u>Email Keri</u> or contact another ministry leader to learn more or volunteer.



Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Music Director: Iill Brunelle **Eucharistic Minister: Lector:** Madeleine Anderson **Intercessor:** Claire Scully Sacristan: Claire Scully **Usher:** Claire Scully

Hosting Coffee Hour: Bob & Lorna Herdt

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: the people of Ukraine

Pray for those who have died.

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

Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Emmanuel, Weston; Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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

The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curação, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

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