



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 25, YEAR C

Service of Morning Prayer

October 27, 2019

10 A.M.

If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! After the service, please come to Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the 2nd floor) for food and fellowship. Please consider filling out a blue visitor information card (located in the pew rack). You can use the form to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting for you on the table just inside the main church entrance.

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

Education for All Ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. on most Sundays during the academic year.

Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and St. Thomas's website. Sunday bulletins are posted on the website's Bulletin Archive. We aim to reduce printing by encouraging worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the order of service.

Restrooms for men and women are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each communion station; **non-alcoholic wine** is available from the chalice bearer at the center. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion hold out your hands, and the server will place bread in them. If you wish to receive wine, please sip it from the common cup, using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips.

To follow along with the service you will need this service bulletin as well as The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book in the pew racks). In The Hymnal 1982, hymn numbers beginning with "S" are in the front section of the book.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986), *Suite*, Op. 5, 1933

INTROIT

O viridissima virga

O viridissima virga
ave que in ventoso flabro sciscitationis
sanctorum prodisti.

Cum venit tempus quod tu floruisti in ramis tuis,
ave, ave fuit tibi, quia calor solis in te sudavit
sicut odor balsami.

Nam in te floruit
pulcher flos qui odorem dedit
omnibus aromatibus que arida erant.

O branch of freshest green,
O hail! Within the windy gusts of saints
upon a quest you swayed and sprouted forth.

When it was time, you blossomed in your boughs—
“Hail, hail!” you heard, for in you seeped the
sunlight's warmth like balsam's sweet perfume.

For in you bloomed
so beautiful a flow'r, whose fragrance wakened
all the spices from their dried-out stupor.

Et illa apparuerunt omnia in viriditate plena.

Unde celi dederunt rorem super gramen
et omnis terra leta facta est,
quoniam viscera ipsius frumentum
protulerunt et quoniam volucres celi nidos
in ipsa habuerunt.

Deinde facta est esca hominibus
et gaudium magnum epulantium.
Unde, o suavis Virgo,
in te non deficit ullum gaudium.

Hec omnia Eva contempsit.

Nunc autem laus sit Altissimo.

They all appeared in full viridity.

Then rained the heavens dew upon the grass
and all the earth was cheered,
for from her womb she brought forth fruit
and for the birds up in the sky
have nests in her.

Then was prepared that food for humankind,
the greatest joy of feasts!
O Virgin sweet,
in you can ne'er fail any joy.

All this Eve chose to scorn.

But now, let praise ring forth unto the Highest!

Words and Music: Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

How lovely is thy dwelling-place (517, *The Hymnal 1982*)

The officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture.

Officiant

Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. *Psalm 105:1*

THE CONFESSION

Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [*Silence is kept.*]

Officiant 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
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

THE INVITATORY

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

VENITE

S-35, *The Hymnal 1982*

All are seated.

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.
- 5 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 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.**

CANTICLE 17

The Song of Simeon

Herr, nun lässest du deinen Diener
im Friede fahren, wie du gesagt hast.

Denn meine Augen haben deinen Heiland gesehen,
welchen du bereitet hast für allen Völkern,
ein Licht, zu erleuchten die Heiden,
und zum Preis deines Volks Israel.

Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Words: Luke 2:29-32 Music: Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672), Op. 13, SWV 433, 1657

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.

CANTICLE 16

The Song of Zechariah (444, *The Hymnal* 1982)

All are seated.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

CANTICLE 15

Tell out my soul (438, *The Hymnal 1982*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People: And grant us your salvation.
Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People: Let your people sing with joy.
Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People: For only in you can we live in safety.
Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;
People: Your saving health among all nations.
Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Officiant

(The Collect of the Day) 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.**

(A Collect for Peace) O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(A Prayer for Mission) Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and our prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All are seated.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Komm, Jesu, komm

Komm, Jesu, komm! Mein Leib ist müde,
die Kraft verschwindt je mehr und mehr;
ich sehne mich nach deinem Friede,
der saure Weg wird mir zu schwer:
komm! komm! ich will mich dir ergeben,
du bist der rechte Weg,
die Wahrheit und das Leben.

Wer an dich glaubt, wird nicht zu Schanden
wer dich umfasst hat wohl gethan;
ja mitten in den Todesbanden,
findt er die beste Lebensbahn.
Drum lass mich eifrig nach dir streben,
du bist der rechte Weg,
die Wahrheit und das Leben.

Drum schliess ich mich in deine Hände,
und sage: Welt, zu guter Nacht,
läuft gleich mein Lebensbach zum Ende,
ist doch der Geist wohl angebracht.
Er soll bei seinem Schöpfer schweben,
weil Jesus ist und bleibt
der wahre Weg zum Leben.

Come, Jesus, come, my body is tired,
My strength is vanishing more and more;
I am longing for Thy peace;
The bitter way is becoming too heavy.
Come! Come! I wish to submit myself to Thee.
Thou art the right way,
the truth and life.

Who believes in Thee will not go wrong.
Who takes Thy hand has done well.
Yes, amidst the fetters of death
He will find the right path of life.
So let me strive for Thee for ever.
Thou art the right way,
the truth and life.

I shall put myself into Thy hands,
And say: Good night, world,
My stream of life is coming to an end.
My spirit is looked after well;
It shall float with its Creator,
For Jesus is and remains
the true way to live.

Words: Paul Thymich (1656–1694) Music: Johann Schelle (1648–1701), 1684

All stand.

OFFICE HYMN

Before thy throne, O God (574, *The Hymnal* 1982)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the church.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986), *Suite*, Op. 5, 1933 — Second half

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Announcements

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

Stewardship season is here! Information was sent last week via a special edition of the Enews. Printed copies of the documents contained in the Enews are available at the church doors.

Today we’re having a service of Morning Prayer rather than Holy Eucharist. If you are new or visiting, know that this is very unusual. The annual convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut is taking place this morning in Hartford. All clergy were expected, and all lay people invited, to attend worship there. We will return to our usual service of Holy Eucharist next Sunday. **A hearty thanks to Ricardo Chavira for officiating today.**

Next Sunday, November 3, is the Feast of All Saints. We will read the names of the dearly departed during worship. Please submit names by Tuesday, October 29. Write them on the sheet posted on the second-floor bulletin board or email them to Julie Kelly. **IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE PROVIDE THE PHOENETIC SPELLING.**

St. Thomas’s Day School Open House: Next Sunday, November 3, 2-4 p.m.

Chris George, Executive Director of IRIS, will be at St. Thomas’s on November 10 to preach and meet with the children before church and the adults after church. In his honor, please donate new or gently used winter clothing – jackets, coats, gloves, hats. **PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS ON OR BEFORE NOV. 10.**

Christian Community Action. The Sunday School children are putting together “Blessing Bags” for people who lack reliable housing. Help by donating new long athletic socks, individually wrapped standard size bars of soap, individual tubes of toothpaste, deodorant, and travel size shampoos and lotions.

Loaves & Fishes. Please donate non-perishable food items.

Season of Racial Reconciliation and Justice - Book Club and Discussion Group. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m. Our book will be *Model City Blues*, by Mandi Jackson, which talks about the history of urban development in New Haven, especially as it relates to race. Look for details in the Enews. All are welcome.

Save the Date: A Service of Choral Evensong Celebrating a New Season of Ministry and the Installation of the Rev. Keri Aubert as the Sixth Rector of St. Thomas’s Church: Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.

Our Little Free Library always needs books. Just pop them in yourself.

For more information and announcements, see our website and last week’s Weekly Parish Enews.

Serving Today

Officiant: Ricardo Chavira

Choir Director & Organist: Dr. Noah Horn

Crucifer: Brian Scully

Lectors: Jenny Chavira, Bob Herdt, Sally Edwards

Intercessor: Claire Scully

Vestry Host: Ricardo Chavira

Sacristans: Kyle Holton & Kids

Ushers: Claire Scully, Gary Robison

Counters: Alexandria Robison, Catherine Stricklan

Coffee Hour Hosts: Catherine & Jesse Stricklan,
Jonathan & Karolina Mellor

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:

Bonnie, Drew, Dwight, Franklin, John

Pray for those who have died.

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

All Saint's, West Cornwall; St. James's, West Hartford;
St. John's, West Hartford; Diocesan Episcopal Church
Women, Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters
and parish altar guilds

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

the Church of Ceylon

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

Canada, United States of America

Leadership at St. Thomas's

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