

# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 25, YEAR A)

Service of Morning Prayer

October 25, 2020 10 A.M.

## VOLUNTARY

The Annunciation

Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber (1644–1704), *Mystery Sonatas*, No. 1 in D minor, c1676

## HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love (74, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and  
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.  
3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. **D.C.**

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

## THE CONFESSION

*Officiant*

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

*Officiant 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.**

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our 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 forever. Amen.**

## JUBILATE

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17**

John Joubert & Henry Walford Davies

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.  
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.

**THE FIRST LESSON**

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab,

opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 21

Te Deum laudamus

**You are God: we praise you;**

**You are the Lord: we acclaim you;**

**You are the eternal Father:**

**All creation worships you.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,**

**Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

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

**The glorious company of apostles praise you.**

**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;**

**Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory,**

**the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you became man to set us free**

**you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death**

**and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

**We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 13

A Song of Praise (S 236, *The Hymnal 1982*)


1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of

depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

**THE THIRD LESSON**

MATTHEW 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON

### 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 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.**

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

**People: We praise your Name for ever.**

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**People: For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

**People: And we shall never hope in vain.**

*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 Guidance)* Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through 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 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.**

*The Officiant will add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.*

## **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God,**

**you have given us grace at this time with one accord**

**to make our common supplication to you;**

**and you have promised through your well-beloved Son**

**that when two or three are gathered together in his Name**

**you will be in the midst of them:**

**Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;**



granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is especially appreciated at this time. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you can simply [CLICK HERE](#). Know also that the Church office is able to process checks that have been mailed. Thank you!*

## HYMN

Come with us, O blessed Jesus (336, *The Hymnal 1982*)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -  
\*2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and  
\*3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine  
Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry  
voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.  
veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.  
hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy  
Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as -  
Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has  
through our prayer; grant us light to see and  
ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.  
know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.  
ev - er - peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

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Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop (d. 1665?); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## DISMISSAL AND CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

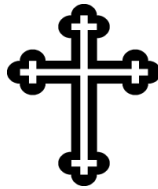
May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

## VOLUNTARY

The Annunciation

Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber (1644–1704), *Mystery Sonatas*, No. 1 in D minor, c1676

*After the Voluntary, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour. Please see the Parish Enews for the latest announcements and information.*



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## Announcements

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

Thanks to Kyle Holton for presiding and Jesse Stricklan for preaching today.

**Thursday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.: Bible Study: Matthew 12-13: Controversies and Parables.**

**Next Sunday, November 1, is All Saints’ Day.** Our prayers that day will include the readings of the Names of the Dead. PLEASE SEND US 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 Wednesday.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 1.** Don't forget to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Halloween night.

**Sunday, November 1, 4 p.m.: National Cathedral Hosts Interfaith Prayer Service.** See the Enews for details and the link to join.

**Helping Our Neighbors.** Please consider donating to the [Disaster Fund](#) of Episcopal Relief & Development and/or to the [Connecticut Food Bank](#).

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### Serving Today

**Presider:** Kyle Holton

**Preacher:** Jesse Stricklan

**Musician:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Lectors:** Jenny Chavira, Jennifer Herdt, Claire Scully

### This Week’s Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:** all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, especially those who work in healthcare and those who have lost their livelihood

**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 in Wales

**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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