



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 23, YEAR B
DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

Service of Holy Eucharist

October 14, 2018 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. Though other churches make the claim, ours really is the Best Coffee Hour in Connecticut. Please consider filling out a blue visitor information card (found in your pew rack). You can request a name tag using the form in the pew rack or the sheet at the entrance. Next Sunday your new name tag will be waiting for you on the table in the foyer inside the main church entrance.

To follow along with the service all you need is this service bulletin.

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)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

For the celebration of Holy Eucharist, the People gather around the altar. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion at our common table.

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.



Today is Day School Sunday! Today St. Thomas's participates in the annual Episcopal Schools Celebration, which celebrates the ministry of the nearly 1,200 Episcopal schools and early childhood education programs throughout the Episcopal Church. Together we give thanks for all Episcopal schools and proclaim the good news that is our wonderful school! This year's theme well articulates one of the important values that bind together St. Thomas's Church and St. Thomas's Day School: **"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed."** WELCOME TO ALL OUR DAY SCHOOL FAMILIES!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in F-sharp minor, BuxWV 146

Dieterich Buxtehude (c1637-1707)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift every voice and sing (599, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Introduction

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea-ven ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea-ry years, God of our si-lent tears, thou who hast

har-mon-ies of lib-er-ty. Let our re-joic-ing rise
 days when hope un-born had died; yet, with a stead-y beat,
 brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

high as the lis-tening skies; let it re-sound loud as the
 have not our wea-ry feet come to the place for which our
 led us in-to the light; keep us for ev-er in the

roll-ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 par-ents sighed? We have come o-ver a way that with tears has been
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla-ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for-
 brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for
 day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR EPISCOPAL SCHOOLS CELEBRATION

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider and People

God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all the schools across this country, especially those which are part of the Episcopal Church. We remember them in their variety, in their differences, and in what they share. Give us open doors, open minds, and open hearts, that we might love everything and everyone whom you have given us. Help us to share our lives and what we have, and to learn from all those around us. We pray in the name of Jesus who opened his arms to all, young and old. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Plainsong, Tone 8; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947); acc. Jackson Hill (b. 1941)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 *(said by all)*

- 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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Be thou my vision (488, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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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, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[adapted from “Episcopal Litany for Social Justice,” from the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations]

Intercessor

Today we lift up the ministry of education shared by St. Thomas’s Church and St. Thomas’s Day School. Remembering especially God’s call to learn to do right, seek justice, and defend the oppressed, let us now pray for our community, our nation, and the world.

Intercessor and People

We pray for blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. God of peace and gentleness, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of others near and far. God of generosity and compassion, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all nations, that they and their inhabitants may live in unity, peace, and concord. God of justice and freedom, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the most vulnerable members of our society, and for the grace and courage to strive for economic justice. God of all gifts and blessings, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; help us to respect all people as precious children of God. God of fellowship and equality, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for a reverence of creation; help us to become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us. God of nature and the universe, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all immigrants and refugees, that they may be welcomed in our midst and treated with dignity and respect. God of outcasts and wanderers, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the aged, and the infirm, and for their access to health care; may God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer. God of comfort and healing, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all children, and particularly for those who live in need or fear, that they may have relief and protection. God of fullness and hope, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the Church throughout the world, that it may be an instrument of your healing love. God of outreach and restoration, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, especially those who died as a result of violence, war, or hunger. God of eternal life and resurrecting love, **Hear our prayer.**

Presider

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Presider

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Presider 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.**

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 Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements. After the announcements, the People remain seated for the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For he shall give his angels

For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
That they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest,
That their hands shall uphold and guide thee,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

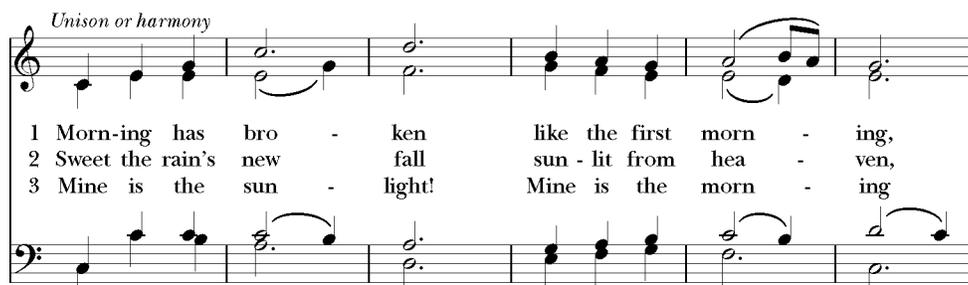
Words: Psalm 91:11-12 Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Our usual practice is for the People to encircle the altar for Holy Communion, but for this service please remain in the pews.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Morning has broken (8, *The Hymnal* 1982)

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

(859, *Wonder, Love and Praise*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, * hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na _____ in the high - est.

**Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/8 time. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The vocal line includes several triplet markings and a fermata over the final 'na' of the 'Ho-san-na' phrase.



Music: Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930) from *WORSHIP II*

Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Thomas and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

(875, *Wonder, Love and Praise*)

Cantor or Choir

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The
bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -
Congregation
mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

Cantor or Choir

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though
Congregation
man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord

Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the bread.
Je - sus }

Music: Gary James (b. 1957)

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at each station, non-alcoholic wine is available from the chalice bearer at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

If with all your hearts

"If with all your hearts you 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: Various, including Job 23:3 Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

After all have received communion, all remain seated for a period of silence. Then, at the invitation of the Presider, the Day School Children come forward to sing the Post-Communion Anthem.

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM

Look at the world

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

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

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

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

Words and Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Day School Children remain in place and the People remain seated for the Post-Communion Prayer. Today's Post-Communion Prayer is the school prayer, "A Prayer for the World," which is adapted from a prayer attributed to St. Francis. The Day School Children will sign the words while the People say them. To accommodate the signing, please follow the Presider's slightly slower verbal pace.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

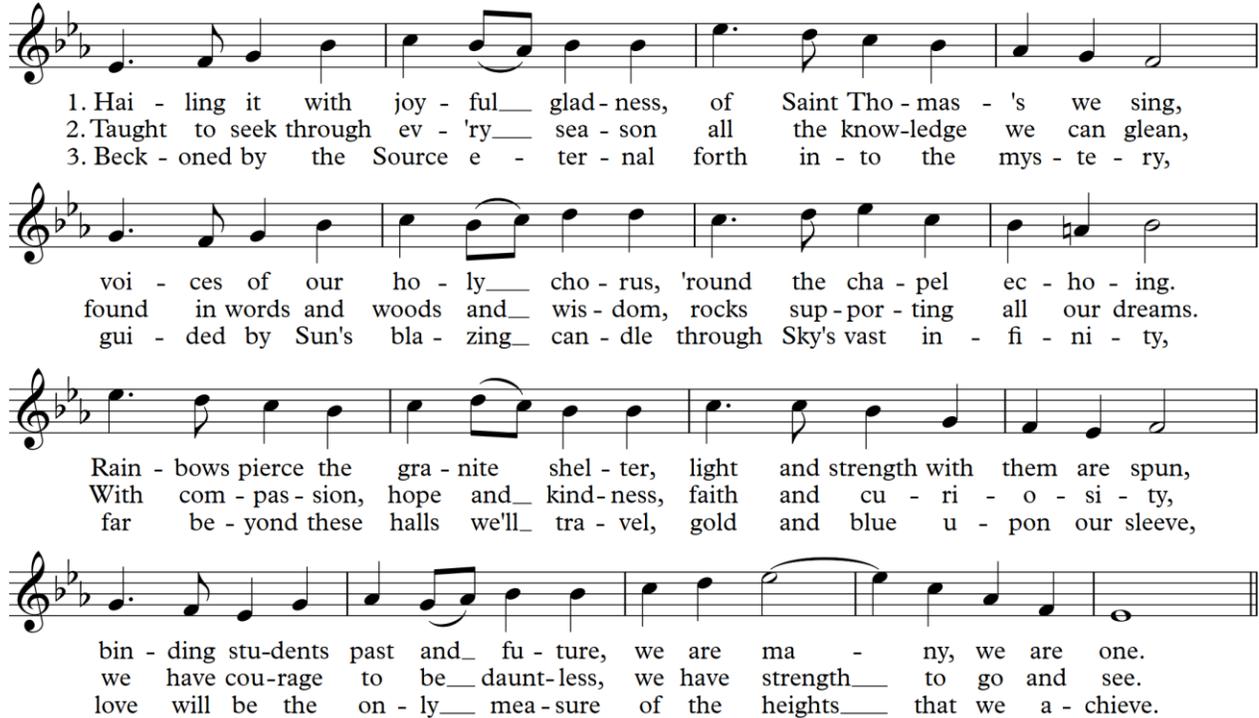
**Where there is hatred, may I bring love.
Where there is pain, may I bring healing.
Where there is darkness, may I bring light.
Where there is despair, may I bring hope.
Where there is discord, may I bring harmony.
Where there is strife, may I bring peace.
Make this a better world, and let it begin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

The Day School Children return to their places. The People stand for the Blessing.

THE BLESSING

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

THE ST. THOMAS'S DAY SCHOOL SONG



1. Hai - ling it with joy - ful glad - ness, of Saint Tho - mas - 's we sing,
2. Taught to seek through ev - 'ry sea - son all the know - ledge we can glean,
3. Beck - oned by the Source e - ter - nal forth in - to the mys - te - ry,
voi - ces of our ho - ly cho - rus, 'round the cha - pel ec - ho - ing.
found in words and woods and wis - dom, rocks sup - por - ting all our dreams.
gui - ded by Sun's bla - zing can - dle through Sky's vast in - fi - ni - ty,
Rain - bows pierce the gra - nite shel - ter, light and strength with them are spun,
With com - pas - sion, hope and kind - ness, faith and cu - ri - o - si - ty,
far be - yond these halls we'll tra - vel, gold and blue u - pon our sleeve,
bin - ding stu - dents past and fu - ture, we are ma - ny, we are one.
we have cou - rage to be daunt - less, we have strength to go and see.
love will be the on - ly mea - sure of the heights that we a - chieve.

Words: The Rev. Keri Aubert (b. 1962); Music: *Edgerton*, Simon Jacobs (b. 1983)

DISMISSAL

Presider: *[The Presider dismisses the People.]* [Alleluia, Alleluia!]

People: **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, Alleluia!]**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *Morning has broken*

Noah Horn

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Today's Eucharistic prayer is from *Enriching Our Worship*, a set of liturgical resources supplemental to *The Book of Common Prayer*. According to the Preface to the volume, *Enriching Our Worship* is intended to "provide additional resources to assist worshiping communities wishing to expand the language, images and metaphors used in worship." It continues, "Expanding our vocabulary of prayer and the ways in which we name the Holy One bear witness to the fact that the mystery of God transcends all categories of knowing, including those of masculine and feminine."