



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 25, YEAR B

Service of Holy Eucharist

October 24, 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

Tecum principium

Tecum principium
in die virtutis tuae
in splendoribus sanctorum
ex utero ante luciferum
genui te.

Princely state
has been yours from the day of your birth;
in the beauty of holiness,
like dew from the womb of the morning,
I have begotten you.

Words: Psalm 110:3 Music: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), *Dixit Dominus*, 1707

At the invitation of the Presider, all stand.

HYMN

The God of Abraham praise (401, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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.

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

JOB 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,
 and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
 things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

‘Hear, and I will speak;
 I will question you, and you declare to me.’

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
 but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself,
 and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-8, 19-22

Presider and People

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound (671, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.) Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919) Copyright ©1974 by Abingdon Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

THE GOSPEL

MARK 10:46-52

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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.

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.**

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

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

O rest in the Lord

O rest in the Lord,
wait patiently for Him,
and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Commit thy way unto Him,
and trust in Him,
and fret not thyself because of evildoers.

Words: Psalm 37:1,7 Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), *Elijah*, 1846

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

HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing (493, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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.

All are seated.

ANTHEM

Tu es sacerdos

Tu es sacerdos in aeternum
secundum ordinem Melchisedech.

You are a priest for ever
after the order of Melchizedek.

Words: Psalm 110:4 Music: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), *Dixit Dominus*, 1707

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.

Regular Worship Next Sunday, October 31, 10 a.m. Children of all ages are invited to **come in costume** for a blessing of your Halloween activities. Weather permitting, we'll be worshipping in-person and outside. (And if weather is not permitting, we'll be back on Zoom.) There will be no Sunday School.

All Hallows' Eve Service & S'mores. Join us on **Sunday, October 31st, at 7:30PM** outside at St. Thomas's for an All Hallows' Eve Service. The service will be led by participants from St. Thomas's and Greater New Haven Young Adult Episcopalians (YAE). We will have candles, a fire pit, and a time of fellowship and s'mores following the service. Invite your friends, and we hope to see you there. It will likely be chilly, so dress for the weather and, as always, wear your mask. Costumes are welcome. It will take place at our usual outdoor worship location (along Cliff Street in front of Robbins Hall). Please email Emma (Emma.wright@yale.edu) with any questions or if you would like to be involved.

Sunday, November 7: All Saints' Sunday, worship at 10 a.m. WE ARE PLANNING TO MOVE OUR IN-PERSON WORSHIP INTO THE SANCTUARY FOR ALL SAINTS'. Look for more information in the Enews. As is our practice, our Prayers of the People 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 electric form in the Enews. (If you have trouble with the form, email Keri.) Please send them by Wednesday, October 28. (And don't forget to "fall back" to Standard Time when you go to bed on Saturday, November 6.)

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: TODAY, October 24, 2-4 p.m.



Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn

Lector: Madeleine Anderson

Intercessor: Emma Wright

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:

Cynthia (Sally Edwards' sister-in-law), Sally (Edwards)

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:

Those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Pray for those who have died, especially:

David Wayne Jones (Jocelyn Tidwell's father)

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

St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford; Holy Spirit, West Haven; Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Extra-Provincial Churches

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

The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curaçao, 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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