



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 27), YEAR A

Service of Holy Eucharist

November 12, 2017 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. There are usually two communion stations, one at each front corner of the altar. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the single server at the center of the altar. 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.

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Elegy
George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

INTROIT

For the Fallen


They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

Words: Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943); Music: Douglas Guest (1916-1996)


At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymn 609: O God of Bethel, by whose hand, *The Hymnal* 1982

Unison



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace;
3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan-dering foot - steps guide;
4 O spread thy shel-tering wings a - round, till all our wan-derings cease,
5 Such bless-ings from thy gra-cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:
2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed-ing race.
3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!
5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; Music: *Dundee*, melody from *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.


People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Presider and People


Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria in excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly

son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it

in the glor-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

Music: Daniel Harrison (b. 1959)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

FIRST LESSON

JOSHUA 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve,

whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:1-7 (*sung by the choir*)

Attendite, popule

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.

Chant: John Goss (1800-1880)

SECOND LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 620: Jerusalem, my happy home, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt.;

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn, adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:1-13

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Intercessor

As the leaves fall and the days shorten, we remember the uncertainties of our age, and pray to God for the church and for the world.

Lend your unity to all Christians, and inspire churches everywhere to proclaim the Good News of your justice and mercy. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your vision to those whose political and business decisions affect people around the globe, and help them to prioritize equity and peace. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your strength to all who seek to ensure that no one in our nation is marginalized or oppressed, and help them to find joy in their work. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your vision to the human stewards of the living Earth, and help them to safeguard its health for the future our children. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your gifts for ministry to all the members of the St. Thomas's community, and help us to serve and uphold one another and the people around us. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your comfort to all who lack adequate employment, housing, health care, or food, and help our leaders determine how our nation's abundant wealth may be shared. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your holy light to all our loved ones who have died, and help us to follow their path to your eternal presence. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear the prayers of intercession and thanksgiving that we now offer before you, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant

God of rest and renewal, during this autumn turn of the seasons, help us to remember that the cycle of birth and death is the means by which you foster new life, and send the peace of your assurance to all who seek and serve you through Christ, in the Spirit of your blessed Church. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest

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

Priest 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.

*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

A Song of Wisdom

I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth as a mist.
I dwelt in high places, and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud.
Alone I compassed the circuit of heaven and walked the depths of the abyss.
In the waves of the sea and in all the earth, and in every people and nation I got a possession. With all these I sought rest.
And I took root in a people that was glorified, in the portion of the Lord's own inheritance.
I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress on the mountains of Hermon.
I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore, and as a fair olive tree in the plain.
And my branches are branches of glory and grace, and my flowers are the fruit of glory and riches.
Come unto me, ye that are desirous of me, and be ye filled with my fruits.

And I came out as a stream from a river; I said, I will water my garden and will water abundantly my garden bed.

And lo, my stream became a river, and my river became a sea.

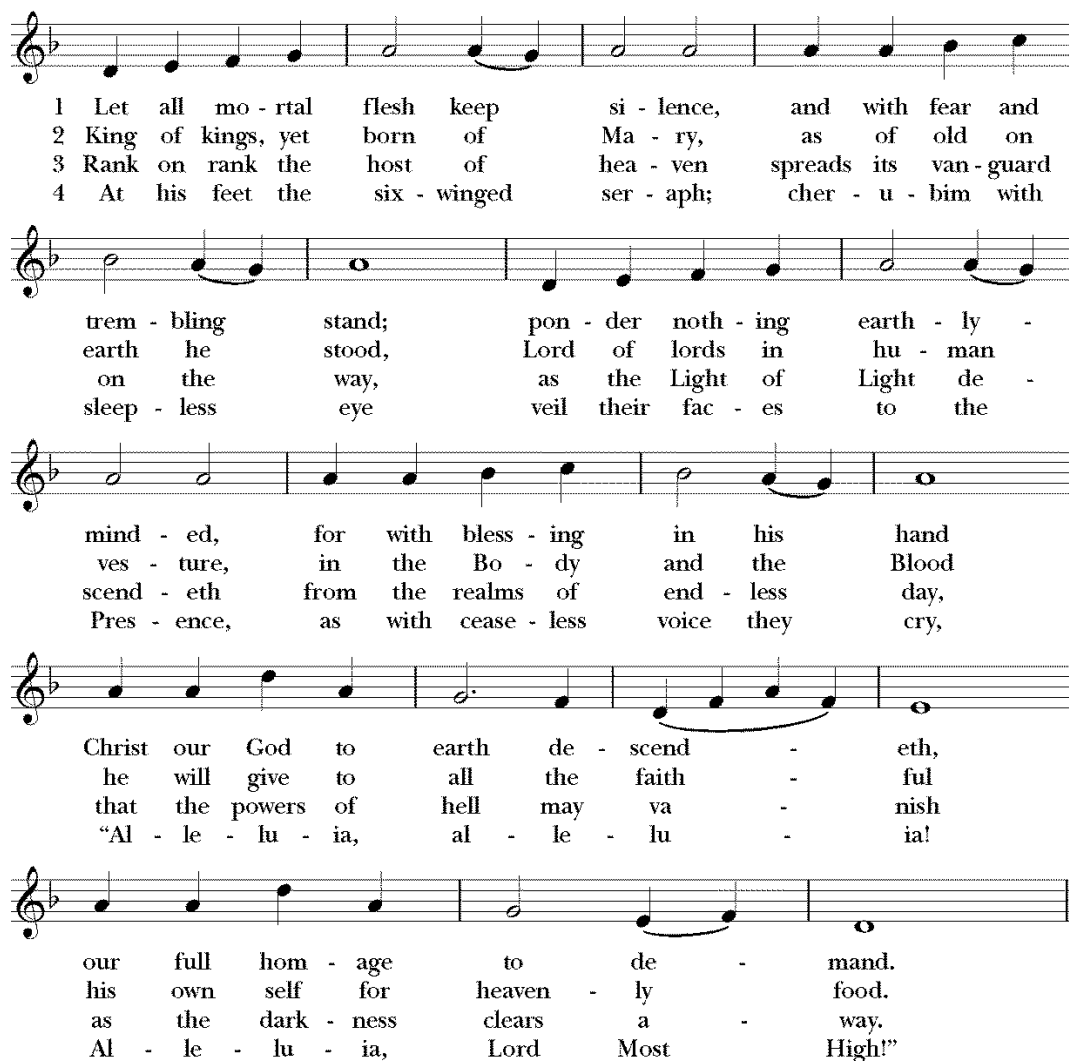
For my thoughts are filled from the sea, and my counsels from the great deep.

Words: Ecclesiasticus 24:3-7, 12-14, 16-17, 19, 29-31; Music: C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Ushers carry the gifts forward. The People follow and encircle the altar. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. Small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If you are unable to stand, you may sit in one of the chairs arranged near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain where you are.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymn 324: Let all mortal flesh keep silence, *The Hymnal 1982*



1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with
trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the
mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,
Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885);
Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860;
harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

Here 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 AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly__ Lord! God of po - wer and might.___ Hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the

one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.___

Music: Daniel Harrison (b. 1959)

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Thomas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

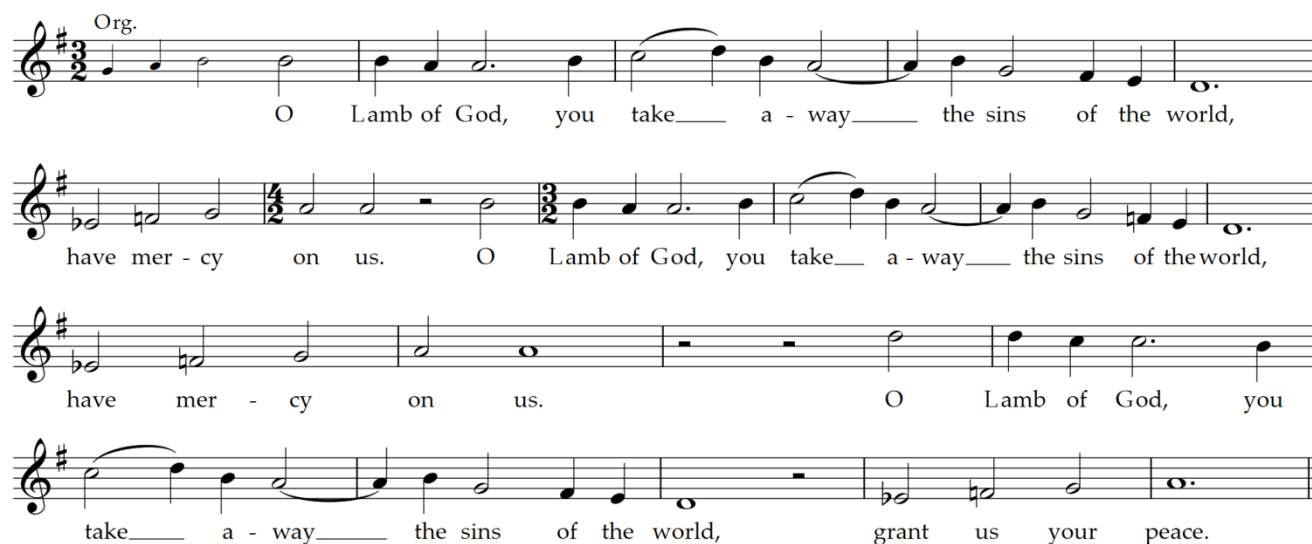
You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM



Music: Daniel Harrison (b. 1959)

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. 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 any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Audivi vocem de caelo

*Audivi vocem de caelo venientem: venite
omnes virgines sapientissime;
oleum recondite in vasis vestris dum sponsus
advenerit.
Media nocte clamor factus est: ecce sponsus
venit.*

I heard a voice coming from heaven: come all
wisest virgins;
fill your vessels with oil, for the bridegroom is
coming.
In the middle of the night there was a cry: behold
the bridegroom comes.

Words: Jeremiah 40:10 and Matthew 25:6; Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

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

THE POST-COMMUNION 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

FINAL HYMN

Hymn 436: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878);
Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

DISMISSAL

Priest: *[A priest dismisses the people.]*

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Truro'

Simon Jacobs (b. 1983)

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Announcements

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

It’s Stewardship Season! If you did not get the Enews extra, please pick up a stewardship letter at one of the church doors.

Turkey Dinner Raffle to Support the Choir trip to Wells Cathedral

This is your last chance to buy tickets! **The raffle will be held TODAY during Coffee Hour.** Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Thank you in advance for supporting the choir!

Choral Evensong: This evening at 5:00 p.m.

Sung by the St. Thomas's Choir with Simon Jacobs, director, and Janet Yieh, organ

Sanders Responses, Psalm 34 (chants by Hopkins and Atkins), Weelkes Sixth Service, Harris Faire is the heaven. Freewill offering, all are invited.

Lunchtime Concert: Sara Henry, mezzo-soprano

This Wednesday, November 15, at 12:30 p.m.

Hailed by the Jerusalem Post as a “Magnificent Dramatic Voice”, versatile mezzo-soprano Sara Henry has performed leading and supporting roles in nearly 40 operas, and has been seen in concert throughout Europe, Asia, and North America. Featuring 19th-century songs in Italian, Spanish, and German. Hideki Yamaya, internationally-renowned lutenist, will accompany Ms. Henry on Romantic guitar. Freewill offering. All proceeds from this concert will go towards sponsoring the St. Thomas's Choir 2018 residency at Wells Cathedral.

Next Sunday’s Forum is the Second of a Three-Session Series, “Christian Hope and the End of Life,” facilitated by:

- **Jakki Flanagan**, the Emergency Department Attending Chaplain at Yale New Haven Hospital
- **Sally Edwards**, a retired hospice chaplain who has taught end-of-life issues at the Yale Summer Institute in Bioethics

November 12

VOICE YOUR CHOICE: Articulating goals, values and relationships for making decisions in end-of-life care. A document to ease into and document those decisions.

November 19

HELPING NOT HURTING: Learning to talk with the sick and the bereaved. What to say, what is best left unsaid, and a helpful graphic to remember both.

IRIS Winter Clothing Drive. IRIS is collecting coats, hats, gloves, scarves, & boots for members of refugee families. They are especially in need of boots (all children's sizes and men's sizes 6-10.) Items may be new or gently used and cleaned. St. Thomas's will have a collection box—look for more information to come.

Parish Social, Friday, December 1, 6 p.m.: Potluck and Talent Show! All are invited! We have some amazing talent in the congregation—please lend yours to what promises to be a wonderful evening.

Lector/intercessor training is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, after church. If you haven't received an email directly from Keri about this, and you would like to continue or start serving as lector/intercessor, please contact Keri.

Nominations are now being accepted for Vestry members and treasurer. Remember, elections are held at the January annual parish meeting. To make a nomination, or to ask questions, contact Joann Sweasy (joann.sweasy@yale.edu).

For more information and announcements, see Wednesday’s Weekly Parish Enews.

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp
Preacher: Sara Misgen
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Organist and Choir Director: Simon Jacobs
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Matthew Babcock
Crucifer: Michael Dunlap
Torchbearers: Derek Stefanovsky, Katherine Vaillancourt
Lectors: Charles Tyson, Claire Scully
Intercessor: Edward Leavy
Vestry Host: Jennifer Regan
Sacristans: Valerie Echols, Sara Misgen
Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Sally Nanfeldt
Coffee Hour Hosts: Michael & Jennifer Fournier, Judy & Mel Thompson

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Dorothy, Greg, Katie, Lee, Luann, Marilyn, Parke

Pray for those who have died.

In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Lee McGee Street, Parke Street, Joann Sweasy, Katherine Sweasy, Denise Terry, Don Terry

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
The 233rd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, meeting November 17-18 in Greenwich, CT

Thanksgiving for the Harvest (BCP, p. 840): Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We yield thee hearty thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Church Officers and Vestry
Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)
Don Edwards (Junior Warden)
Alexander Scherer (Treasurer)
Sarah Insley (Clerk)
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)
Laura Bower-Phipps
Michael Fournier
Daniel Harrison
Martha Deeds Hogan
Kevin Johnson
Chris Martinez
Tom Radice
Jennifer Regan
Christopher Ritacco
The Rev. Keri Aubert (Priest-in-Charge)

Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests
The Rev. Dexter Cheney
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan
The Rev. Julie Kelsey
The Rev. Bill Loutrel
The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp
The Rev. Lee McGee Street
The Rev. Dr. Parke Street
The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

Church Ministry Coordinators
Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

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