



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 28, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

November 17, 2019 10 A.M.

If you are new or visiting ...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G minor

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971), *3 Preludes and Fugues*, Op. 7, 1912

INTROIT

We brought nothing into this world

We brought nothing into this world,
neither may we carry anything out of this world.
The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away,

even as it pleaseth the Lord,
so cometh things to pass,
blessed be the name of the Lord.

Words: *Book of Common Prayer*, 1549 Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Awake, my soul, and with the sun (**11**, *The Hymnal 1982*)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & 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

S-236, *The Hymnal 1982*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Surely, it is God who saves me; * I will trust in him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * and he will be my Savior.
 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.
 And on that day you shall say, * Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
 Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
 and this is known in all the world.
 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
 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 SECOND LESSON

2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMNSurely it is God who saves me (679, *The Hymnal 1982*)**THE GOSPEL**

LUKE 21:5-19

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

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

Presider

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

Intercessor and People

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 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 all citizens strive to more fairly share our nation's abundant wealth. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Hear our prayers [for _____ and] for those intercessions and thanksgivings that we now offer silently or aloud.

Presider

God of rest and renewal, during this turn of the seasons, help us to remember that the cycle of birth and death is the means by which you cultivate 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.**

THE CONFESSION

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. 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 which the People remain seated for the **Offertory Anthem**, and during which the collection is taken.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ain'-a That Good News

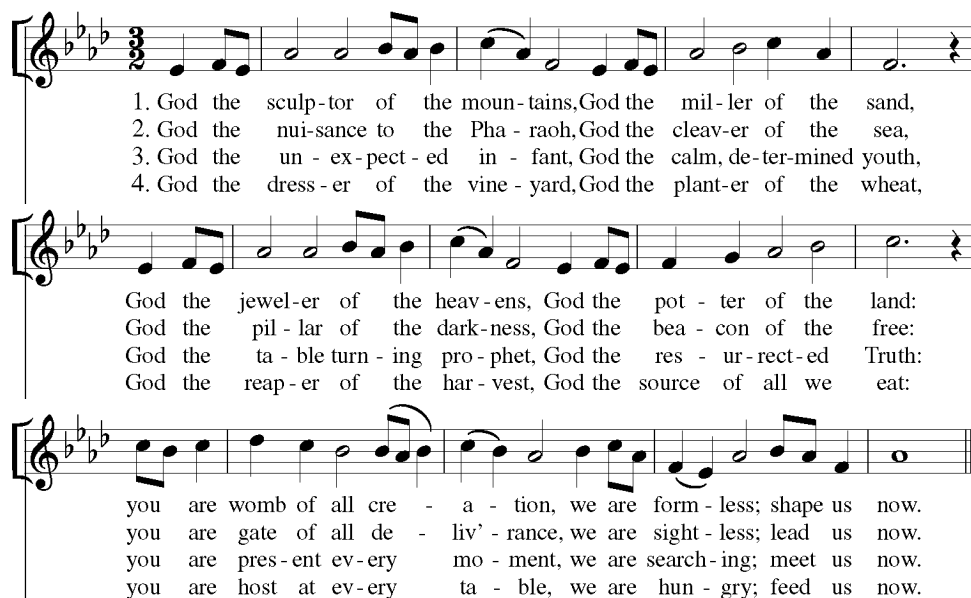
I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom,
Ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl',
Goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus,
Ain'-a that good news!

I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom . . .
I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom . . .
I got a Saviour in-a the Kingdom . . .
A-ain'-a that good news, My Lord!

Words: Traditional Music: William Levi Dawson (1899–1990), 1937

*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. 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 God the sculptor of the mountains (746, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*)



1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,
God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:
you are womb of all cre-a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
you are gate of all de-liv'-rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
you are pres-ent ev-ery mo-ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.
you are host at ev-ery ta-ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.

Words: John Thornburg (b. 1954); © 1994 John Thornburg
Music: *Sandria*, Gerre Hancock (1934–2012) © Oxford University Press

THE HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 God 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

S-127, *The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

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

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

S-169, *The Hymnal 1982*

Musical score for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord." The score includes markings for "Cantor or Choir" and "All".

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

Seek him that maketh the seven stars

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day,
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning. the night is light about me. Amen.

Words: Revelation 1:20; Amos 5:8; Psalm 139:12 Music: Jonathan Dove (b. 1959), 1995

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

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.**

THE BLESSING

Presider

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

FINAL HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light (490, *The Hymnal 1982*)

DISMISSAL

Presider: [*The Presider dismisses the People.*]

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G minor
Marcel Dupré (1886–1971), *3 Preludes and Fugues*, Op. 7, 1912

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Announcements

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

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

IRIS. Last Sunday we had a great time with Chris George, Executive Director of IRIS. Thank you for your warm clothing donations! Chris drove away with a carful.

Next Delight Night: Friday, December 6, 6 p.m., in the Lounge. Join us for a POTLUCK followed by a CAROL SING. Hot chocolate, anyone? A good time should be had by all!

New Haven Area Young Adult Episcopalians (YAE). Episcogiving Potluck: Thursday, November 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. See the Enews for more information.

Season of Racial Justice and Reconciliation Book Group. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Lounge. (We're taking December off.) We will be discussing the book *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Look for details next week.

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

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

Save the Dates: The Connecticut Gay Men’s Chorus Holiday Show. December 7 at 4 pm and 8 pm at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center and December 14 at 8pm at the new theater at West Haven High School. Tickets are available on their website, www.ctgmc.org.

Looking Ahead: Alternative Giving for the Holidays. As you plan your Christmas/holiday gift list, please consider alternative giving - that is, consider making a donation in the recipient's honor to the charitable organization of your choice. One great option is the Episcopal Relief & Development Gifts for Life program. If you're interested in food insecurity, consider Loaves & Fishes or the Connecticut Food Bank.

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

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

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Choir Director & Organist: Dr. Noah Horn
Eucharistic Minister: Kyle Holton
Crucifers: Chris Martinez, Eden Holton
Chalice:
Lectors: Judy Thompson, Jesse Stricklan
Intercessor: Claire Scully
Vestry Host:
Ushers: Greg D'Andrea, Gail Curran, Katie Coleman
Sacristans: Claire Scully & Kids
Counters: Denise Terry, Kyle Holton
Coffee Hour Hosts: Amy & Colin Sheehan, Denise Terry, Megan Ifill

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
Bonnie, Drew, Dwight, Franklin, John

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott; Ministries with older adults; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Daughters of the King

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:
East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines

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