



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 28), YEAR A

## Service of Holy Eucharist

November 19, 2017      10 A.M.

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### If you are new or visiting ...

**Welcome!** After the service, please come to Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Prière à Notre-Dame (from *Suite Gothique*)

Leon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

*At the ringing of the bell, please stand.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 632: O Christ, the Word Incarnate, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,  
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip-ture's page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.; Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847)

## 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

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in G major, 2/2 time. The lyrics are as follows:

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. Org. 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.

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.*

## FIRST LESSON

JUDGES 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Reader:      The Word of the Lord.

People:      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 123 (*sung by the choir*)

*Ad te levavi oculos mens*

- 1      To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
          to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2      As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
          and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3      So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
          until he show us his mercy.
- 4      Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
          for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5      Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
          and of the derision of the proud.

Chant: H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

## SECOND LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we

belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**      Hymn 547: Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall  
 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and  
 3 There is one Bo - dy and one hope, one Spi - rit  
 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that  
 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died and con - quered

1 give you light, so learn his love - its length and  
 2 fear re - lease, to give the Spi - rit's u - ni -  
 3 and one call, one Lord, one Faith, and one Bap -  
 4 he might save; with kind and gen - tle hearts for -  
 5 in the strife. A - wake, a - rise, go forth in

1 breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
 2 ty, the ve - ry bond of peace.  
 3 tism, one Fa - ther of us all.  
 4 give as God in Christ for gave.  
 5 faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); Music: *Marsh Chapel*, Max Miller (b. 1927)

**GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will

put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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.

### *Presider*

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.**

## CONFSSION 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

*Ecce sacerdos magnus, qui in diebus suis placuit Deo.  
Ideo jurejurando fecit illum Dominus crescere in plebem suam.  
Benedictionem omnium gentium dedit illi et testamentum suum confirmavit super caput ejus.*

*Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:  
Sicut erat in principio,  
et nunc, et semper,  
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

**Ecce sacerdos magnus**

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God.  
Therefore, by an oath, the Lord made him increase among his people.  
He gave him the blessing of all nations, and confirmed his covenant upon his head.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Words: cf. Ecclesiasticus 44:16-27; Music: Hans Leo Hassler (c. 1564-1612)

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 598: Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they  
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -  
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -

bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then  
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom  
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war  
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,

by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs  
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone  
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith  
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -

may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that  
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'  
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -

stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.  
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!  
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.  
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.; Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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,  
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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The first staff begins with "Org." above the treble clef. The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us your peace." The music includes various dynamics like forte and piano, and rests.

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

Out of your sleep arise and wake,  
For God mankind now hath y-take,  
All of a maid without any make;  
Of all women she beareth the bell.

And through a maidé faire and wise,  
Now man is made of full great price;  
Now angels knelen to man's service,  
And at this time all this befell.

Now man is brighter than the sun;  
Now mwn in heav'n on high shall won;  
Blessèd be God this game is begun  
And his mother the Empress of hell.

Out of your sleep

That ever was thrall, now is he free;  
Now ever was small, now great is she;  
Now shall God deem both thee and me  
Unto his bliss if we do well.

Now man he may to heaven wend;  
Now heav'n and earth to him they bend.  
He that was foe now is our friend.  
This is no nay that I you tell.

Now blessed Brother, grant us grace  
At dommèsday to see thy face,  
And at thy court to have a place,  
That we may there sing Thee nowell.

Words: Anonymous 15<sup>th</sup> Century; Music: Richard Rodney Bennett (1936-2012)

*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 609: Where cross the crowded ways of life, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt.; Music: Gardiner, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

## DISMISSAL

Priest: *[A priest dismisses the people.]*  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Menuet Gothique (from *Suite Gothique*)  
Boëllmann

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## Announcements

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

**There are no Christian Education programs next Sunday, November 29. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving Day and weekend.**

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

**Evening Prayer at St. Thomas's - Tuesdays at 6 p.m.** Are you interested in deepening your life of prayer while building relationship with our community? Please join us every Tuesday night in the Lady Chapel, as we lift the joys and concerns of our community. Our service begins at 6:00PM, and all are invited.

**From G.R.O.W.E.R.S.: Holiday Wine event at the Greenhouses-November 30.** It's that time of year again, when we deck out the greenhouses in Edgerton Park in all their holiday glory! Come join us Thursday evening, November 30th, from 5-8PM for G.R.O.W.E.R.S. annual Holiday Kickoff. As usual, we will have live jazz, some great Spanish wine, excellent food from the neighborhood's one and only Nica's Market, an opportunity to connect with the wonderful people of our community, and the chance to order or purchase your live holiday decorations, including custom decorated wreaths and other arrangements, live colorful plants such as poinsettias and cyclamen, or even a Christmas tree! Tickets are only \$20 each, which you can purchase in advance or at the door (advance helps us plan better, but we are happy to have last minute attendees!). All proceeds go to support the G.R.O.W.E.R.S. vocational and educational horticulture program for adults with disabilities. You can call the greenhouse (203) 777-1886 or Scott (203) 605-2807 for more details if you'd like.

**Parish Social, Friday, December 1, 6 p.m.: Potluck and ????? All are invited!**

**Cookie Care Package Ministry - December 3.** Each Fall and Spring, the St. Thomas's community sends Care Packages to support our students away at college as they head into finals. Constance Cahill is coordinating these packages and has reached out to the parents of all the college students we have on our current list to confirm addresses. \*\*If you have not heard from Constance and have a college student who should be included, please reach out to her at [cahillct@yahoo.com](mailto:cahillct@yahoo.com). Please start planning what you can contribute to this effort - everyone loves homemade treats like brownies, cookies, etc., but we are also happy to include store bought snacks (individual bags of chips, etc.) and fun items to play with. BE AWARE that we have 2 recipients who have TREE NUT ALLERGIES. We will be putting the packages together on 12/3 after church in the lounge. Constance will confirm the number of packages in the Enews the week prior. Thanks!

**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.

**Looking Ahead: Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation Class.** Have you yet to be confirmed? Were you confirmed in another tradition, and would you like to explore more deeply what it means to be an Episcopalian? Were you confirmed in The Episcopal Church but wish to reaffirm your statement of faith? Keri is now assembling a group of people in these categories for a preparation class that will begin around February 1. If you're at all interested, please contact Keri now.

**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.

**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](mailto:joann.sweasy@yale.edu)).

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

## Serving Today

**Presider:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp  
**Assisting Priest:** The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson  
**Organist and Choir Director:** Simon Jacobs  
**Emcee:** Dr. Dorothy Asch  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Christopher Martinez  
**Crucifer:** Matthew Babcock  
**Torchbearers:** Ozan Say, Sara Misgen  
**Lectors:** Lanna Moore, David Kelsey  
**Intercessor:** Don Edwards  
**Vestry Host:** Chris Ritacco  
**Sacristans:** Joan Hogan, Bill & Sally Nanfeldt  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Mel & Judy Thompson  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Marlene Baldizon, David Tate & Jimmy Canton, Claire Scully, Sara Misgen

## 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:**  
Melvin Thompson, Judy Thompson, Madison, Timothy Trama, Erin Trama, Charlotte, Delaney

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott; St. Paul's, Woodbury; The health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church; the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church.

**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

**Day School Board of Trustees**  
Gina Panza—Head of School  
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Jonathan Macey (Chair)  
Gina Criscuolo (Vice-Chair)  
Tracey Meares (Treasurer)  
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