



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 27, YEAR B

## Service of Holy Eucharist

November 11, 2018 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. **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.

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### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C major, BWV 547/1  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

### INTROIT

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Sing my soul to God the Lord  
all in glory's highest key.

Lay the Angels' choir abroad  
in their highest holy day.  
Crave thy God to tune thy heart  
unto praise's highest part. Amen.

Words: Anonymous & Luke 2:14 Music: Thomas Weelkes (1576–1623)

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, labor on (541, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle  
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is  
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y  
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing  
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till

1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us  
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to  
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but  
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the  
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows

1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant  
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our  
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents  
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its  
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes

1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.  
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.  
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt. Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR THE RIGHT USE OF GOD'S GIFTS

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider*

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your vounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

S-280, *The Hymnal 1982*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

RUTH 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 127** *(sung by the Choir)*

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house,  
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late;  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord,  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!  
he shall not be put to shame  
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

### **THE SECOND LESSON**

HEBREWS 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Seek ye first the kingdom of God (711, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you,  
and its right-eous-ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be  
add-ed un-to you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!  
o-pened un-to you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

*Refrain*

2

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

## THE GOSPEL

MARK 12:38-44

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

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

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated.*

## THE SERMON

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

*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** [*Prayers written by the Rev. Devon Anderson, the Very Rev. Ernesto Medina, and Michael Cunningham for the 1998 Diocese of Michigan convention, whose theme that year was stewardship.*]

*Deacon*

Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You shower upon us gifts abundant. Grant that we may know and trust these gifts, that we may discover the joy they bring, and inspire us to serve and to love out of that joy.

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively*

Open our lips, O God, that we may proclaim your benevolent truth and your call for justice in our communities, in our congregations, and in the world. **Gracious God, open our lips.**

Open our minds, O God, that we might dream a Church reconciled, a Church that knows only your love so abundantly that it bursts with a passion for ministry, a desire to give completely, and a sense of stewardship that seeks only to give back. **Gracious God, open our minds.**

Open our hearts, O God, to be transformed by the mighty outpouring of your compassion, so that our will to serve others with humility, integrity, and urgency is your desired will for us, your servants. **Gracious God, open our hearts.**

Open our eyes, O God, to the hurts and needs of others that call us to ministry. Teach us to see where our own abilities and resources—and the world's deep hunger—meet. **Gracious God, open our eyes.**

Open our hands, O God, to be your instruments of witness. Help us to work without hesitation, serve without recognition, to do justice, to love kindness, and to serve humbly with you, our God. **Gracious God, open our hands.**

Open our memories, O God, as we remember those who have died. Help us honor the wisdom of those who devoted their lives to your service, and who generously gave of their time and treasure. **Gracious God, open our memories.**

*Presider*

Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You shower upon us gifts abundant. Grant that we may know and trust these gifts, that we may discover the joy they bring, and inspire us to serve and love out of that joy. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. **Amen.**

## **THE CONFESSION**

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Deacon 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 Prayer for the World

Where there is hatred,  
May I bring love;  
Where there is pain,  
May I bring healing;  
Where there is darkness,  
May I bring light;  
Where there is despair,

May I bring hope;  
Where there is discord,  
May I bring harmony;  
Where there is strife,  
May I bring peace;  
Make this a better world,  
And let it begin with me.

Words: A Prayer of St. Francis Music: Simon Jacobs (b. 1983)

*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

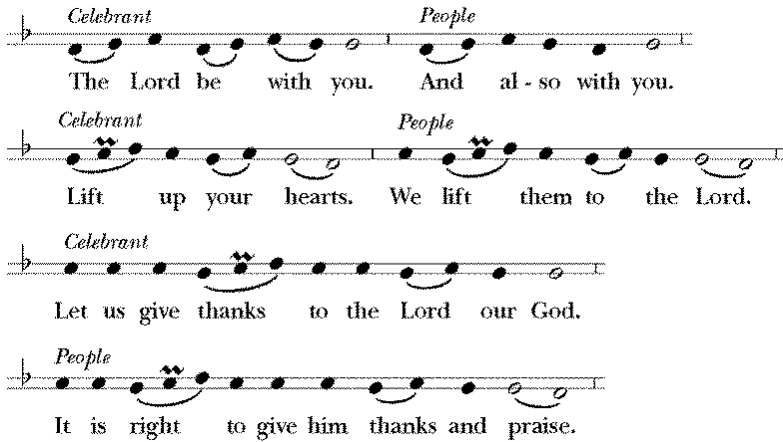
## Take everything from me that keeps me from you

Take eve-ry-thing from me that keeps me from you. Give eve-ry-thing to  
me that brings me close to you. My Lord and my God,  
take me from my-self, and give me ful-ly un-to you. Take



# 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 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 said or sung.*

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

(859, *Wonder, Love and Praise*)



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

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est. \*Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

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

*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**

(875, *Wonder, Love and Praise*)

*Cantor or Choir*

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

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

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The  
bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

*Congregation*

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be  
 known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the  
 ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }  
*Cantor or Choir*  
 bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though  
*Congregation*  
 man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord  
 The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord  
 Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the bread.  
 Je - sus }

Music: Gary James (b. 1957)

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

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via the center 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

I know my soul hath power

I know my soul hath power to know all things,  
 Yet she is blind and ignorant in all:  
 I know I'm one of Nature's little kings,  
 Yet to the least and vilest things am thrall.

I know my life's a pain and but a span;  
 I know my sense is mocked in everything;  
 And, to conclude, I know myself a man,  
 which is a proud and yet a wretched thing.

Words: John Davies (1569–1626) Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)

*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**

O day of peace that dimly shines (597, *The Hymnal 1982*)

*Introduction*



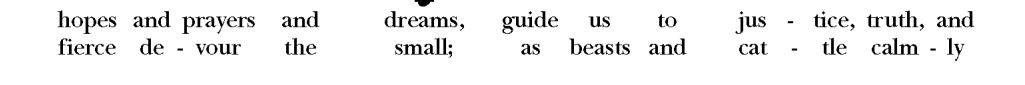
1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



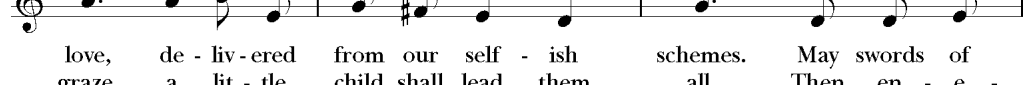
hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -  
 mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's  
 cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 *Interlude*



prom - ised reign of peace.  
 earth shall know the (Lord.)

*Final Ending*



Lord.

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## DISMISSAL

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

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## La Marche

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), arr. Donald Burrows (b. 1945)

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## Memorial and Honorific Gifts

### Announcements

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

**Stewardship season continues.** Thanks to **Madison Thompson** for offering today’s stewardship message. For information about stewardship, you can always contact one of the members of the Stewardship Team: Diana Church Empsall, Don Edwards, Kyle Holton, Alexandria Robison, Ozan Say, Kathryn Scherer, Joann Sweasy. You can also find forms and information on the Home page of our website, and in the special stewardship editions of the Enews. **Please return your pledge by Sunday, November 18.**

**Worship last weekend was wonderful!** Congratulations to all who on Saturday were confirmed (Alex Chavira, Morgan Flanagan-Folcarelli, Cora Hagens, Olivia Regan, Catherine Stricklan, Madison Thompson) or received (Jami Carlacio). And congratulations to the families of those baptized on Sunday (Lauran Rose Brockenberry, Julian Mejia Farewell, Cayla Lorraine Jones).

**Please support Loaves and Fishes** by donating non-perishable food items, especially protein. Thank you!

**Next Sunday, November 18, 9 a.m.:** Everyone is invited to the LOUNGE to create Tibetan-style prayer flags. The theme is GRATITUDE. Bring your ideas about what you are GRATEFUL for—be specific. All materials will be supplied. **THIS IS AN INTER-GENERATIONAL EVENT FOR ALL AGES!!!**

**Day School Open House.** Last Sunday’s fall Open House was a huge success! Turnout was huge: 31 families!!!! Congratulations to Head of School Gina Panza and the entire faculty and staff!

**Veteran’s Day Holiday.** In recognition of the holiday, the office will be closed tomorrow.

**Energy Efficiency Retrofit.** A multi-faceted energy audit was completed in 2017 to evaluate our eligibility for energy efficiency incentive programs. Though State budget cuts in 2017 forced the program to put a freeze on approving all projects, our project was approved and completed this summer. The project was primarily LED lighting conversion plus minor natural gas saving retrofits. The total project cost of \$35K (\$26K after incentives) is a no out-of-pocket project paid for through monthly energy savings with an estimated payback of 3.2 years. After the payback period, annual dollar savings are estimated at \$7.7K. The church and school will also realize significant savings in maintenance costs; the cost to re-lamp the church alone was about \$500 annually.

**New Haven Area Episcopal Young Adult Network Thanksgiving Gathering.** You are cordially invited by the New Haven Area Episcopal Young Adult Network to join us for an "Episcogiving" Dinner on Tuesday, November 20th at 6:30 pm! See the Enews for details.

**Save the Date: Advent Lessons & Carols: Sunday, December 9, 5 p.m.** This is one of the most beautiful services of the church year. Please plan to come, and invite your friends.

**SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT, SEPTEMBER 30**

	September 2018		Year-to-Date	
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
Income				
Pledge/Plate & Building Use	12,186.43	11,938.10	109,677.75	92,416.57
School Reimbursement	3,175.15	0.00	28,576.40	26,902.53
Regular Endowment Income*	9,783.83	10,225.62	88,054.50	90,620.96
Additional Endowment Income**	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>25,145.41</b>	<b>22,163.72</b>	<b>226,308.65</b>	<b>234,940.06</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$30,618.99</b>	<b>\$31,548.00</b>	<b>\$275,559.98</b>	<b>\$252,736.96</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-\$5,473.58</b>	<b>-\$9,384.28</b>	<b>-\$49,251.33</b>	<b>-\$17,796.90</b>

\* This figure represents 5.25% of a three-year rolling average of the Fair Market Value of the endowment, consistent with accepted prudent practices for endowment management and with the endowment spending policy adopted by the Vestry at the January 2018 meeting.

\*\* Also at its January 2018 meeting, the Vestry approved a deficit budget, planning to meet the shortfall with additional, specially-approved endowment funds. As part of this plan, the Vestry approved the additional withdrawal from the endowment of \$25,000 in June to meet cash flow demands. Meanwhile, the Vestry, with support from the Finance and Stewardship Committees, are working to develop a long-term solution to the underlying challenges.

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

## Serving Today

**Presider and Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Dexter Cheney

**Deacon:** The Rev. April Alford-Harkey

**Stewardship Message:** Madison Thompson

**Conductor & Organist:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Emcee:** Dr. Dorothy Asch

**Eucharistic Minister:** Michael Dunlap

**Crucifers:** Kyle Holton, Eden Holton

**Lectors:** Claire Scully, Katherine Vaillancourt

**Intercessor:** Don Edwards

**Vestry Host:** Alexandria Robison

**Stewardship Host:** Alexandria Robison

**Sacristans:** Sally & Bill Nanfeldt

**Ushers:** Mel & Judy Thompson

**Counters:** Diana Empsall, Don Edwards

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Jennifer Herdt & Jan Hagens, Bob & Lorna Herdt, Denise Terry

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:**

Dorothy, Drew, Greg, Jerry, Katie, Lee, Luann, Parke

**Pray for those who have died.**

**In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**

Ariana Buckley, Liam, Kellan, Allyson Hurlburt, Janice Beeghly

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**

Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic, St. Matthew's, Wilton; Women's ministries, Anglican Women's Empowerment

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**

Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical**

**Prayer Cycle, pray for:**

Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

**Church Officers and Vestry**

Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)

Don Edwards (Junior Warden)

Diana Empsall (Treasurer)

Martha Deeds Hogan (Clerk)

Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)

Constance Cahill

Daniel Harrison

Dawn Lorentson

Chris Martinez

Jennifer Regan

Alexandria Robison

Kate Schilling

The Rev. Keri Aubert (Priest-in-Charge)

**Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests**

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney

The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

**Church Ministry Coordinator**

Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

**Day School Board of Trustees**

Gina Panza—Head of School

The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.

Gina Criscuolo (Chair)

Frank Chang (Vice-Chair)

Tracey Meares (Treasurer)

Jeralyn Fantarella (Secretary)

John Forrest

Alex Babbidge

Don Edwards

Jonathan Macey

Eileen O'Donnell

Kenneth Paul

Kathryn Crabb Scherer

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Heather Tookes Alexopoulos

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