

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 28) Holy Eucharist

November 13, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Information for newcomers and visitors is located on the back page of this service bulletin.

VOLUNTARY

Canzonetta

William Mathias (1934-1992)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Christ, the Word Incarnate
Hymn 632 (*Munich*)

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 - diancance 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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Celebrant 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

Hymnal S-280

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.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.**

CANTICLE 9: THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH *(sung by the choir)*

Ecce, Deus

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 HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Hymn 482 (*Slane*)

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 21:5-19

Priest: 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

When Sunday School is offered, the students follow the children's processional cross up the aisle, and then their teachers bring them to their classrooms. At the preacher's invitation, all are seated.

THE SERMON

After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Priest

The season of harvest is a powerful demonstration of God's abundant generosity. In gratitude for the multitude of gifts with which we have been blessed, let us seek God's blessings for the church and for the world, responding to "Gracious God," with "hear our prayer."

Intercessor

Bless Christ's holy church. Help those who minister in Jesus's name follow the path of true discipleship. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the leaders of nations around the world. Help them to be steadfast in the pursuit of peace. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all candidates and voters during this election season. Help them to unite in service to the greater good. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who advocate for systemic change, especially those addressing issues of racial justice. Help heal our nation's wounds as it learns to uphold all people. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the fruits of the harvest. Help humans steward your creation for the generations to come. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the ministry of education shared by St. Thomas's Church and St. Thomas's Day School. Help our sixtieth year be both a celebration and a beginning. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless us with gifts for ministry, and discernment to recognize them. Help us to offer those gifts as blessings to others. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the hungry, the homeless, and the sick. Help them to be strong, and help us to be compassionate. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the communion of saints, the living and the dead. Help us to glean from them, the inspiration to seek and serve you. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the prayerful intentions that we now offer before you, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant

Gracious God, humbly and confidently we turn to you, the source of all blessings. Hear our prayers, offered through your redeeming Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

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.**

Celebrant

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

Celebrant: 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. If the children have been in Sunday School, they return at this time. After the announcements, the People remain seated for the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For lo, I raise up

C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

For, lo, I raise up that bitter and hasty nation,
Which march through the breadth of the earth,
To possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.
They are terrible and dreadful,
Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.
Their horses also are swifter than leopards,
And are more fierce than the evening wolves.
And their horsemen spread themselves,
Yea, their horsemen come from far.
They fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour,
They come all of them for violence;
Their faces are set as the east-wind,
And they gather captives as the sand.
Yea, he scoffeth at kings,
And princes are a derision unto him.
For he heapeth up dust and taketh it.
Then shall he sweep by as a wind that shall pass over,
And be guilty,
Even he, whose might is his God.
Art not thou from everlasting,
O Lord, my God, mine Holy One?
We shall not die.
O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgement,
And thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction.
I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower,
And look forth to see what he will say to me,
And what I shall answer concerning my complaint.
And the Lord answered me and said:
The vision is yet for the appointed time,
And it hasteth toward the end, and shall not lie:
Though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come.
For the earth shall be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,
As the waters cover the sea.
But the Lord is in his holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Text: Habakkuk 1:6–12; 2:1–3, 14, 20

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Usbers 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

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest

Hymn 624 (*Ewing*)

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest,
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on all ju - bi - lant with song,
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid; and there, from care re - leased,
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!

be - neath thy con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - pressed:
 and bright with man - y an an - gel, and all the mar - tyr throng;
 the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast;
 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!

I know not, oh, I know not, what joys a - wait us there;
 the Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
 and they who with their Lead - er have con - quered in the fight,
 Je - sus, in mer - cy bring us to that dear land of rest,

what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare!
 the pas - tures of the bless - ed are decked in glo - rious sheen.
 for ev - er and for ev - er are clad in robes of white.
 who art with God the Fa - ther, and Spi - rit, ev - er blest.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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

Hymnal S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

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 O taste and see Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Text: Psalm 34:8

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

SENDING FORTH A EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

This prayer is said when a Eucharistic Visitor will take communion to an ill or homebound parishioner. The Eucharistic Visitor joins the Celebrant in front of the altar.

Celebrant and People

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Go in peace.

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth
Hymn 598 (*Mit Freuden zart*)



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.

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Contrapunctus III (The Art of Fugue, BWV 1080) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Announcements

For more information, visit www.stthomasnewhaven.org and www.musicatstthomas.org.

Today: There is **Sunday School** for all children from 9:30 to 10 and for younger children from the Sermon to the Exchange of the Peace.

If you haven't, please remember to submit your pledge. Follow-up calls will begin soon.

Try Your Tablet in Church. Remember, we now post Sunday service bulletins on our website by the end of the day the *previous* Thursday. Either at home or at church (using the new wifi hotspot), you can download bulletins to your tablet or other electronic device for use in church, thereby saving printed copies. If enough people start doing this, we can reduce printing - and that's good stewardship of money and trees.

Music at St. Thomas's Presents: Three-Choirs Evensong, Sunday, November 13, 5 p.m. Sung by the combined choirs of St. Thomas's, Christ Church and Trinity-on-the-Green, this service of Choral Evensong with include pieces by Jacobs (*Responses*), Wood (*Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D*), and Stanford (*For Lo, I Raise Up*).

Music at St. Thomas's Presents: Midweek Concert, Wednesday, November 16, 12:30 p.m.: Janet Yieh, Organ. This is the third concert in our series celebrating the 60th anniversary of St. Thomas's Day School. Janet Yieh is Organ Scholar at Trinity, New Haven and studying for a Masters in Organ at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. The performance will be attended by Day School students. All are welcome. A freewill offering will be taken.

Cabaret Night: Friday, November 18, 7 p.m.: WE NEED YOU! There has not been a cavalcade of sign-ups. You can just show up or bring something the night of the show, but it would help our planning if you signed up ahead of time to perform or bring a snack. Contact talent coordinator and event emcee Robbie Laughton or hospitality coordinator Keri Aubert.

Celebration of the Spirit: the Sunday of ECCT Convention, November 20. The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) is gathering for Eucharist at the Convention Center in Hartford, and **all are invited!** Register on the ECCT website. **Meanwhile, back at home...** All the clergy will be in Hartford on November 20, so worship at St. Thomas's will be sung Morning Prayer. No coffee hour hosts were assigned for that day.

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson

Preacher: The Rev. Julie Kelsey

Organist and Choirmaster: Simon Jacobs

Emcee: Dorothy Asch

Eucharistic Minister: Ricardo Chavira

Crucifer: Michael Dunlap

Torchbearers: Chris Martinez, Peter Piech

Lectors: Constance Cahill, Diane Schultz

Sacristans: Jennifer & Michael Fournier

Ushers/Greeters: Laura Bower-Phipps, Gail Curran, Katie Coleman

Coffee Hour Hosts: John & Kerri Ward, Jennifer Ricker & Thomas Radice, Meg Stapleton Smith, Mark Cicero

Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:

Bill M., Bill R., Bob, Bob H., Coral, Donna, Jane, Jeannie, Jonathan, Katie, Lee, Marj, Marilyn, Meg, Phil, Suzanne, Timothy

In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Peter Piech, Ozan Say, Sarah Insley-Say, Meg Stapleton Smith

Pray for those who have died.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The 232nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, meeting Nov. 19-20 in Hartford CT

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain; The Rt. Rev. Carlos López-Lozano

Prayer for those who Influence Public Opinion

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 824)

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! Thank you for attending worship at St. Thomas's. Please consider returning the information slip below, signing the guest register near the main entry, and introducing yourself to a clergy person or usher. After the service, you are invited to join the congregation for Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

Families with children: On most Sundays during the school year, Sunday School is offered for children from pre-K through grade 8. All children are invited to attend. On three Sundays a month, Sunday School takes place both before and during the service; on one Sunday a month, it follows the service. On any given Sunday, the bulletin announcements and worship instructions provide additional information.

Families with small children: Two 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 area in front of the left side of the pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

At St. Thomas's, all are invited to receive Holy Communion. There are usually two stations, located at the front corners of the altar, where you may receive Holy Communion. **Gluten-free bread** is available at both stations. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference in orientation will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. This is the most sanitary option. Some people 'intinct' (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail & Phone _____

How did you hear about St. Thomas's? _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak to a clergy person | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receive parish emails | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about joining the Adult Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a permanent name tag | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's
Choristers (Junior Choir) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explore becoming a member | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get involved with _____ | |