



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, YEAR B

## Service of Holy Eucharist

January 14, 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. 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

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542i

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## INTROIT

*Mihi autem nimis honorati sunt amici tui, Deus,  
nimis confortatus est principatus eorum.*

Mihi autem nimis

But to me, O God, how honored are your friends! How much has their principality been strengthened!

Words: Offertory Antiphon for the Conversion of St. Paul; Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

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

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymn 497: How bright appears the Morning Star, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 phim a - dored, as sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608);  
 Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY

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

Hymn 421: All glory be to God on high, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
 gave - us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry    thanks and praise, O    God, Al-might - y    Fa - ther.  
 we for judgment    there must stand, have    mer - cy, Lord, up - on    us.  
 with the Spi - rit,    you a - lone share    in    the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*; Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); harm. Hieronymous Praetorius (1560?-1629)

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## FIRST LESSON

1 SAMUEL 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."]

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son."

He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

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

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

**PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17** (*sung by the choir*)

*Domine, probasti*

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

## SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for

fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

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

### SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 707: Take my life, and let it be, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Francis Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt.; Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

## GOSPEL

JOHN 1:43-51

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

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated*

## THE SERMON

*All stand*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Presider and People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again**

in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### *Intercessor*

Joining our hearts in hope and faith, let us pray to God, saying, “Light of Christ, shine on all creation.”

Flame of abundant love, give us joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world. We pray for your universal church and for all ministers of your Word. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Ember of steadfast presence, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence, and to pursue peace and reconciliation. We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Star of wondrous glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home. We pray for the land on which we stand, the waters that surround us, and the creatures that inhabit them. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Lamp of eternal wisdom, guide us as we seek and follow you. We pray for St. Thomas’s Church and Day School, and especially the leaders who are listening to hear the guidance of your Spirit. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Radiance of boundless compassion, direct our hands to your loving service. We pray for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the homeless, and for all those in any need or trouble. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Spark of true liberation, send us your redeeming and reconciling grace. We pray for the dying and the dead. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Please offer your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

*Presider*

Holy God, you embrace the whole universe and sanctify all you have created: continually manifest in our hearts the constant awareness of your affection and the persuasive revelation of your desire, and thereby prepare us to offer our voices and bodies as courageous and confident bearers of the Good News of your light and love; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## CONFESSIO N 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

Omnis de Saba

*Omnis de Saba venient  
aurum et thus deferentes  
et laudem annuntiantes Domini. Alleluia.*

All they from Saba shall come,  
bringing gold and frankincense:  
and shewing forth praise to the Lord. Alleluia.

Words: Gradual for Epiphany (Isaiah 60:1,6); Music: Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

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 117: Brightest and best, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;  
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,  
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,  
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorm - ing,  
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,  
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,  
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorm - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.  
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.; Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

# 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.

*People*

*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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

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

### *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 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,  
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 Jesus, in the  
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

1. Congregation || 2. Cantor or Choir

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The  
The dis -

1. 2.

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

Congregation

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be  
The dis -

known to us, Lord Je - sus,  
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus} in the break - ing of the

Cantor or Choir

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

*Congregation*

many we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord

Je - sus, Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

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. 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

Thou knowest, Lord

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;  
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.

O holy and most merciful Saviour,  
thou most worthy Judge eternal,  
suffer us not, at our last hour,  
for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Words: From the Funeral Sentences (BCP 1662); Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

*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**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**FINAL HYMN**

Hymn 1: Lift every voice and sing, *LEVAS*

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en  
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning  
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning  
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y  
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
2. We have come o - ver a-way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
3. Lest our feet stray from the pla-ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has  
2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the  
3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for-

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new  
2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we  
3. get thee, Shad-owed be -neath Thy hand, May we for -

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G minor, 4/4 time. The top staff is for a treble clef instrument, and the bottom staff is for a bass clef instrument. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry\_\_\_\_ is won.  
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star\_\_\_\_ is cast.  
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938); Music: J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G minor, BWV 542ii

Bach

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## Announcements

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

**During Coffee Hour** today, we will celebrate and say goodbye to Lynda and Charlie Tyson. Please come if you can.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Eucharistic Celebration: Monday January 15, Noon, Church of the Holy Spirit, West Haven.** Presented by the Southern Connecticut chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians.

**Lessons & Carols for Epiphany: Sunday, January 21, 5 p.m., Trinity on the Green.** Our Choir is one of four participating in the service.

**Our Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for after worship on Sunday, January 28. Our last two Parish Meetings were fun and energetic, and this one should be the same. We'll have an enhanced Coffee Hour with plenty of food. Please come if you can!

**It's never too late to pledge.** Our goal is not a dollar amount figure, but rather 100% participation! You can find everything you need to pledge on St. Thomas's website Home page. Thanks to all who have already participated!

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

## Serving Today

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**Presider:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Organist:** Simon Jacobs  
**Emcee:** Dr. Dorothy Asch  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Sara Misgen  
**Crucifer:** Chris Martinez  
**Torchbearers:** Michael Dunlap, Kate Schilling  
**Lectors:** Drew McDermott, Sally Edwards  
**Intercessor:** Dan Harrison  
**Vestry Host:** Kevin Johnson  
**Sacristans:** Valerie & Greg Echols  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Mel & Judy Thompson  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Jennifer Herdt & Jan Hagens, Lorna & Bob Herdt  
**Counters:** Michael Fournier, Jennifer Herdt

## 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, especially:**  
Muriel

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

Chris Acosta, Matthew Bailey, Melinda Bailey, Aidan, Elizabeth

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

St. Peter's, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; Wardens, treasurers, clerks, and all vestry members; elected delegates; annual parish meetings

**Collect for Epiphany (BCP, p. 214):** O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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

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