



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR A

Service of Holy Eucharist

January 15, 2023 10 A.M.

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Whether you are new or returning, **WELCOME!**

To follow along with the service all you need is this bulletin.

**Please remain masked and observe social distancing** throughout the service and any time you are inside, regardless of vaccination status. Our expectation is that everyone who can be has been vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. Very young children and people who are immunocompromised lack vaccine protection, so your continued diligence is appreciated.

**There is no mechanical air exchange in the church portions of the building.** The Lounge has high efficiency air filters but no mechanical air exchange.

**All church spaces are accessible.** Handicapped parking and a wheelchair ramp are located in back of the building; a lift for access to the second floor is located at the stairway.

**Restrooms** are located on the second floor. Go through the double doors near the pulpit, upstairs to the second floor, and to the far end of the hallway. A **restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit. All restrooms are all-gender single-use.

**ALL are invited to receive Holy Communion.** Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. As a pandemic safety precaution, the People will be offered bread but not wine. Remember, the sacrament is complete and efficacious even when received in one kind only. Instructions for Holy Communion are included below at the appropriate point.

If you are new, please consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting on the table inside the main entrance.

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

**Wireless access in the Sanctuary** is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the service.

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**St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (Quinnipiac) land.** This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

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## VOLUNTARY

Prélude in G minor  
Marcel Dupré (1886–1971), Op. 7, No. 3 (1912)

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

## HYMN

We the Lord's people (51, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who  
2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the  
3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -  
4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,  
faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,  
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,  
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.  
ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.  
sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.  
his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

## PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF A CHURCH

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest (241, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to His peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly  
Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world: have mer-cy on us;  
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our  
prayer. For  
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High,—  
 Je - sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Music: David Hurd (b. 1950), *Intercession Mass*. Copyright © 1979, 1983, G.I.A. Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL. All Rights Reserved.

## 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.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
 The LORD called me before I was born,  
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
 He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
 he made me a polished arrow,  
 in his quiver he hid me away.  
 And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
 But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
 and my reward with my God."  
 And now the LORD says,  
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 40:1-12** (*sung by the Choir*)

Shirley Hill

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, “Behold, I come.

- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
‘I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.’”
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called  
to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given  
you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and  
knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among  
you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on  
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship  
of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

HYMN

What wondrous love is this (439, *The Hymnal 1982*)

*Unison*

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926).

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 1:29-42

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he

was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

*After the sermon, all remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Presider and People*

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**



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

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** [*The Rev. Keri Aubert*]

*Presider*

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

*Intercessor and People*

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 for 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.**

We pray for the appreciations and concerns that we now share aloud or carry in our hearts.  
[*You are invited to offer your prayer intentions.*]

*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.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [*Silence is kept.*]

*Presider and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Please remain in place while greeting your neighbors with a sign of peace. You may then be seated for brief announcements and the **Offertory Anthem.***

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Your financial support is sincerely appreciated. We will not pass a collection plate today; collection plates are located at the doors. To give online, go to the Church website Home page ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If viewing this document electronically, simply [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.  
Shout hallelujah! Praise His holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
was blind, but now I see.

Praise His Holy Name

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!  
Shout hallelujah! Praise His holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone  
and all the world go free?  
No, there's a cross for everyone  
and there's a cross for me.

Words and Music: Keith Hampton (b. 1957)

During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Presider sets the table, and the People come forward to encircle the altar for the Eucharistic prayer. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If this is difficult for you, please feel free to sit in a chair near the altar or in the the front row of pews. You may also remain where you are.

**HYMN**

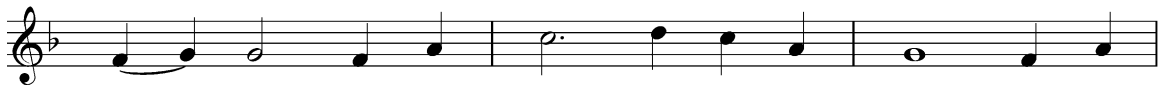
Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult (549, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sa - vior,



1 life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 2 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 3 vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol that would  
 4 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 5 make us hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



1 sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;" say - ing,  
 2 kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake. leav - ing  
 3 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more." say - ing,  
 4 plea - sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these." "Chris-tian,  
 5 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all. serve and



1 "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"  
 2 all for his dear sake.  
 3 "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 4 love me more than these."  
 5 love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *St. Andrew*, David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1983, G.I.A. Publications.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B



*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

*People*  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### *Presider*

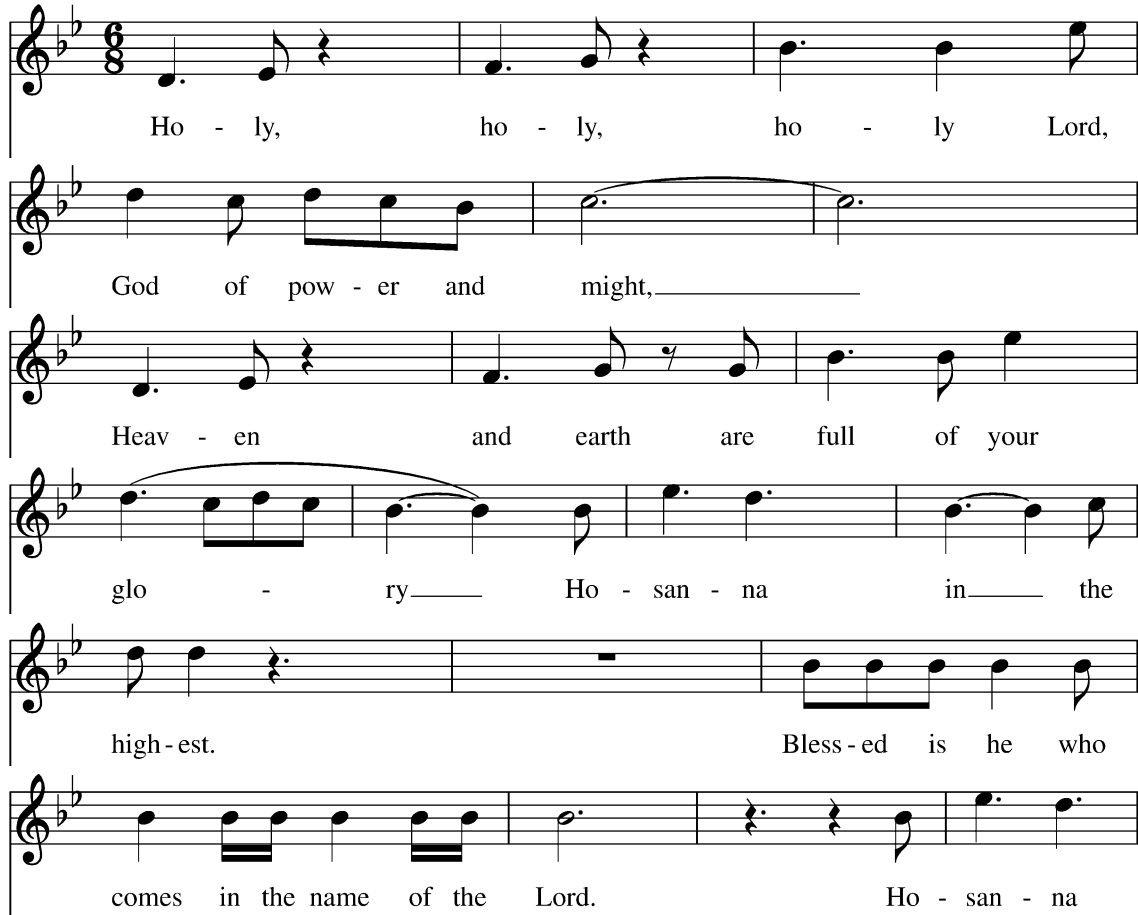
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

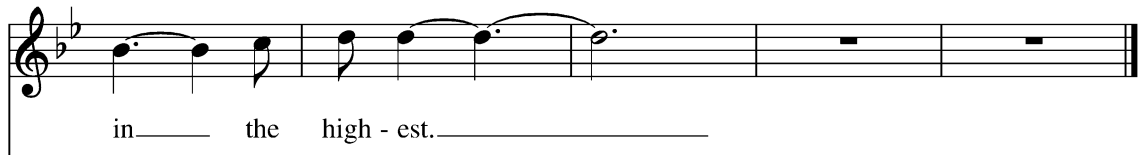
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord (254, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)



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



Music: Carl MaultsBy, *The Saint Mary Mass*. Copyright © 1989 Malted Milk Music. Used by permission. All Rights Reserved.

*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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; 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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,**

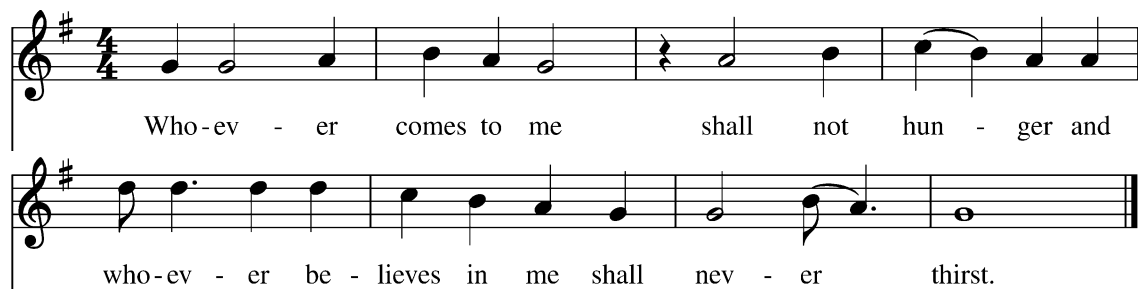
**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Whoever comes to me (878, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*)



Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and  
who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles, and Chants*. Copyright © 1997 Carl Haywood.

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. For the distribution of communion, the priest will come to you. Extend your hands, and the priest will place the bread in them. To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest.***

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Et in Spiritum Sanctum

Et in Spiritum Sanctum  
Dominum et vivificantem  
qui ex Patre Filioque procedit  
qui cum Patre et Filio simul  
adoratur et conglorificatur  
qui locutus est per prophetas  
et unam sanctam catholicam  
et apostolicam ecclesiam.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and Giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who together with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who spoke to us through the prophets.  
And I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church.

Words: The Nicene Creed Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), *Mass in B minor*, BWV 232

*After all have received communion, all stand.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

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

**People: Amen.**

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**



## Announcements

*For all the latest news and information, see last week's edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Parish website Home page ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), click **Enews Archive** for the latest edition or **Enews (subscribe)** to subscribe.*

**We have returned to our pre-pandemic practice of gathering around the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer.** Please follow the instructions at the appropriate point in the bulletin.

**175th Anniversary Concert: January 29 at 4 p.m. See the flyer below.** We're hoping to have a solid turnout for our concert (January 29 at 4 p.m.) Please plan to come! And please help get out the word to your family and friends! Share the Enews, or the flyer in the Enew, or tear out and hand them the flyer printed in the bulletin. **We're still seeking volunteers to bring food or beverages to the reception.** If you can help, email Jennifer Herdt ([jennifer.herdt@yale.edu](mailto:jennifer.herdt@yale.edu)) or Linda Meyer ([lindarossmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:lindarossmeyer@gmail.com)).

**Inquirers Class: Are you interested in participating this year?** We already have enough interest to have an Inquirers Class this year - and there's still room for you! If you're interested or have questions, email Keri. Here are some particulars:

- The Inquirers class is required for those seeking confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation in the Episcopal Church - but it's open to anyone. (In case you don't know: confirmation is for people who haven't already made an adult commitment of faith; reception is for people previously confirmed in the Roman Catholic or Lutheran church and who wish to be formally recognized as Episcopalians; reaffirmation is for people previously confirmed in the Episcopal church and who wish to renew their commitment.)
- It's a great way to learn more about the Episcopal tradition, and to explore how God might be calling you at this time.
- The class consists of six weekly one-hour sessions, mostly during Lent. We will select the meeting day and time based on participants' availability.
- Our conversations will be shaped by framed by scripture, the Baptismal Covenant (which we renew during the Easter Vigil).
- A bonus this year is that participants can be confirmed/received/reaffirmed during our official visitation from Bishop Jeff Mello at our regular service on Trinity Sunday, June 4.

**Save the Date: Upcoming Ordination.** Meg Stapleton Smith, this Parish's sponsee for ordination, will be ordained priest on Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas' Church, Bethel, CT. Your prayers and presence are requested.

**Thursday Night Study Group, 7:30 p.m.** See the Enews for details and for news on what's next.

**St. Thomas's Parish Annual Meeting Notice.** In accord with Canon I, Section II of the Canons of the Diocese of Connecticut, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held **Sunday, February 5, 2022.** Purpose: Electing the Vestry members and officers, and transacting such other business as may legally come before the Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting will be called to order following the 10:00 a.m. service. - Denise A. Terry, Clerk

**Winter Weather is Coming!** In case of inclement winter weather, rather than cancel church altogether, we will switch to Zoom only. See the Enews for details.

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**Register today for a 2-Day VISIONS, Inc. Workshop.** VISIONS Inc. is offering workshops for those interested in expanding ideas & creating community around concepts of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice. See the Enews.

**Save the Date: ECCT 10th Annual Spring Training & Gathering: April 29, 2023.** Details to come.



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## Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert

**Music Director:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Eucharistic Minister:** Madeleine Anderson

**Lector:** Ben Schafer

**Intercessor:**

**Sacristan:** Madeleine Anderson

**Usher:** Gary Robison

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** The Robisons

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:**

Dan (Keri Aubert's brother-in-law)

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**  
the people of Ukraine

**Pray for those who have died.**

**In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**

All ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; for peace and peacemakers

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

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:**

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

### Church Vestry

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden)

Linda Meyer (Junior Warden)

Bill English (Treasurer)

Denise Terry (Clerk)

Madeleine Anderson

Valerie Cicero

Claire Scully

The Rev. Keri Aubert (Rector)

### Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney

The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

### Day School Board of Trustees

John Forrest (Chair)

Greg Mokotoff (Vice-Chair)

Christopher Cavallaro (Treasurer)

Eileen O'Donnell (Secretary)

Renu Boatwright

William English

Robert Herdt

Ken Paul

Robert Tait

Chris Vigilante

Susan Zhang

Linda Meyer (Church Junior Warden)

Keri Aubert (President, Day School Corp.)

Gina Panza (Head of School)

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