



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 7, YEAR C

## Service of Holy Eucharist

June 23, 2019 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 (located in the pew rack). You can use the form to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting for you on the table just inside the main church entrance.

**To follow along with the service** you need this service bulletin as well as two books in the pew rack: *The Book of Common Prayer* (RED) and *The Hymnal 1982* (BLUE).

**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. We are currently on hiatus for the summer.

**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)** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

**All are invited to receive Holy Communion.** Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each communion station; **non-alcoholic wine** is available from the chalice bearer at the center. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

**To receive Holy Communion** hold out your hands, and the server will place bread in them. If you wish to receive wine, please sip it from the common cup, using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips.

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### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Scherzo

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925), *10 Pièces*, No. 8, 1890

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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing (493, *The Hymnal 1982*)

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

1 KINGS 19:1-15

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." [Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

SEQUENCE HYMN In Christ there is no East or West (529, *The Hymnal 1982*)

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 8:26-39

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

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your

home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Deacon: 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, FORM I**      **Page 383, *The Book of Common Prayer***

**THE CONFESSION**      **Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer***

**THE PEACE**      **Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer***

*The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements. At the beginning of the **Offertory Hymn**, the People remain seated while the Ushers take the collection. When 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

O God of every nation (607, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

Page 369, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at each station; non-alcoholic wine is available from the chalice bearer at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise to the living God (372, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer***

**THE BLESSING**

**Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer***

**FINAL HYMN**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind (653, *The Hymnal 1982*)

**DISMISSAL**

**Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer***

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Toccatà  
Eugène Gigout (1844–1925), 10 Pièces, No. 8, 1890

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## Announcements

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

**Today marks the first Sunday of the season “after Pentecost.”** This long season of “ordinary time,” marked by the liturgical color green, lasts until the first Sunday of Advent.

**Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal: YES!** Like last year, this summer we’re using a slimmed-down bulletin, so you’ll need to use the books in the pew racks to follow the liturgical responses and sing the hymns. The change brings a big savings on production time and paper. Last summer many people expressed gladness for using the books, so hopefully you’ll enjoy the opportunity. Please remember that newcomers and visitors may need help with the great Episcopal book juggle, and be prepared to lend a hand.

**Congrats and thanks, Nathan!** Hearty congratulations to the Rev. Nathan Empsall for his ordination to the priesthood last Saturday in Spokane. In recognition, several weeks ago we scheduled him to preside today. Because Keri was called out-of-state again this week, he also agreed to take on the sermon, and rather at the last minute. Hearty thanks to Nathan for that!

**Education programming for children and youth is now on suspension for the summer.**

**DIY Bible Study WILL continue, at least through June.** All are invited to stop in for informal conversation about the readings for the day. Meetings are held in the Day School lobby.

**Sunday School Outreach.** The Sunday School has been collecting coins for the Malawi Orphan Feeding Program. The total amount collected is now \$600!!! Keep those coin jars handy and start filling them up again. Thank you!

**Summer Coffee Hour.** Please use the link in the Enews to sign up for summer coffee hour, or use the sign up sheet in the lounge, for the Sundays from June 23 to September 1. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

**Loaves & Fishes:** For the month of June, please bring **CANNED VEGETABLES** and **BATH SOAP**.

**Our Little Free Library always needs books.** With the improved weather, traffic to Edgerton Park—and at our Library—has been heavy, and so the books have been flying off the shelves! Just pop them in yourself.

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

## Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Nathan Empsall

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

**Organist:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Eucharistic Minister:** Chris Martinez

**Crucifer:**

**Lectors:** Don Edwards, Sally Edwards

**Intercessor:**

**Vestry Host:** Ozan Say

**Sacristans:** Valerie & Greg Echols

**Ushers:** Bill & Sally Nanfeldt

**Counters:** Joann Sweasy

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Joann Sweasy

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

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

Bonnie, Dorothy, Drew, Dwight, Ginny, Greg, Katie, Marion, Sam

**Pray for those who have died.**

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

All Saints', Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich; St. Ann's, Old Lyme; Environmental ministry networks, eco-justice work; community gardens

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

the united Church of North India

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

Kenya, Tanzania

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

**Church Officers and Vestry**

Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)

Denise Terry (Junior Warden)

Ricardo Chavira (Treasurer)

Kyle Holton (Clerk)

Thomas Hogan

Linda Meyer

Alexandria Robison

Ozan Say

Catherine Stricklan

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

**Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests**

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney

The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

**Church Ministry Coordinator**

Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

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