



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A

Service of Holy Eucharist

March 5, 2023 10 A.M.

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.

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.

INTROIT

Thou shalt bring them in

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them
in the mountain of thine inheritance,
in the place, O LORD,

which thou hast made for thee to dwell in,
in the Sanctuary, O LORD,
which thy hands have established.

Words: Exodus 15:17 Music: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), *Israel in Egypt* (1739)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

Presider

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

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.

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison (S 89, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Unison or harmony

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 12:1-4

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121 (*sung by the Choir; the People respond with the Antiphon*)

Tone V.1



My help comes from the LORD, the mak - er of heav - en and earth.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. **[Antiphon]**
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night. **[Antiphon]**
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. **[Antiphon]**

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 4:1-5,13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of

the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN The great Creator of the worlds (489, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,
2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;
4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;
5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;

1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.
2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.
4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.
5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all
their truest life to find,
in love God sent his Son to save,
not to condemn mankind.

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THE GOSPEL

JOHN 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no

one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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*]

Intercessor and People

Even the most barren landscapes contain seeds of life awaiting a season favorable for emergence. With gratitude for God's creative and re-creative power, we pray for the church and for the world.

We pray for Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic church, that all who proclaim Jesus' name may find unity of purpose in humble service to others. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all in authority around the world, including the elected and appointed officials of this nation, that they may see in every person the image of God. We pray especially for the President and Vice-President, Congress and Supreme Court, governors and legislatures of all states, and mayors and councils of all towns. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all that you have created and named good, especially the land, sea, sky, and life surrounding us, that it may be cherished in the present and preserved for the future. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray that our nation will continue the turning necessary to resolve its sinful legacy of slavery and racism, that all Americans may at last attain the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for St. Thomas's Church and Day School, that we may continue to cultivate our unique gifts for making this a better world. During this period of Lenten preparation, we pray especially for our inquirers: Josh M., Josh P., Justin, Morgen, Nancy, and Sheldon. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for the children and youth of this and every community, that they may know love and safety, and grow in wisdom and kindness. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find solace, strength, and healing. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may join the saints in your eternal glory. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for the intercessions and thanksgivings that we now name before you, either silently or aloud. [*You are invited to offer your prayer intentions.*]

Presider

God of compassion, hear the prayers of your people: help us look past the temporary desolation of our earthly trials, and reach toward the eternal majesty of your heavenly kingdom, where all divisions dissolve, all creation prospers, and all believers rejoice; we pray through our redeemer Jesus Christ, in our advocate the Holy Spirit. **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), and click GIVE NOW. If viewing this document electronically, simply [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:
he is thy defense upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out,
and thy coming in:
from this time forth and for evermore.

Words: Psalm 121 Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983), *Requiem* (1932)

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

I to the hills will lift mine eyes (668, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes; from whence shall come my aid?
 2 He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he safe-ly keeps;
 3 Thy faith-ful guard-ian is the Lord, thy shelt-er and thy shade;
 4 From e-vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy strength re-store

My help is from the Lord a-bove who heaven and earth hath made.
 with watch-ful and un-tir-ing eye he slum-bers not, nor sleeps.
 nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need make thy soul a-fraid.
 and guard thy go-ing out and in, both now and ev-er-more.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 (S 129, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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 in the high - est. _____

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Presider

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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. After receiving communion or a blessing, please return to your original seat.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Abendlied

Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden,
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

Abide with us, for it is toward evening,
and the day is far spent.

Words: Luke 24:29 Music: Joseph Rheinberger (1839–1901), *3 Geistliche Gesänge*, Op. 69 (1873)

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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider

Bow down before the Lord. [*Silence is kept.*] Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (637, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Descant

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, _____ to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Mélanie Bonis (1858–1937), Op. 97

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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), click **Enews Archive** for the latest edition or **Enews (subscribe)** to subscribe.*

LOAVES AND FISHES FOR LENT

As a parish-wide community service program during Lent, St. Thomas's will focus on the local non-profit **Loaves and Fishes**. Your participation is humbly invited.

Begun in 1982 as a food pantry at St. Paul and St. James Episcopal Church near Wooster Square, Loaves and Fishes now distributes more than 500,000 pounds of food annually. Loaves and Fishes also hosts a clothing closet, serving more than 100 people each week, including folks of all ages, including children and adults.

You can Participate by Donating Money to Purchase Food

You may donate online in one of these ways:

- Go to the [Donate page](#) of the [Loaves and Fishes website](#)
- Click the [Give Now button](#) on the [St. Thomas's Church website](#) (scroll down to the Loaves and Fishes window)

Important note: Loaves and Fishes no longer accepts donations of food.

Loaves and Fishes works with the Coordinated Food Assistance Network in New Haven. Because of the newly established nonprofit food sector, food pantries have access to staples and fresh food at a reduced cost. Your donations of money do more good in providing groceries than can be accomplished by collecting canned goods.

You can Participate by Donating Clothing

Specific clothing requests at this time include:

- Men's and women's jeans
- Men's short sleeved shirts, sweaters, jackets, shoes, and new socks

Bring clothing donations to Loaves and Fishes (Thursday through Saturday between 9 and 11 a.m., in the driveway at 57 Olive Street) or St. Thomas's (volunteers will deliver your contributions).

It's Lent! There are many ways to observe Lent. Whether you're looking for something more traditional or for something more "anti-Lent," there are lots of resources available. For example, there are various options on the Lent website pages of [The Episcopal Church](#) or [SALT Project](#). You can always contact Keri for ideas. This year she is feeling very aware of how shame-based theologies of sin have been used to oppress some bodies. As an antidote, this year her Lenten practice will be grounded in the 40-day devotional book [Queers the Word](#) and will include particular care for her own body.

Thursday Night Study Group, 7:30 p.m. NEW FOR LENT: Brene Brown and Richard Rohr. Next up for the Group, starting this coming Thursday: Conversation based on four 2022 episodes of the Brene Brown podcast *Unlocking Us* in which she interviews Richard Rohr. Each week we will listen to a podcast episode together and then discuss it. See details and links in the Enews.

The Rev. Derek Stefanovsky and Katherine Vaillancourt: An Update. We are delighted to report that friends-of-the-parish Derek and Katherine will be staying in Connecticut for a while. You may remember that Derek was serving as assistant priest at St. Luke's Church, Darien. Last spring he began a new call as Priest-in-Charge at St. Peter's Grace Church, Monroe. For the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Derek has become involved in the leadership of various programs for youth and young adults (including the diocesan Young Adult Ministry Network and the national Episcopal Youth Event), and in November he was elected to the Standing Committee. Katherine is near the end of her medical residency at Stamford Hospital, where this year she is serving as Chief Resident. Once that wraps up, she'll start her new job at Optimus Healthcare, which serves primarily low-income and uninsured patients throughout lower Fairfield County. If you know Katherine, you know this is the perfect fit for her. We here at St. Thomas's are blessed to have such gifted and giving young adults among us, even if they are "ours" for a relatively short time.

Young Adult Episcopalians of Greater New Haven: 2023 Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 17 at Edgerton Park. Meet at **5:30pm** at the fountain in Edgerton Park for a walking, place-based Stations of the Cross, and then join us afterwards for dinner at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. **RSVP** is encouraged - email yaeforjesus@gmail.com to let us know if you plan on joining.



Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn
Eucharistic Minister: Madeleine Anderson
Lector: Max Ballardo
Intercessor: Claire Scully
Sacristan: Claire Scully
Usher: Claire Scully
Coffee Hour Hosts: Trudi Schultz & Max Ballardo

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Church Vestry

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden)
Linda Meyer (Junior Warden)
Bill English (Treasurer)
Denise Terry (Clerk)
Madeleine Anderson Max Ballardo
Valerie Cicero Claire Scully
The Rev. Keri Aubert (Rector)

Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for this year's Inquirers Class:

Josh M., Josh P., Justin, Morgen, Nancy, Sheldon (from St. Thomas's); Milton, Veronica (from St. PJ's)

Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:

Christa (Alexandria and Heather Robison's mother)

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:

all who seek assistance at Loaves and Fishes; the people of Ukraine

Pray for those who have died.

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

St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; all ministries to, with, and for women and the Girl's Friendly Society

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Church of the Province of South East Asia

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

Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

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