



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

December 9, 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.

**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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**This year, for the four Sundays of Advent (and, as usual, for Christmas Eve services) the congregation will stay in the pews for the Eucharistic prayer.** Our practice of "communion in the round" will return on Christmas Day. Advent is a season of contemplation, and many find worship more contemplative from the pews. Cushions are available at the back of the church for those who wish to kneel. **THIS IS A FOUR-SUNDAY TRIAL, AFTER WHICH WE WILL SEEK FEEDBACK ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH IT.** During Advent we are using Eucharistic prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship*, the expansive language supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*. For more information about Advent liturgical shifts and Advent study resources, see the Enews.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland  
Helmut Walcha (1907–1991)

**INTROIT**

Laetentur coeli

Laetentur coeli et exsultet terra  
jubilate montes laudem  
quia Dominus noster veniet  
et pauperum suorum miserebitur  
orietur in diebus tuis  
justitia et abundantia pacis.

Rejoice, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth.  
Give praise, O hills,  
for our Lord shall come  
and show mercy to his humble people.  
There shall rise up in those days  
justice and abundance of peace.

Words: Isaiah 49:13, Psalm 72:7 Music: William Byrd (c1540–1623)

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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Soon and very soon (14, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

1. Soon and ver - y soon \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No more cry - in' there \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. No more dy - in' there \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King; \_\_\_\_\_

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 3. No more dy - in' there \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King;

— Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, \_\_\_\_\_ we're goin' to see the King!

1.2. 3.4.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

*The Presider says the following prayer as the Advent candle is lit*

Come, O Holy One, as the water of life and refiner's fire! Strengthen us with courage for your work of justice that in all the creation and among every people your peace may be established and your joy abound, through Jesus our Deliverer. **Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

(62, *Enriching Our Music 1*)

*High voices*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e -

*Low voices*

- lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

*High voices*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

*Low voices*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e -

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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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

BARUCH 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;  
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,  
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;  
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,  
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,  
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low  
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,  
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,  
in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE 16** (*The Song of Zechariah, Luke 1:68-79; sung by the Choir*)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to

determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (76, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into

all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

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

### *Deacon*

O Wisdom from on high, O Holy Word of God, you oversee all creation with your strong yet tender care. In this Advent season of anticipation and longing, we pray to you, saying, “O come, O come, Emmanuel.”

### *Intercessor*

Inspire and strengthen your universal church. Help your ministers, lay and ordained, carry the Good News of salvation to all who await the sign of your coming. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Lend your wisdom and compassion to those in authority around the world. Help them lead those held captive by injustice and conflict, into the freedom of justice and peace. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Inspire all people to be grateful occupants and faithful keepers of your wondrous creation. Help us to protect and preserve the earth, its lands and waters, and all its inhabitants. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Uphold and guide the people and ministries of St. Thomas’s Church. Help us listen closely to you, and follow where you lead. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Comfort those who are grieving, lonely, discouraged, or depressed this holiday season. Help them find peace, love, hope, and joy. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Sustain those troubled by sickness, poverty, or violence. Help them to overcome adversity, so that they may be renewed. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Bring into your glorious presence those who have died. Help all people to find risen life in you. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Hear our additional prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, which we now offer either silently or aloud.

### *Celebrant*

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; O Emmanuel, God with us, come and save us, O Lord our God. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

### *Deacon*

Let us confess our sins to God. *[Silence is kept.]*

### *Deacon and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,**

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. 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

Advent Message

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.  
O come quickly.  
Yea, come quickly.

The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,  
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Words and Music: Martin How (b. 1931)

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Ushers carry the gifts forward and the altar is prepared. During the season of Advent, rather than gathering around the altar, the People remain in the pews for the Eucharistic prayer.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Wait for the Lord

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord; keep watch, take heart!" The music is in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.



*High voices*

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,

*Low voices*

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

- san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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*Presider*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Thomas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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.*

<b>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,</b>	<b>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.</b>
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### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

### FRACTION ANTHEM

(66, *Enriching Our Music 1*)

*All voices*

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

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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. At the usher's direction, please proceed up the center aisle 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 ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Peace be to you and grace from Him  
Who freed us from our sins  
Who loved us all, and shed his blood  
That we might saved be.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, Is coming soon  
For Christ is coming soon.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord  
The Lord almighty God  
Who was and is, and is to come  
Sing holy, holy Lord.

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come  
And night shall be no more  
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun  
For Christ will be their All!

Words: Ruth Manz (1919–2008) Music: Paul Manz (1919–2009)

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another; and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May Christ, whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at the second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

## Behold Your God (2, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

Oh thou — that tell - est good ti - dings to Zi - on, Oh  
thou — that tell - est good ti - dings to Je - ru - sa - lem:  
Lift up your voice with strength, — Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be -  
hold — your — God. — A - rise, — and shine, — for the  
light of the world is come. Be - hold — your — God! —

## DISMISSAL

Deacon: *[The Deacon dismisses the People.] [Alleluia, Alleluia!]*

People: **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, Alleluia!]**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Macht hoch die Tür, die Tor macht weit  
Helmut Walcha (1907–1991)

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## Memorial and Honorific Gifts

### Announcements

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

**THANK YOU** to all who have pledged!!! If you haven't yet pledged, please consider doing so ASAP. Remember, the Vestry needs the pledge total to prepare the 2019 Parish budget. **And, don't forget to complete your 2018 pledge payments. Again, thanks!**

**Today: Parish Forum about St. Thomas's Transition, after worship, in the Lounge. Afterwards, please stay to help decorate for Lessons & Carols.**

**Today: Advent Lessons & Carols, 5 p.m.** One of the most beautiful services of the liturgical year! Please come, and bring your friends.

**FOR EVERYONE: CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT.** At the 4 pm service on Christmas Eve, the children of the parish will perform a re-enactment of the Nativity. There are nine speaking parts (a narrator, Isaiah, Angel Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, Innkeeper, Chief Animal, Chief Shepherd). Last year we were blessed with assistance from older youth and adults. On Christmas Eve, we invite children to dress as angels, shepherds, or animals—and to participate. We have costumes available for all who come. Please let Denise Terry (terry.df@gmail.com, 240-481-8537) know if you would like to be part of the pageant.

**Farewell, Carolyn!** You may have noted that the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp has been less visible in recent months. After a period of splitting her Sundays between St. Thomas's and St. John's Episcopal Church in Essex, she has decided move fully to St. John's. She writes this: “Beloved in Christ at St. Thomas's: after a season of discernment, I've learned that God is calling me to be present to the ministry unfolding at St. John's, Essex. I will miss the wonderful St. Thomas's congregation very much. Words cannot express my gratitude for all that you've offered and all that you continue to be. I wish you God's richest blessings.” We give thanks for Carolyn's presence at St. Thomas's over the years, and pray that blessings may be upon her as well.

**Christmas Flower Donations.** Besides the importance of flowers to our beautiful Christmas celebration, you can make a gift in honor or memory of someone important to you. All donations will be listed in the three Christmas bulletins. Giving envelopes are in the pews and at the doors; you can donate by check or using the DONATE button on our website. **For inclusion in the Christmas bulletins, we must have your donation by MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.**

**Alternative Giving.** As you make your giving plans this season, please consider "alternative" giving. Please especially consider the following:

- Continuing support for programs in the Anglican Diocese of Northern Malawi. You can give by check or using the DONATE button on our website.
- Episcopal Relief & Development, especially their Gifts for Life program.

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

## Serving Today

**Presider:** The Rev. Jakki Flanagan  
**Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Deacon:** The Rev. April Alford-Harkey  
**Conductor & Organist:** Dr. Noah Horn  
**Emcee:** Dr. Dorothy Asch  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Kyle Holton  
**Crucifers:** Ricardo Chavira, Lucia Sheehan  
**Lectors:** Kate Ross, Sally Edwards  
**Intercessor:** Bob Herdt  
**Vestry Host:** Constance Cahill  
**Sacristans:** Judy & Madison Thompson  
**Ushers:** Bill & Sally Nanfeldt  
**Counters:** Ricardo Chavira, Anthony Gopal  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Gary Robison, Mark Branch, Drew McDermott

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

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

Dorothy, Drew, Greg, Jerry, Katie, Lee, Parke

### Pray for those who have died.

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

those whose dedicated service on Sundays makes our worship possible, including: sacristans, ushers, decorators, lectors, intercessors, Eucharistic ministers, and acolytes (the adults and youth who serve as thurifer, crucifer, and torchbearer)

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

Christ Church, Bethany; St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield; Ministries to the homeless; Chapel on the Green, New Haven, Church by the Pond, Hartford, and all Ecclesia ministries; the ministry of the Midnight Runs

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

Falkland Islands

### In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical

#### Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

### Church Officers and Vestry

Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)  
Don Edwards (Junior Warden)  
Diana Empsall (Treasurer)  
Martha Deeds Hogan (Clerk)  
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)  
Constance Cahill  
Daniel Harrison  
Dawn Lorentson  
Chris Martinez  
Jennifer Regan  
Alexandria Robison  
Kate Schilling  
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

### Day School Board of Trustees

Gina Panza—Head of School  
The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.  
Gina Criscuolo (Chair)  
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