



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 8, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

June 30, 2019 10 A.M.

If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! After the service, please come to Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the 2nd 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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Elegy
George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN I come with joy to meet my Lord (304, *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.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

2 KINGS 2:1-2,6-14

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 77:1-2,11-20 (*said by all*)

Page 693, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN Come, thou fount of every blessing (686, *The Hymnal 1982*)

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 9:51-62

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom 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, 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

My song is love unknown (458, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Unison or harmony

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine,
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

EUCHARISTIC 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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (324, *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

FINAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (390, *The Hymnal 1982*)

DISMISSAL

Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation sur le Te Deum

Charles Tournemire (1870–1939), transcribed by Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

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Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and "like" St. Thomas's on Facebook.

Parish Leadership Changes

It gives me great sadness to announce that Joann Sweasy stepped down this week as Senior Warden. Joann is moving to Tucson, where she has accepted a position at the University of Arizona - she is joining the Cancer Center as Associate Director for Basic Sciences. Joann lent her considerable gifts to St. Thomas's at a time when they were much needed, and for that we should all be grateful. According to the bylaws, vacant officer seats are filled by appointment of the Rector/PIC, for a term lasting until the next annual meeting (in January). I conferred with the Executive Committee and have appointed Kyle Holton to move into the Senior Warden position, effective immediately. We are still conferring about who will take Kyle's place as Clerk. Note that Joann is stepping down as senior warden, but she will complete her term on the Vestry. She will participate in meetings remotely and be back in town in August and September. Joann, THANK YOU for all you have done for St. Thomas's! Blessings be upon your exciting new endeavors in Tucson. --Keri+

Update on Dorothy. Dorothy is still at Whitney Manor (2798 Whitney Avenue, Hamden 06518) but may soon be moving to a skilled nursing facility, as she is unable to return home. Please consider staying in touch with visits, cards, or calls (email Keri or Julie for her cell number or to confirm her location).

It's PRIDE! (sort of) Yes, it's PRIDE month. But, New Haven celebrates PRIDE in September. This difference in timing is always a little odd, but it feels especially so this year, the 50th anniversary of Stonewall. So, happy PRIDE to all! And, we'll resume the observance at St. Thomas's, along with the rest of New Haven, in September.

This Sunday, June 30... Keri is away, and the Rev. Canon Dexter Cheney is presiding and preaching. Thank you, Dexter!

Next Sunday, July 7... Keri will be back to preach and preside. This will be the last Sunday at St. Thomas's for the Rev. Derek Stefanovsky and Katherine Vaillancourt, so we'll say goodbye to them.

The Office will be closed... Thursday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. Because of the holiday, there will be no Enews next week.

The next **Parish Delight Night** is being planned for July 12, a week later than usual due to the July 4 holiday the preceding week. Stay tuned for more information.

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.

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.

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. Keri Aubert
Deacon: The Rev. April Alford-Harkey
Organist: Gabriel Rhys Simerson
Eucharistic Minister: Chris Martinez
Crucifer: Michael Dunlap
Lectors: Katherine Vaillancourt, Jenny Chavira
Intercessor: Jocelyn Tidwell
Vestry Host: Linda Ross Meyer
Sacristans: Claire Scully & Kids
Ushers: Gary Robison, Mary Ann Nelson
Counters:
Coffee Hour Hosts: Katherine Vaillancourt & Derek Stefanovsky, Greg & Alisa D'Andrea

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
Bonnie, Dorothy, Drew, Dwight, Ginger, Greg, Katie, Marion, Sam

Pray for those who have died, especially:
Virginia Theresa Michelli Aubert (mother of Keri Aubert)

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Grace Church, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange; St. Peter's, Oxford; Military chaplains, and all who serve this country

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
the united Church of Pakistan

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

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Church Officers and Vestry
Kyle Holton (Senior Warden)
Denise Terry (Junior Warden)
Ricardo Chavira (Treasurer)
Thomas Hogan
Linda Meyer
Alexandria Robison
Catherine Stricklan
Joann Sweasy
The Rev. Keri Aubert (Priest-in-Charge)

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The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

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