



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B

Service of Holy Eucharist

March 4, 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.

**For the celebration of Holy Eucharist**, the People gather around the altar. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion at our common table.

**All are invited to receive Holy Communion.** Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. There are usually two communion stations, one at each front corner of the altar. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the single server 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

Plaint (from *Seven Sketches*)  
Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

## INTROIT

Adolescentulus sum ego

*Adolescentulus sum ego et contemptus :  
justificationes tuas non sum oblitus.  
Justitia tua, justitia in aeternum :  
et lex tua veritas.*

I am small, and of no reputation :  
yet do I not forget thy commandments.  
Thy righteousness is an everlasting  
righteousness : and thy law is the truth.

Words: Psalm 119:141-142; Music: William Mundy (c. 1529-1591)

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

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymn 360: Only-begotten, Word of God eternal, *The Hymnal 1982*



1 On - ly - be - gott - en, Word of God e -  
2 This is thy tem - ple; here thy pres - ence -  
3 Here in our sick - ness heal - ing grace a -  
\*4 Hal - lowed this dwell - ing where the Lord a -  
5 Lord, we be - seech thee, as we throug thy  
6 God in three Per - sons, Fa - ther ev - er -



1 ter - nal, Lord of cre - a - tion, mer - ci - ful and  
2 cham - ber; here may thy ser - vants, at the mys - tic  
3 bound - eth, light in our blind - ness, in our toil re -  
4 bid - eth, this is none o - ther than the gate of  
5 tem - ple, by thy past bless - ings, by thy pres - ent  
6 last - ing, Son co - e - ter - nal, ev - er - bless - ed



1 might - y, hear now thy ser - vants when their joy - ful  
2 ban - quet, hum - bly a - dor - ing, take thy Bo - dy  
3 fresh - ment: sin is for - giv - en, hope o'er fear pre -  
4 hea - ven; strang - ers and pil - grims, seek - ing homes e -  
5 boun - ty, fa - vor thy chil - dren, and with ten - der  
6 Spi - rit, thine be the glo - ry, praise, and a - dor -



1 voic - es rise to thy pres - ence.  
2 bro - ken, drink of thy chal - ice.  
3 vail - eth, joy o - ver sor - row.  
4 ter - nal, pass through its por - tals.  
5 mer - cy hear our pe - ti - tions.  
6 a - tion, now and for ev - er.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; tr. Maxwell Julius Blacker (1822-1888);  
Music: Rouen, melody from *Vesperale*, 1746; harm. Healey Willan (1880-1968)

## 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*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be 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 ELEISON

S-358, *The Hymnal 1982*

*Cantor* *All*

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

*Choir*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

*Cantor* *All*

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

*Choir*

Chri - ste e - lei - - - son.

*Cantor* *All*

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

*Choir*

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

Setting: Plainsong, Tone 8; fauxbourdon Janet Hall (b. 1923).  
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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.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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.*

## FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who

reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 19** (*sung by the choir*)

*Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Plainsong Tone VII.3

## SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was  
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in  
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and  
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most  
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am  
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -  
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his  
 5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.  
 3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;  
 4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.  
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt.; Music: *Gerontius*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

**GOSPEL**

JOHN 2:13-22

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Presider: 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.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Note: The Prayers of the People were written by those who regularly attend Tuesday Evening Prayer.)*

### *Intercessor*

During this season of discernment and reflection, we beseech God's support and direction, just as God's children have done throughout all time. As we now pray for the needs of the Church and the world, fill the pauses with your own prayers, offered either silently or aloud. We will close each petition by saying, Lord of the journey, hear our prayer.

God of infinite wisdom, you have given us the Church, so that we may help the body of Christ to grow in love and service. Instill us with your Spirit, as we live into your invitation to reconciliation and unity. We especially pray for: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Keri, our priest; and all ministers of your Church.

*Please add your own prayers for God's universal Church.*

Lord of the journey, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundant life, you have suffered for your people, so that they may truly live. Guide all those who have been trusted with authority and power throughout our world. Keep them ever mindful of your call to walk in your love and compassion as they minister to all people. We pray for all elected and appointed officials, especially: Donald, our President; our Congress and Courts; Dannel, our Governor; and Toni, our Mayor.

*Please add your own prayers for the nation and those in authority.*

Lord of the journey, **hear our prayer.**

God of perfect creation, you have entrusted a world of splendor and majesty into our care. Let us not be seduced by hollow attainments, while the wealth and beauty of the Earth is being devoured through our selfish desires. Renew in us a desire to nourish the wonder of this planet, our island home.

*Please add your own prayers for the welfare of the world.*

Lord of the journey, **hear our prayer.**

God of constant presence, you give us each other as companions during this season of prayer and reflection. Uphold our inquirers: Alex, Alicia, Cora, Olivia, Madison, Chris, Jami, Morgan, Jen, Mike, Alexandria, Kate, and Catherine. Open our eyes to the needs of our community, and sustain us in discerning how you are calling us to share your love.

*Please add your own prayers for our local community.*

Lord of the journey, **hear our prayer.**

God of safe haven, you shelter us under your wing through the storms of our lives. Call us to respond to the cries of those whose circumstances make it difficult to experience your love. Pierce our hearts, so that your grace can overflow through our actions. Help us to live our promise to respect the dignity of all human beings, remembering especially those living with poverty, war, mental illness, racial or gendered violence, or any type of oppression.

*Please add your own prayers for the world.*

Lord of the journey, **hear our prayer.**

God of open arms, you embrace all your children. Comfort those who mourn, and guide those who accompany them in seeking your peace. We commend to you all who have died and entered into your eternal kingdom.

*Please add your own prayers for the departed.*

Lord of the journey, **hear our prayer.**

*Presider*

For each step we might take: **be our guide, O Lord of life.**

For each load we might bear: **be our strength, O Lord of life.**

For each mountain we might climb: **be our power, O Lord of life.**

For each river we might cross: **be our safety, O Lord of life.**

For each place we might rest: **be our peace, O Lord of life.**

For each sunrise and sunset in all our lives: **be our joy, O Lord of life.**

All for your Name's sake. **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

*Richte mich, Gott, und führe meine Sache  
wider das unheilige Volk  
und errette mich von den falschen und bösen Leuten.  
Denn du bist der Gott meiner Stärke;  
Warum verstößest du mich?  
Warum lässest du mich so traurig geh'n,  
wenn mein Feind mich drängt?  
Sende dein Licht und deine Wahrheit,  
daß sie mich leiten  
zu deinem heiligen Berge,  
und zu deiner Wohnung.  
Daß ich hineingehe zum Altar Gottes,  
zu dem Gott, der meine Freude und Wonne ist,  
und dir, Gott, auf der Harfe danke, mein Gott.  
Was betrübst du dich, meine Seele,  
und bist so unruhig in mir?  
Harre auf Gott! Denn ich werde ihm noch danken,  
daß er meines Angesichts Hülfe,  
und mein Gott ist.*

Richte mich, Gott (from *Three Psalms*, Op. 78)

Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight  
against a faithless people;  
from the deceitful and impious man rescue  
me. For you, O God, are my strength.  
Why do you keep me so far away?  
Why must I go about in mourning,  
With the enemy oppressing me?  
Send forth your light and your fidelity;  
they shall lead me on  
And bring me to your holy mountain,  
to your dwelling place.  
Then will I go in to the altar of God,  
the God of my gladness and joy;  
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,  
my God. Why are you so downcast, O my  
soul? And why do you sigh within me?  
Hope in God! Then I will again give him  
thanks, In the presence of my Savior  
and my God.

Words: Psalm 43; Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Usbers 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** Hymn 518: Christ is made the sure foundation, *The Hymnal 1982*

*Descant*

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

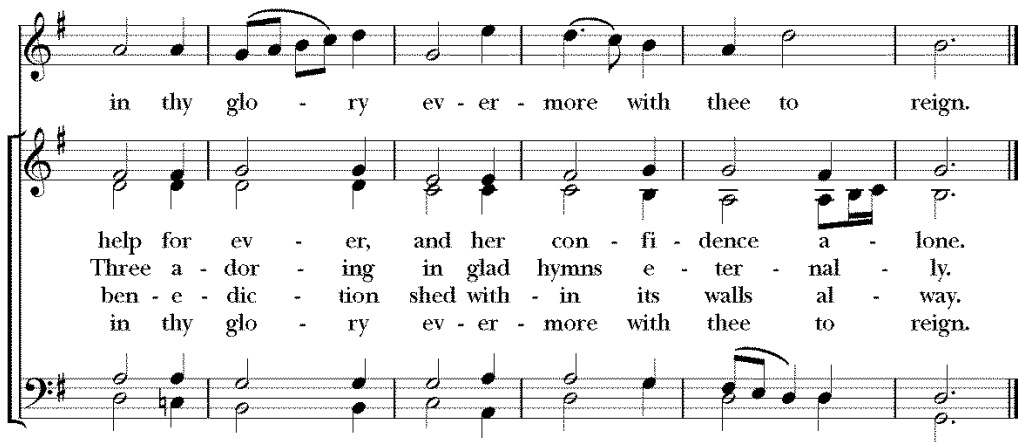
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.  
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt.;  
 Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A



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

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

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

*People*  
 It is right to give him 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 AND BENEDICTUS

S-128, *The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven 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.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

## *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

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.*

**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,**

**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.**

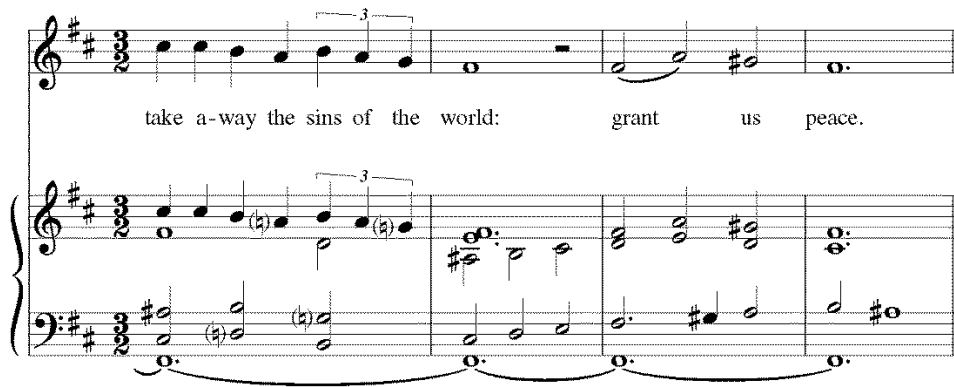
### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

### FRACTION ANTHEM

871, *Wonder, Love and Praise*

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 vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and chords in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal line with "world: have mer-cy on us. — Lamb of God, you". The piano accompaniment continues with similar patterns, including triplets in the right hand. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8.



Music: Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via the center aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the single server at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

If ye love me

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
 that he may 'bide with you forever;  
 E'en the spirit of truth.

Words: John 14:15-17; Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

*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*

**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.**

## SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Presider*

Bow down before the Lord.

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

Hymn 495: Hail, thou once despised Jesus, *The Hymnal 1982*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
\*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



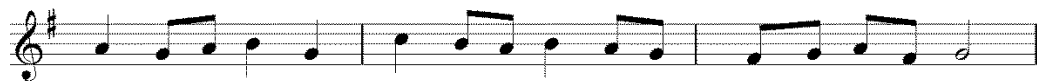
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.;

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935)

## DISMISSAL

Presider: *[The priest dismisses the people.]*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue über den Namen BACH, Op. 60 no. 1 (*Langsam*)

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

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## LENT

Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha, what we commonly call Easter. The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ’s fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (*Book of Common Prayer*, page 265). [From *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians*, Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, editors.]

### **NEW HAVEN AREA EPISCOPAL YOUNG ADULT NETWORK**

**KICKOFF GATHERING  
MONDAY, MARCH 5  
WALL STREET PIZZA  
6:30-8:30 P.M.**

**Episcopal leaders from the New Haven area (including Keri)  
are endeavoring to start a Young Adult Network.**

**At this kickoff gathering, the young adults in attendance will  
discuss what they would like in a Young Adult Network -  
and eat free pizza.**

**There are no age restrictions,  
so if you consider yourself a young adult,  
come on down!**

**Please share our Facebook event!**



## Memorial and Honorific Gifts

*This week's church greenery  
was funded by Tom & Martha Hogan  
in memory of Abby Prestin*

### Announcements

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

**TODAY:** the **Inquirers Class** will meet 12:15 in the Atrium.

**Rector Discernment Process.** A very important part of this Process consists of meetings with members of our parish to determine if we have made progress on our goals, if we are seeing new signs of health or new life, and to determine what work is yet to be done. The last meeting will take place next **Sunday, March 11, 2018, from 11:30-12:30 in the Atrium**

**Adult Forum Next Sunday, March 11 – Simon Jacobs: Worship: Understanding the Place of Music in Liturgy.** Join our Director of Music and Organist for a lively discussion of our Episcopal/Anglican musical tradition. Bring your questions!

**St. Thomas's is a Gun Free Zone.** At Monday night's meeting, your Vestry voted to declare the St. Thomas's campus to be a Gun-Free Zone. This vote is in accordance with a resolution passed at the 2016 annual diocesan convention, which requested that all parishes make such a declaration.

**New Day School Video.** On Monday St. Thomas's Day School posted a new marketing video that emphasizes the formational aspects of the student experience. It's pretty terrific, and should make you proud of YOUR Day School. Watch it on the Day School Facebook page.

**Support for Columbus House.** Several parishioners have expressed interest in supporting Columbus House, especially their Abraham's Tent program. While our housing of the Day School involves security needs that preclude our direct participation in Abraham's Tent, we can give in other ways. For example, see their Wish List of URGENT NEEDS below. Bring your donations to church, and we'll see they get to Columbus House.

- New socks
- New men's boxer underwear (sizes medium, large & x-large)
- New women's underwear (sizes 7 through 12)
- Chap Stick
- Men & women's deodorant
- Full size toiletries (dry shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors, aftershave, shampoo, soap, toothpaste)
- Wash cloths & bath towels
- \$25 Stop & Shop gift cards
- \$25 Walmart gift cards
- Gift cards to Big Lots, Kmart
- Gift cards to CVS & Walgreens
- New twin bed sheets

**Save the Date: The Day School Gala is Saturday, April 28, at the School.** All funds raised will support the playground reconstruction.

**Evening Prayer at St. Thomas's - Every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Lady Chapel.** The service lasts about 30 minutes. All are invited.

**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  
**Organist:** Simon Jacobs  
**Emcee:** Dr. Dorothy Asch  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Matthew Babcock  
**Crucifer:** Ricardo Chavira  
**Torchbearers:** Michael Dunlap, Kate Schilling  
**Lectors:** Jenny Chavira, Kate Ross  
**Sacristans:** Bill & Sally Nanfeldt  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Bob & Lorna Herdt  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Gary Robison, Alexandria Robison, Ed Leavy  
**Vestry Host:** Martha Deeds Hogan  
**Counters:** Ricardo Chavira, Martha Deeds Hogan

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:**  
Dorothy, Greg, Katie, Lee, Luann, Maria, Marilyn, Parke

**Pray for those who have died**

**In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
Frank Coppola, Louis Criscuolo, Gail Curran

**Pray for the members of the Inquirers Class:**  
Alex, Alicia, Cora, Olivia, Madison, Chris, Jami, Morgan, Jen, Mike, Alexandria, Kate, Catherine

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; Prison ministry and prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Most Rev. Zacharie Masimango Katanda Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu

**Collect at Confirmation (BCP, p. 254):** Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## 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. Dexter Cheney  
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan  
The Rev. Julie Kelsey  
The Rev. Bill Loutrel  
The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp  
The Rev. Lee McGee Street  
The Rev. Dr. Parke Street

**Seminarian Intern**  
Matthew Babcock

**Church Ministry Coordinator**  
Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

**Day School Board of Trustees**  
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