



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

December 16, 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.** 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. Our practice of "communion in the round" will return on Christmas Day, after which we will seek your input about the shifts. During Advent we are using Eucharistic prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship*, the expansive language supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*.

# ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

# INTROIT

Gaudete in Domino semper

Gaudete in Domino semper  
iterum dico gaudete.

Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.

Words: Philippians 4:4 Music: Giaches de Wert (1535–1596)

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

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Herald, sound the note of judgment (70, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and  
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is  
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -  
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness  
here; make a path - way through the des - ert  
given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,  
life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.  
for the one who brings God near. Sound the trum - pet!  
and to them new life is given.  
grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

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

Come, O Holy One, breaker of chains and renewer of life! Open our eyes to your presence in all the earth. Stir us to proclaim gladly the signs of your love: the liberation of those oppressed, the healing of those frail and broken, springs of water in all the parched places, and Jesus Christ risen and alive, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

# KYRIE ELEISON

(62, *Enriching Our Music 1*)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The first system is for High voices, with the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e -'. The second system is for Low voices, with the lyrics '- lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.'. The third system is for High voices, with the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.'. The fourth system is for Low voices, with the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e -'. The fifth system is for High voices, with the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.' followed by a long horizontal line. The sixth system is for Low voices, with the lyrics '- lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE 9** (*The First Song of Isaiah, Isaiah 12:2-6; sung by the Choir*)

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,

and this is known in all the world.  
 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
 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 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Once he came in blessing (53, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;  
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us  
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,  
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.

came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;  
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:  
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,  
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;

bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.  
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.  
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.  
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*, melody Michael Weisse (d. 1534); harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946) Copyright ©1984, Jack W. Burnam. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

**THE GOSPEL**

LUKE 3:7-18

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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 and People*

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

This is the record of John

This is the record of John,  
when the Jews sent priests and Levites  
from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?  
And he confessed, and denied not;  
and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

Then said they unto him, What art thou?  
that we may give an answer unto them  
that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?  
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth  
in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

And they asked him, What art thou then?  
Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not.  
Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Words: John 1:19-23 Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the People stand, 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.*



SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

(63, *Enriching Our Music 1*)

*All voices*

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

*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

Rejoice greatly

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,  
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem,  
behold, thy King cometh unto thee.

He is the righteous Saviour,  
and He shall speak peace  
unto the heathen.

Words: Zechariah 9:9-10 Music: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), from *Messiah*

*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

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending (58, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

## DISMISSAL

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

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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## Announcements

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

**THANK YOU** to all who have pledged!!! We’ve had an amazing response to our stewardship campaign – we have received 53 pledges totaling \$110,714. While the “official” campaign has ended, we are still short of our goal of 55 pledges for \$125,000. If you haven’t yet pledged, please consider doing so, ASAP.

Remember, the Vestry needs the pledge figure to prepare the 2019 Parish budget. And please don’t forget to make your 2018 pledge payments.

**Lessons & Carols this past Sunday.** Thanks to the Choir and Choristers, lectors, and decorators for such a beautiful service!

**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. Last year we were blessed with assistance from older youth and adults. On Christmas Eve, we invite children to be angels, shepherds, or animals—and to participate. We have costumes for all who come. Please contact Denise Terry (terry.df@gmail.com, 240-481-8537) to participate. **Children and Youth next Sunday:** There will be no breakouts for the different age groups. Instead, all who wish to participate in the pageant will meet in the Lounge at 9 a.m. for pageant preparation.

**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. 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.

Thanks to all who attended last Sunday's informational forum! One of our topics of conversation was next steps, one of which is this: "Working with the parish, we will develop SMART Goals for each of our ministry areas." SMART Goals are goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, results focused, and time bound. People and organizations develop SMART goals in order to lead them towards accomplishing important aims. One of the projects that we have covenanted with the Episcopal Church in Connecticut to undertake as part of our process of being ready to call a Rector is to develop such goals relating to our five ministry areas: **Fellowship & Witness, Justice & Service, Sacrament and Song, Spiritual Development and Education, and Thanksgiving & Stewardship.** We — meaning all of us! — will be discerning these goals through a process known as Appreciative Inquiry. Through a parish-wide survey and discussions, you will be asked to provide feedback as to what you believe to be the strengths of these five areas as well as to share what your dreams and hopes might be. Your input will be collated with the input of fellow parishioners and, from the information gathered, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to identify the direction that God is calling our parish to travel. This information will not only be helpful to us and to our Rector — it will also be good information to share with a newcomer who wants to know where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Stay tuned!

#### SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 30, 2018

	Nov-18		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income				
Pledge/Plate & Building Use	\$12,136	\$12,186	\$117,157	\$134,051
School Reimbursement	\$0	\$3,175	\$32,759	\$34,927
Total Income	\$12,136	\$15,362	\$149,915	\$168,977
Total Expenses	\$26,528	\$30,619	\$305,951	\$335,526
Net Income before Endowment Contribution	-\$14,392	-\$15,257	-\$156,035	-\$166,548
"Healthy" Endowment Draw (5.25%) Contribution	\$10,221	\$9,784	\$111,062	\$107,622
<b>Net Income after "Healthy" Endowment Contribution*</b>	<b>-\$4,171</b>	<b>-\$5,474</b>	<b>-\$44,973</b>	<b>-\$58,926</b>

\*This must be paid with "unhealthy" additional endowment draw

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

### CHRISTMAS AT ST. THOMAS'S

*All are invited to celebrate Christmas at St. Thomas's. Be sure to invite your friends and family.*

**Christmas Eve, 4:00 P.M. Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist  
3:45 P.M. Musical Prelude**

This family-friendly service will include favorite carols sung by all.

*All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant.*

*Costumes for smaller roles will be available at the door; to take part, arrive by 3:15 P.M.*

**Christmas Eve, 10:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist with St. Thomas's Choir  
9:30 P.M. Prelude of Organ Music for Christmas**

Celebrate the joy of the birth of the newborn Christ. Music will be sung by the St. Thomas's Choir and congregation. Dr. Noah Horn, Director of Music and Organist, will play a pre-service program of Christmas music.

**Christmas Day, 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Come-as-You-Are!  
Wear your comfiest PJs, sweats, or loungewear to this casual and fun all-ages service.**

There will be carols and hymns sung by all and, instead of a homily, a story followed by carols-on-request, so be ready to choose your favorites.

After the service, stay for informal fellowship with beverages and cookies in the sanctuary.

## Serving Today

**Presider and Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Deacon:** The Rev. April Alford-Harkey  
**Conductor & Organist:** Dr. Noah Horn  
**Emcee:** Dr. Dorothy Asch  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Ozan Say  
**Crucifers:** Michael Dunlap, Adam Hagens  
**Lectors:** Jenny Chavira, Jami Carlacio  
**Intercessor:** Jan Hagens  
**Vestry Host:** Joann Sweasy  
**Sacristans:** Valerie & Greg Echols, Jami Carlacio  
**Ushers:** Mel & Judy Thompson  
**Counters:**  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Don & Sally Edwards, Greg & Alisa D'Andrea, Robert Tait, Judy & Mel Thompson

## 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:

Craig Jones, Jessica Jones, Cayla, Jonathan Mellor, Karolina Mellor, Linda Ross Meyer, Jeff Meyer, Cara Meyer, Zane Meyer

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

St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; Those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed

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

Kivu - (Rwanda)

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

China, Hong Kong, Macau

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

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Don Edwards (Junior Warden)  
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Martha Deeds Hogan (Clerk)  
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Chris Martinez  
Jennifer Regan  
Alexandria Robison  
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The Rev. Keri Aubert (Priest-in-Charge)

### Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

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The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

### Church Ministry Coordinator

Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

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