



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 9, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

July 7, 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

Variations on "America"
Charles Ives (1874–1954), 1891

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Glorious things of thee are spoken (522, *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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30 (*said by all*)

Page 621, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 6:1-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

We know that Christ is raised (296, *The Hymnal 1982*)

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 10:1-11,16-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you,

go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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 God, thy table now is spread (321, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Lord Christ, when first thou camest (598, *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*

BLESSING OF THOSE LEAVING THE CONGREGATION

BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATION

FINAL HYMN

Jesus shall reign (544, *The Hymnal 1982*)

DISMISSAL

Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Final Variation on "America"

Charles Ives (1874–1954), 1891

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Announcements

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

Today we will say goodbye to Derek Stefanovsky and Katherine Vaillancourt. A note from the Rev. Derek Stefanovsky...

As many of you may know, I recently completed my Master of Divinity degree at Yale Divinity School, and so you may be wondering what comes next. I was ordained a deacon in January, and in the coming months expect to be ordained a priest. I have also joyfully accepted a call to serve as curate/assistant rector at St. Luke’s, Darien, CT. I begin at St. Luke’s in mid-July, and Katherine and I will be moving into the curate’s residence on the St. Luke’s campus. It is, without question, a bittersweet moment for each of us. I am beyond thrilled, and immensely grateful, for the opportunity to serve at St. Luke’s alongside an outstanding team of ordained and lay professionals, in a warm and vibrant parish community. Yet, I am going to miss St. Thomas’s! This place has been home for me over the past three years, first as a parishioner, then as a seminarian, and finally as associate clergy. Both Katherine and I have met close friends and colleagues here, relationships that will remain. Likewise, St. Thomas’s—and each person within the parish—has shaped and formed me in countless ways. We have done great ministry together over the last three years, working with our parish youth, tending our relationship with the Day School, providing pastoral care, leading liturgy, and partnering with our colleagues in the Anglican Diocese of Northern Malawi (I will soon be writing a separate piece on this partnership). So, I will soon be ending my time at St. Thomas’s, but I will not be going very far. We still expect to be around from time to time, and expect to see many of you at community and Diocesan events. Thank you for the love and support you have shown Katherine and me—St. Thomas’s will always have a very special place in our hearts!

Congrats, Derek! Farewell, Derek and Katherine!

Update on Dorothy. Dorothy is still at Whitney Manor (2798 Whitney Avenue, Hamden 06518). Please consider staying in touch with visits, cards, or calls.

Parish Delight Night: this **Friday, July 12.**

Day School Construction. If you've entered or exited the building through the Day School lobby entrance, you've noticed signs of construction. The grades 1-6 classrooms are getting a much-needed facelift over the summer. The work will include HVAC and lighting improvements, moisture-proofing the floor and walls, and installing the latest smart classroom technology. We are anticipating another enrollment increase next year, which will bring us two straight years of increases. Congrats and thanks to the faculty and staff on the conclusion of a great year, and for your ongoing work to keep our Day School an important part of the educational landscape here in New Haven.

Next Sunday, July 14... The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney will be back to preach and preside. Dexter is in high demand as a supply priest, and we owe our thanks to him for being so available this summer. Keri, Jakki, and Morgan will be traveling to Louisiana for the memorial service for Keri’s mother, Ginny.

Education for All Ages is now on suspension for the summer. Look for our restart in September.

Sunday School Outreach. The Sunday School has been collecting coins for the Malawi Orphan Feeding Program. 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 through September 1. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

Loaves & Fishes: For the month of June, please bring **DRIED BEANS** and **TOILET PAPER**.

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. Derek Stefanovsky
Organist: Dr. Noah Horn
Eucharistic Minister: Chris Martinez
Crucifer: Sally Edwards
Lectors: Jennifer Herdt, Greg D'Andrea
Intercessor: Judy Thompson
Vestry Host:
Sacristans: Judy & Madison Thompson
Ushers: Mel & Judy Thompson
Counters:
Coffee Hour Hosts: Jennifer Herdt & Jan Hagens,
Lorna & Bob Herdt, Catherine & Jesse Stricklan

This Week's Prayer Intentions

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

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow; St. Paul's, Plainfield; Summer chapels in Norfolk and Fenwick; summer outdoor worship services; Vacation Bible Schools, parish-based summer camp programs and mission trips

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

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

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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