



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B

Service of Holy Eucharist

March 11, 2018 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 (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

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

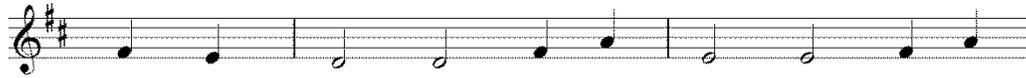
Out of the deep

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

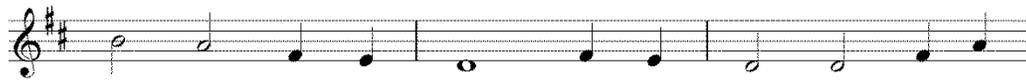
Words: Psalm 130:1-2; Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymn 686: Come, thou fount of every blessing, *The Hymnal 1982*



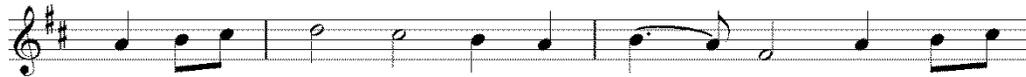
1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.; Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

FIRST LESSON

NUMBERS 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and

everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22 (*sung by the choir*)

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Plainsong Tone V.1

SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not

the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN Hymn 671: Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus; Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony 1831*; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

GOSPEL

JOHN 3:14-21

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

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in

order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

God so loved the world (from *The Crucifixion*)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Words: John 3:16-17; Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, 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

Hymn 603: When Christ was lifted from the earth, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936); Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

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 for the Fraction Anthem, numbered 871, from the collection 'Wonder, Love and Praise'. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/8. The vocal line begins with a rest for two measures, followed by the lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. There are three triplet markings in the piano part, corresponding to the lyrics 'a-way', 'the', and 'sins'.

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

Pader an Arleth

*An taze eze neve:
benegaz bo tha hanaw.
Tha gwylasketh grenz doaaze.
Tha vothe bo greze,
en noare pecarra en neave.
Ro tha nye an journama gon bara peb deeth.
Ha gave tha nye gon pehasow,
pecarra tel era nye gava angy neb eze peha war a gon
bidn.
Ha na raze gon lewa en antall, boz gweeth nye thort
droage.
Rag an gwylaskath che a beaw han nearth han
worrians rag nevra venitho. Andelna ra bo.
Amen.*

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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Words: The Lord's Prayer in the Cornish language; Music: Russell Pascoe (b. 1960)

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 down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Hymn 530: Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984);

Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergel (1793-1870)

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Psalm Prelude Set 2, no. 1

"Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord" (Psalm 130:1)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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Memorial and Honorific Gifts

*The Lenten 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. The last congregational feedback meeting will take place **today from 11:30 to 12:30.**

Child Safety Reminder. Please remember, on Sunday mornings, for security reasons, there should be no unsupervised children anywhere in the facility.

Lenten Giving: Malawi and Sanctuary. Please see the **Enews for more information and give as you can.**

St. Thomas's is a Gun Free Zone. At its February 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.

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 in the Enews. Bring your donations to church, and we'll see they get to Columbus House.

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. William Loutrel
Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Organist: Simon Jacobs
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Sara Misgen
Crucifer: Christopher Martinez
Torchbearers: Ricardo Chavira, Michael Dunlap
Lectors: Katherine Vaillancourt, Jan Hagens
Intercessor: Don Edwards
Sacristans: Greg & Valerie Echols
Ushers/Greeters: Drew McDermott, Chris Acosta
Coffee Hour Hosts: Rachel & Chris Ritacco, Sara Misgen, Dwight Miller
Vestry Host: Chris Martinez
Counters: Chris Martinez, Mark Cicero

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:
Greg D'Andrea, Alisa D'Andrea, London, Luca, Harold Day

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. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford;
St. John's, Guilford; The Connecticut Episcopal Clergy Association (ConnECA), clergy peer groups, and the Clergy Family Assistance Program

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
The Church of England; The Most Revd. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

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)
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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

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