

# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR A Holy Eucharist

March 26, 2017

10:00 A.M.

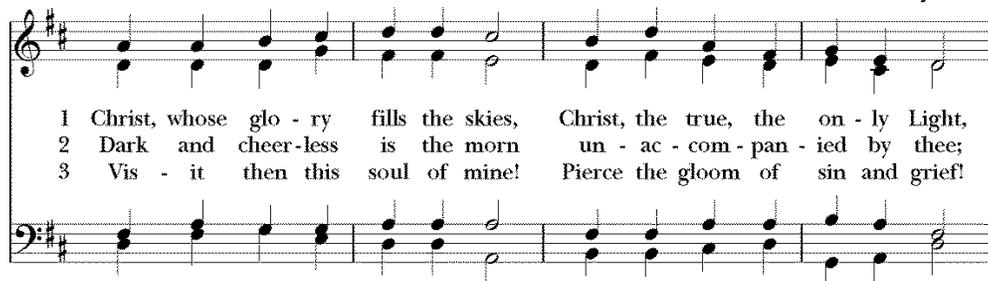
*Information for newcomers and visitors is located on the back page of this service bulletin.*

**PRELUDE** Intermezzo (from *Sonata no. 8 in E minor*) Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
Hymn 7 (*Ratisbon*)



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## 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*

## THE CONFESSION

*Presider*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Priest 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.**

*Priest*

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** (*sung by the choir*)      Missa cuiusvis toni      J. Ockeghem (c. 1410-1497)

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Christe eleison.*

Christ, have mercy.

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE 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.*

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23** (*sung by the choir*)

*Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## THE SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness  
Hymn 144 (*Cornhill*)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

1 Lord Je - sus, Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine  
2 Give guid - ance to our wan - dering ways, for -  
3 Lord, grant that we in pen - i - tence may  
4 Now near - er draws the day of days when  
5 The u - ni - verse your glo - ry shows, blest

1 in our hearts, we pray; dis - pel the gloom that  
2 give us, Lord, our sin; re - store us by your  
3 of - fer you our praise, and through your sav - ing  
4 par - a - dise shall bloom, when we shall be at  
5 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; we shall ac - claim your

1 shades our minds and be to us as day.  
 2 lov - ing care to peace and joy with - in.  
 3 sac - ri - fice re - ceive your gift of grace.  
 4 one with you, Lord, ris - en from the tomb.  
 5 ma - jes - ty, e - ter - nal Three in One.

**THE GOSPEL**

JOHN 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not

know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

*After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then, 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

### *Priest*

The season of Lent reminds us that seeds of life are found in even the most barren desert. With faith that the Holy Spirit is with us, we offer our prayers for the church and for the world.

### *Intercessor*

We pray for Christ's one holy catholic church, that all who minister in Jesus' name may find unity of purpose in service to him. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all in authority around the world, and especially for the elected officials of this nation, that they may see in every person the image of God. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all that you have created and named good, especially the land, sea, sky, and life surrounding us, that it may be cherished in the present and preserved for the future. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all immigrants and refugees, that they may know the wellbeing that is possible only with physical security. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for St. Thomas's Church and Day School, that we may help one another to cultivate gifts for cultivating virtue in the world. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for the children and youth of this and every community, that they may know love and safety, and grow in wisdom and kindness. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find solace, strength, and healing. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may join the saints in your eternal glory. **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for the intercessions and thanksgivings that we now name before you, either silently or aloud.

*Presider*

God of all creation, hear the prayers of your people: lead us from the wilderness of earthly trials into the garden of your abundance, where we will no longer hunger or thirst, but be filled with your life forever; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 Teach me, O Lord William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.  
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.  
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.  
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.  
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way.  
O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

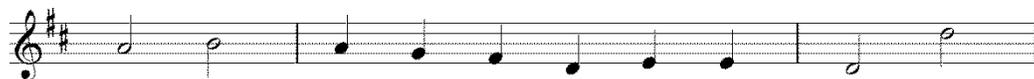
*Text: Psalm 119:33-38*

*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 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath Hymn 429 (Old 113<sup>th</sup>)



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in  
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the  
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing  
4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in



death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My  
sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose  
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He  
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My

days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing  
 truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op-pressed, and feeds the  
 helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -  
 days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing

last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
 poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.  
 less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.  
 last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

## 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.

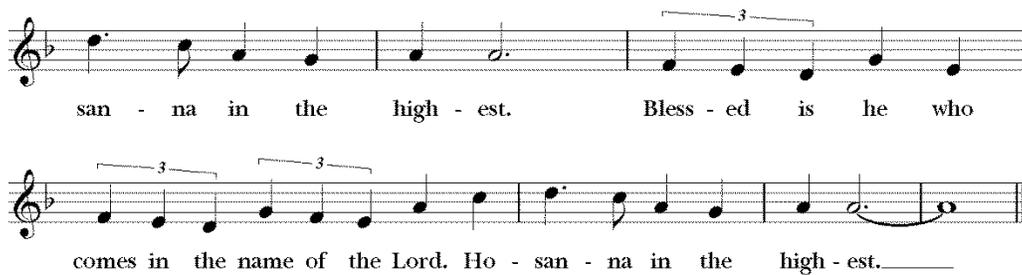
You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

WLP 871

The musical score is for a piece titled "FRACTION ANTHEM" (WLP 871). It is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The score consists of 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 world: have mer-cy on us. — Lamb of God, you". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a more active treble line with some triplets. The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

*Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

*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 a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**                      Oculi omnium                      Charles Wood (1866-1926)

*Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine: et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno.  
Gloria tibi, Domine. Amen.*

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Glory to thee, O Lord. Amen.

*Text: Psalm 145:15*

*After all have received communion, the People remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.*

## **THE 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.

### THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Priest*

Bow down before the Lord.

*Presider*

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

The Lord my God my shepherd is  
Hymn 663 (*Crimond*)

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and  
3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the  
4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -  
5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by  
2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for  
3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for  
4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and  
5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.  
2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.  
3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.  
4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.  
5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

### DISMISSAL

Priest: [*A priest dismisses the people.*]

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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## Announcements

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

**Please remember: In the family-friendly area at the front of the church, all children must be accompanied by a caregiver.** We are fortunate to have MANY families with small children! We know space is tight in that area, and we will be considering options for expansion.

**Special Giving Opportunity for Lent.** As a church, we are doing a special Lenten collection of funds for school and hospital supplies for St. Peter's, Likoma Island, Northern Malawi. You may contribute by check or online. If online, just look for the "Social Justice" box on our donation page, put the amount under "Other," and put St. Peter's Hospital or St. Peter's School in the memo line. Use the same for the memo line on your check. The Sunday School children will be learning about St. Peter's, and Marsha Ackerman has put together a Menu of Gifts and Order Form for parents and their children. And the children will do a special offertory collection on Palm Sunday.

**Sanctuary Immigrant Accompaniment Training: Sunday, March 26, 3-5 p.m., Spring Glen Church in Hamden, CT (1825 Whitney Avenue).** Contact Keri to sign up.

**The National Weekend of Prayer for Transgender Justice is this weekend.** Please add your prayers to those of people around the country.

**Looking Ahead to Holy Week and Easter:**

- PLEASE consider getting your **Easter flower and music donations** in ASAP.
- On **Maundy Thursday** (April 13) we will have a soup & bread potluck and then a service of Holy Communion with foot washing. We need a volunteer to coordinate the potluck, people to help with set up and cleanup, and people to bring food. Sign up to help and/or attend on the flip chart in the Lounge or contact the Office.
- We will have an enhanced Coffee Hour "brunch" on **Easter Sunday** (April 16). We will need more food than usual, so please consider bringing a dish to share.

**ECCT Annual Spring Training and Gathering: April 1, Lincoln Middle School, Meriden, 9 am - 4 p.m.**

**Furniture Need for the new Youth Room.** If you're casting off gently used furniture, please consider donating it to our new youth ministry. Contact Keri for information.

**Save the Date: Walk Against Hunger: Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. at Lighthouse Point.** St. Thomas's is organizing a team to walk in this annual major fundraiser for the Connecticut Food Bank. More to come!

**Upcoming Major Events Associated with our Day School**

- *Choral Evensong, April 26, 6 p.m., in the Church*
- *Day School Spring Gala: April 29, at Lighthouse Point*

**Baptism.** In our tradition, certain occasions are considered to be particularly appropriate for baptism. The next ones are the Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 15) and the Feast of Pentecost (Sunday, June 4). To discuss baptism on these or other dates, contact Keri.

**Donations for Sanctuary Candles and Church Adornments.** Please consider making a monetary gift "in memory of" or "in honor of" another person, to be *noted in the Sunday bulletin the week of your choice.*

## Serving Today

**Presider:** The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp  
**Preacher:** The Rev. Julie Kelsey  
**Assisting Priest:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Organist and Choirmaster:** Simon Jacobs  
**Emcee:** Dorothy Asch  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Ricardo Chavira  
**Crucifer:** Ozan Say  
**Torchbearers:** Chris Martinez, Dan Edoma  
**Lectors:** Susan Fernandez, Don Edwards  
**Intercessor:** Claire Scully  
**Sacristans:** Joan Hogan, Bill & Sally Nanfeldt  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Katie Coleman, Gail Curran, Drew McDermott  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Anthony Gopal & Susan Fernandez, Joan Hogan & Diane Robertson, Ozan Say & Sarah Insley-Say

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:**  
Bill R., Bob H., Jane, Joe, Ken, Jonathan, Lee, Marilyn, Meg, Paul, Phil, Suzanne, Timothy

**Pray for those who have died.**

**In St. Thomas's Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
Brian Earnshaw, Tracy Earnshaw, Meghan, Finnegan, Avery, Valerie Echols, Greg Echols

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton; Hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; other pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; parish nurses; wellness programs; recovery ministries

**Collect for Stewardship of Creation (BCP, p. 259)**  
O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Church Leadership

### Staff

The Rev. Keri Aubert—Priest-in-Charge  
Simon Jacobs—Director of Music and Organist  
Julie Kelly—Administrator, Parish and Property

### Officers and Vestry

Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)  
Don Edwards (Junior Warden)  
Alexander Scherer (Treasurer)  
Marj Robison (Clerk)  
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)  
Laura Bower-Phipps  
Michael Fournier  
Daniel Harrison  
Martha Deeds Hogan  
Kevin Johnson  
Chris Martinez  
Tom Radice  
Jennifer Regan  
Christopher Ritacco

### 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  
The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

### Ministry Coordinators

Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant  
Marsha Ackerman—Children and Youth Ministries

## Day School Leadership

Gina Panza—Head of School  
Eric Gregory Snow—Chaplain

### Board of Managers

Gina Panza—Head of School  
The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.  
Jonathan Macey (Chair & PTO Rep)  
Tracey Meares (Treasurer & Member of the Parish)  
Gina Criscuolo (Secretary & PTO Rep)  
Mark Branch (Warden Rep)  
Frank Chang (Community Rep)  
The Rev. K. Dexter Cheney (Parish Rep)  
Lois DeLise (Community Rep)  
Don Edwards (Parish Rep)  
John Forrest (Alumni Rep)  
Michael Fournier (Vestry Rep)  
Jennifer McTiernan (Parish Rep)  
Greg Mokotoff (PTO Rep)  
Kenneth Paul (Community Rep)  
Kathryn Scherer (Parish Rep)

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## If you are new or visiting ...

**Welcome!** After the service, you are invited to attend Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

**Education for all ages:** On most Sundays during the academic year, education for all ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. Sunday school is offered for children pre-K through grade 8; adult education takes place in The Lounge.

**Families with small children:** Two 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 area in front of the left side of the pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

**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.

**At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist.** While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

**All are invited to receive Holy Communion.** Baptism is not required. There are usually two Communion stations, located at the front corners of the altar. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

**To receive Holy Communion:** The server will place the bread in your hands. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. This is the most sanitary option. Some people “intinct” (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

*Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about St. Thomas's? \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to:

- Speak to a clergyperson
- Receive parish emails
- Have a permanent name tag
- Explore becoming a member

- Get involved with \_\_\_\_\_
- Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School
- Learn about joining the Adult Choir
- Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's Choristers (Junior Choir)