

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

How bright appears the Morning Star
Hymn 497 (*Wie schön leuchtet*)

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*)

Missa Brevis

Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 (*sung by the choir*)

Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

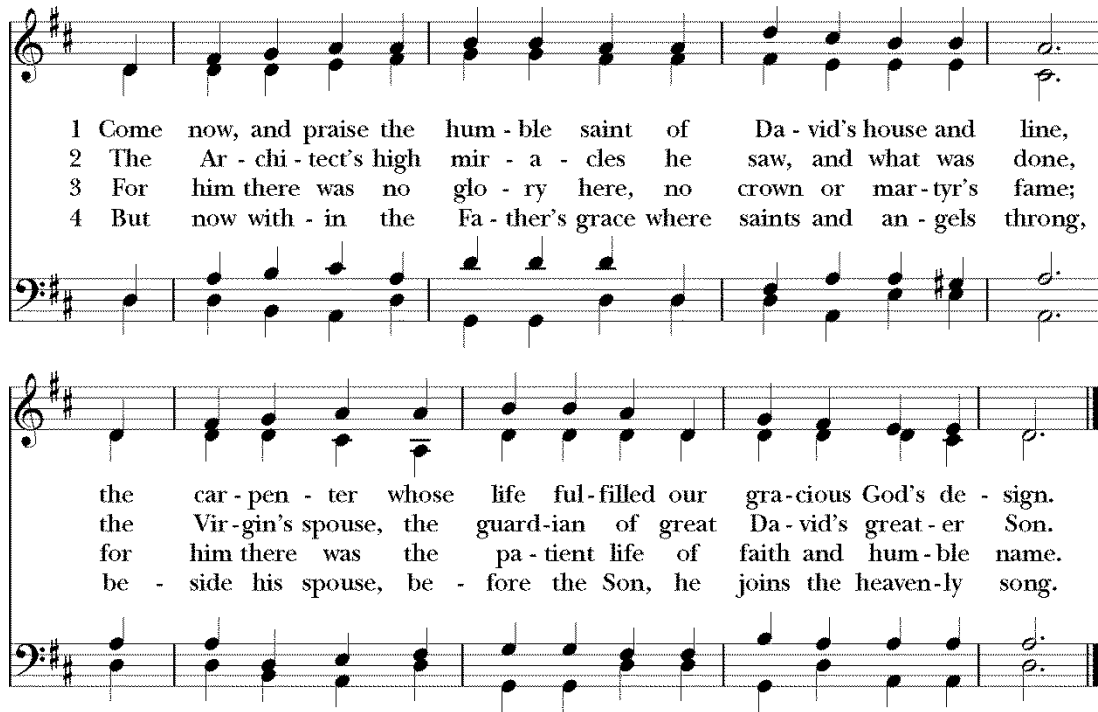
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Come now, and praise the humble saint
Hymn 260 (*Tallis' Ordinal*)



1 Come now, and praise the hum - ble saint of Da - vid's house and line,
2 The Ar - chi - tect's high mir - a - cles he saw, and what was done,
3 For him there was no glo - ry here, no crown or mar - tyr's fame;
4 But now with - in the Fa - ther's grace where saints and an - gels throng,

the car - pen - ter whose life ful - filled our gra - cious God's de - sign.
the Vir - gin's spouse, the guard - ian of great Da - vid's great - er Son.
for him there was the pa - tient life of faith and hum - ble name.
be - side his spouse, be - fore the Son, he joins the heav - en - ly song.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1:18-25

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

When Sunday School is offered, the students follow the children's processional cross up the aisle, and then their teachers bring them to their classrooms. At the preacher's invitation, all are seated.

THE SERMON

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

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant 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

O Wisdom from on high, Holy Word of God, you govern 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

Inspire and strengthen your universal church. Help your ministers, lay and ordained, carry the Good News of salvation to all who await the signs 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 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, or depressed this holiday season. Help them find peace, joy, hope, and love. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Sustain those troubled by sickness, poverty, or violence. Help them 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 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; Emmanuel, God with us, come and save us, O Lord our God. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Priest

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Priest 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.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ 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. If the children have been in Sunday School, they return at this time. After the announcements, the People remain seated for the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A spotless rose

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

A spotless rose is blowing,
Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers foreshowing,
Of Jesse, promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter,
And in the dark midnight.

The rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary, purest maid;
For through our God's great love and might,
The Blessed Babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night.

Text: 15th-century German, trans. Catherine Winkworth

*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

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Hymn 278 (*Rustington*)

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's
2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her
3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en
4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in
through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his
Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed
done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of
weight of suf - fer - ing knew, looked up - on her Son and
on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing
to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is
Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the
glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly
an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
price of our re - demp - tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
holds her son and Sa - vior reign - ing as the Lord of love.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *(sung by the choir)*

Missa Brevis

Berkeley

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

God of power and might,

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

FRACTION ANTHEM *(sung by the choir)*

Missa Brevis

Berkeley

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Celebrant

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

Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Softly a light is stealing,
Sweetly a maiden sings,
Ever wakeful, ever wistful
Watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Mary her song to Jesus
Softly, serenely sings:
"I will love you, I will serve you,
May my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings".

Text: Andrew Carter

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH A EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

This prayer is said when a Eucharistic Visitor will take communion to an ill or homebound parishioner. The Eucharistic Visitor joins the Celebrant in front of the altar.

Celebrant and People

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Go in peace.

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

O come, O come, Emmanuel
Hymn 56 (*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*)

1. O come, O come, Em- man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from ___ on high, who or - d' rest all things might - i - ly;
LOWER VOICES 3. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny
UPPER VOICES 4. O come, thou Day - spring from ___ on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;
 5. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ___ ap - pear.
 to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways ___ to go.
 that trust thy might y power ___ to save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er ___ the grave.
 dis - perse the gloom y clouds ___ of night, and death's dark sha - dows put ___ to flight.
 that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ___ ap - pear.
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Tocatta on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Carter

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Christmas at St. Thomas's Church – All Are Welcome!

Please come, and invite a friend

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24

4:00 P.M. Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist
 3:30 P.M. Musical Prelude

10:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist with St. Thomas's Choir
 9:30 P.M. Pre-service Program of Organ Music for Christmas

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Pajama Social

Announcements

For more news and information, subscribe to our weekly Enews using the button on our home page.

Today: Worship will be followed by a short all-parish meeting about the Sunday morning schedule, then Coffee Hour and the Greening of the Church. Please stay for the meeting if you can.

Christmas is Coming! Check the service schedule above. Pageant participants: Be sure to arrive early! Note that incense will be used at the 10 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Pageant Service: Ushers and Acolytes Needed! We are in need of two ushers, two torchbearers, and one crucifer (though not a partridge in a pear tree) for the 4 p.m. service. If you can serve, please email Keri.

Stewardship Update. The total amount pledged so far is \$105,974. This is below last year's figure of \$124,582, and even further below our goal. **If you've already pledged, THANK YOU. If you haven't, please consider it.** For more information, contact the office.

Christmas Flowers Offerings. Please consider donating to the Christmas Flower Fund! 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; you can also donate via the DONATE button on the St. Thomas's website, or by simply scanning the QR code on an "I give electronically" chit in the pew rack. **Please submit all donations by the end of the day today.**

Alternative Giving for Christmas. Please consider supporting nonprofits such as Loaves & Fishes, the St. Thomas's Day School Scholarship Fund, Episcopal Relief & Development, and the Southern Poverty Law Center. Info about them is available online. You can give using St. Thomas's using the DONATE button on our website.

Thank you! Your generous donations last Sunday for Martha's Place (part of New Reach) are much appreciated.

Book Club. We will resume meeting on Thursday, January 4, at 9 a.m. It has been great! We will still be reading poet Mary Oliver's *Upstream: Selected Essays*. Please email Denise Terry (terry.df@gmail.com) for more information.

Coffee Hour Hosting: Trial Self-Signup System. In an effort to make it easier for Coffee Hour Hosts, we are doing a test-run of an online self-sign-up system. You can find the link in Wednesday's Enews, or you can sign up by calling the Church Office. Each date has six slots - if you are signing up as a couple, please use two slots. You have until December 18 to sign up, and then we will begin assigning spots. St. Thomas's has great coffee hours, thanks to YOU. If you haven't served as a host but would like to start, please do. You might consider asking an experienced parishioner to team with you. It's really not hard, and your participation will be appreciated by all.

St. Thomas's Feast Day. Our patronal feast is December 21. Don't forget to give thanks for St. Thomas and this community of faith created in his name.

Holiday Office Closing. The Church Office will be closed from Friday, December 23, through Sunday, January 1. Regular office hours will resume on January 2.

Storm Closings. If St. Thomas's closes due to inclement weather, on any day of the week, word will be spread in three ways: parish-wide email, Facebook, and WTNH Channel 8 (<http://wtnh.com/closings/>). To receive a text alert if the church closes, sign up with WTNH at <http://wtnh.com/mobile/text-alerts/>.

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp

Assisting Priest—Word: The Rev. Julie Kelsey

Assisting Priest—Table: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Organist and Choirmaster: Simon Jacobs

Emcee: Dorothy Asch

Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dunlap

Crucifer: Kevin Johnson

Torchbearers: Ricardo Chavira, Ozan Say

Lectors: Sally Edwards, Kathleen Bower-Phipps

Intercessor: Drew McDermott

Sacristan: Valerie Echols

Ushers/Greeters: Katie Coleman, Gail Curran,
Laura Bower-Phipps

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jimmy Canton & David Tate,
Jennifer McTiernan, Bill & Sally Nanfeldt

Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:

Bill M., Bill R., Bob, Bob H., Constance, Coral, Jane, Jeannie, Jonathan, Lee, Marilyn, Meg, Paul, Phil, Suzanne, Timothy

In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Stephanie Burette, Sean Heather McGraw, Crystal Sorber, Tarleton Watkins

Pray for those who have died.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport; St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; for soup kitchens and food pantries

Prayer for Social Justice (*BCP*, p. 823)

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church Leadership

The Rev. Keri Aubert—Priest-in-Charge

Simon Jacobs—Director of Music and Organist

Julie Kelly—Administrator, Parish and Property

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Ricardo Chavira (Senior Warden)

Mark Branch (Junior Warden)

Alexander Scherer (Treasurer)

Sarah Insley-Say (Clerk)

Dorothy Asch (Deanery Representative)

Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)

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Jennifer Regan

Christopher Ritacco

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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.

Jennifer McTiernan (Chair & Parish Rep)

Jonathan Macey (Vice-Chair & PTO Rep)

Tracey Meares (Treasurer & Member of the Parish)

Gina Criscuolo (Secretary & PTO Rep)

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If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! Thank you for attending worship at St. Thomas's. Please consider returning the information slip below, signing the guest register near the main entry, and introducing yourself to a clergy person or usher. After the service, you are invited to join the congregation for Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

Families with children: On most Sundays during the school year, Sunday School is offered for children from pre-K through grade 8. All children are invited to attend. On three Sundays a month, Sunday School takes place both before and during the service; on one Sunday a month, it follows the service. On any given Sunday, the bulletin announcements and worship instructions provide additional information.

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.

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.

At St. Thomas's, all are invited to receive Holy Communion. There are usually two stations, located at the front corners of the altar, where you may receive Holy Communion. **Gluten-free bread** is available at both stations. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference in orientation 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

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