



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

December 23, 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 (located in the pew rack). You can use the form to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting for you on the table just inside the main church entrance.

To follow along with the service all you need is this service bulletin.

Families with small children: Three seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the areas in front of the two front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Education for All Ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. on most Sundays during the academic year.

Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and St. Thomas's website. Sunday bulletins are posted on the website's Bulletin Archive. We aim to reduce printing by encouraging worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the order of service.

Restrooms for men and women are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each communion station; **non-alcoholic wine** is available from the chalice bearer at the center. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion hold out your hands, and the server will place bread in them. If you wish to receive wine, please sip it from the common cup, using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

INTROIT

Ave Maria

Ave Maria gratia plena
Dominus tecum virgo serena
tu parvi et magni leonis et agni
salvatoris Christi templum extitisti
sed virgo intacta tu floris et roris
panis et pastoris Virginum regina
rosa sine spina genitrix es facta.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you, serene Virgin.
For lowly and great, lion and lamb,
our savior Christ: you have been his temple,
while still a virgin. For the flower and rose,
the bread and the shepherd: you queen of virgins,
a rose without a thorn, you became their mother.

Words: Angelus (variant) Music: Jean Mouton (c1459–1522), à 5

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel (56, *The Hymnal 1982*)



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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

Come, O Holy One, as the beloved child, Emmanuel! Soften our hearts and open our arms for your coming, that we may make this a place worthy and warm, kindly and safe for all your children, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

(62, *Enriching Our Music 1*)

High voices
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e -

Low voices
- lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

High voices
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Low voices
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e -

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. _____

- lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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

MICAH 5:2-5

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me

one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 3 (*The Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55, sung by the Choir*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

The angel Gabriel from heaven came (265, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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THE GOSPEL

LUKE 1:39-45

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
 His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
 He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
 he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
 He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

All stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

O Wisdom from on high, O Holy Word of God, you oversee all creation with your strong yet tender care. In this Advent season of anticipation and longing, we pray to you, saying, "O come, O come, Emmanuel."

Intercessor and People

Inspire and strengthen your universal church. Help your ministers, lay and ordained, carry the Good News of salvation to all who await the sign of your coming. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Lend your wisdom and compassion to those in authority around the world. Help them lead those held captive by injustice and conflict, into the freedom of justice and peace. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Inspire all people to be grateful occupants and faithful keepers of your wondrous creation. Help us to protect and preserve the earth, its lands and waters, and all its inhabitants. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Uphold and guide the people and ministries of St. Thomas's Church. Help us listen closely to you, and follow where you lead. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Comfort those who are grieving, lonely, discouraged, or depressed this holiday season. Help them find peace, love, hope, and joy. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Sustain those troubled by sickness, poverty, or violence. Help them to overcome adversity, so that they may be renewed. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Bring into your glorious presence those who have died. Help all people to find risen life in you. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Hear our additional prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, which we now offer either silently or aloud.

Celebrant

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; O Emmanuel, God with us, come and save us, O Lord our God. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Deacon

Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*]

Deacon and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider

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

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements. After the announcements, the People remain seated for the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Maria

Ave Maria gratia plena Dominus tecum.

Quae cum audisset turbata est

in sermone eius cogitabat

qualis esset ista salutatio.

Ne timeas Maria ecce concipies in utero

et paries filium et vocabis nomen eius Jesum.

Quomodo fiet istud

quoniam virum non cognosco.

Spiritus Sanctus super veniet in te

et virtus Altissimi obumbrabit tibi.

Ecce ancilla Domini

fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

She who hears this, she is troubled

by this speech, and wonders

what is this greeting.

Fear not, Mary. You shall conceive in your womb

the son of the Father, and you shall name him Jesus.

How can this be,

for I know no man?

The Holy Spirit will come upon you,

and a strength from above will fill you.

I am the Lord's servant:

let it be thus!

Words: Luke 1:26-38 Music: Guillaume Bouzignac (c1587–c1642)

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the People stand, the Ushers carry the gifts forward, and the altar is prepared. During the season of Advent, rather than gathering around the altar, the People remain in the pews for the Eucharistic prayer.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; keep watch, take heart!

Setting: Taizé

High voices

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,

Low voices

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

- san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Thomas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

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.
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

(66, *Enriching Our Music 1*)

All voices

Lamb of God, — you take a -
- way the sins of the world: have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. _____
Lamb of God, — you take a - way _____ the
sins of the world: — grant _____ us peace.

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Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. At the usher's direction, please proceed up the center aisle to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at each station; non-alcoholic wine is available from the chalice bearer at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave Maria

Ave Maria gratia plena
Dominus tecum
benedicta tu in mulieribus
et benedictus fructus ventris tui
Sancta Maria mater Dei
ora pro nobis peccatoribus
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Words: Angelus Music: Joseph Rheinberger (1839–1901), Op. 176

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another; and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May Christ, whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at the second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending (57, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

DISMISSAL

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

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Magnificat VI, Op. 18, No. 15

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and "like" St. Thomas's on Facebook.

Please stay in the pews for the Eucharistic prayer. We return to "communion in the round" next week. Our Eucharistic prayer is from *Enriching Our Worship*, the expansive language supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*.

THANK YOU to all who have pledged!!! While the “official” campaign has ended, we are still short of our goal. If you haven't yet pledged, please consider doing so, ASAP. Remember, the Vestry needs the pledge figure to prepare the 2019 Parish budget. And please don't forget to make your 2018 pledge payments.

FOR EVERYONE: CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT. The speaking roles have been filled, but it's not too late to participate! Every child who attends is invited to participate. Please arrive to church early, and look for costumes in the children's area under the origami cranes.

Holiday Schedule: The office will be closed December 21 through January 1. There will be no Enews next week. Next Sunday, there will be religious ed programming, and the Choir will be on break.

Next Parish Potluck: Friday, January 4, 6 p.m. - Three Kings Party! Sunday School, pre-K through grade 5, is hosting. Come for music, games, and fun! A baked ham, Mexican hot chocolate, and a large King Cake will be provided. Bring your favorite family foods to celebrate Three Kings Day (antipasto, tapas, tamales, rice and beans, pozole, fruitcake, meatballs, squash soup). It will be a family-friendly evening of fellowship!

Alternative Giving. As you make your giving plans this season, please consider "alternative" giving. Please especially consider supporting: programs in the Anglican Diocese of Northern Malawi (you can give by check or using the DONATE button on our website); Episcopal Relief & Development, especially their Gifts for Life program.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 30, 2018

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

*Additional “unhealthy” additional endowment draw is budgeted for this purpose.

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

CHRISTMAS AT ST. THOMAS'S

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

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

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

All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant.

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

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

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

Christmas Day, 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Come-as-You-Are!

Wear your comfiest PJs, sweats, or loungewear to this casual and fun all-ages service.

There will be carols and hymns sung by all and, instead of a homily,

a story followed by carols-on-request, so be ready to choose your favorites.

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

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Deacon and Preacher: The Rev. April Alford-Harkey
Conductor & Organist: Dr. Noah Horn
Organ Prelude: Madison Thompson
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Ricardo Chavira
Crucifers:
Lectors: Jenny Chavira, Robert Herdt
Intercessor: Claire Scully
Vestry Host: Martha Deeds Hogan
Sacristans: Bill & Sally Nanfeldt
Usher: Gary Robison
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Coffee Hour Hosts: Sally & Bill Nanfeldt, Craig Bottiger, Jami Carlacio

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Dorothy, Drew, Greg, Jerry, Katie, Lee, Parke

Pray for those who have died.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Robert Tait, Jocelyn Tidwell, Joran Booth, Kim Booth, Archer, Shepherd

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport; St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; For the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Kubwa - (Abuja, Nigeria)

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:
Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan

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