



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

May 12, 2019

10 A.M.

If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! After the service, please come to Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the 2nd floor) for food and fellowship. Though other churches make the claim, ours really is the Best Coffee Hour in Connecticut. Please consider filling out a blue visitor information card (located in the pew rack). You can use the form to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting for you on the table just inside the main church entrance.

To follow along with the service 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)** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

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

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in A minor
Johann Jacob Froberger (1616–1667), Toccata no. 1

INTROIT

O quam gloriosum

O quam gloriosum est regnum
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes sancti
amicti stolis albis sequuntur agnum
quocumque ierit laudantes Deum et dicentes
benedictio et claritas et sapientia
et gratiarum actio honor virtus
et fortitudo Deo nostro
in saecula saeculorum Amen.

O how glorious is the kingdom
wherein all the saints rejoice in Christ;
clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb
whithersoever he goeth, praising God and saying:
Blessing, and glory, and wisdom,
and thanksgiving, and honor, and power,
and might, be unto our God
for ever and ever. Amen.

Words: Revelation 7:12-14 Music: William Byrd (c1540–1623), 1589

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is alive! (182, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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 Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
 People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider 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.

GLORIA

S-278, *The Hymnal 1982*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 *(sung by the Choir)*

Bobby McFerrin (b. 1950)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; * I have all I need.
- 2 She makes me lie down in green meadows; * beside the still waters, She will lead.
- 3 She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs, *
She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs.
- 4 Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me; * She has said, She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand.
- 5 She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes, *
She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will live in Her house for ever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies, *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is (645, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-ial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:22-30

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

Our Savior is resurrected from the dead, bringing renewal to Christians around the globe. With joyful gratitude, we pray for the church and for the world, saying, “Risen Christ, hear our prayer.”

Intercessor and People

We pray for the church universal: guide the ministers of your Word as they honor the traditions of the past, tend the cares of the present, and build the communities of the future. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the world: plant wisdom and compassion in their hearts, and teach them to sow seeds of righteousness and mercy. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this wondrous creation: continue to reveal its bountiful complexity and fragile beauty, and inspire us to safeguard these gifts for all posterity. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your human family: take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this holy gathering of the faithful: strengthen us to continue in the way of the apostles, proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, seek and serve Christ in all persons, and strive for justice and peace among all people. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any need or trouble: feed the hungry, tend the sick, relieve the weary, bless the dying, and soothe the suffering. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died: give them Christ’s triumph over death, and bring them into your perpetual light. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all that we now name before you, either silently or aloud.

Presider

Risen Christ, hear the prayers offered by these your gathered people; instill in our hearts the assurance of your resurrected life, that we may follow your Way in faith, hope, joy, and love; in the name of the one Holy and undivided Trinity. **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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:
 therefore can I lack nothing.
 He shall feed me in a green pasture:
 and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
 He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth
 in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk in the valley
 of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
 Thou shalt prepare a table before me
 against them that trouble me:
 thou hast anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup shall be full.
 But thy loving-kindness and mercy
 shall follow me all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Words: Psalm 23 Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983), *Requiem*, 1932

*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

Glorious things of thee are spoken (523, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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Last verse by Noah Horn

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 God thanks and praise.

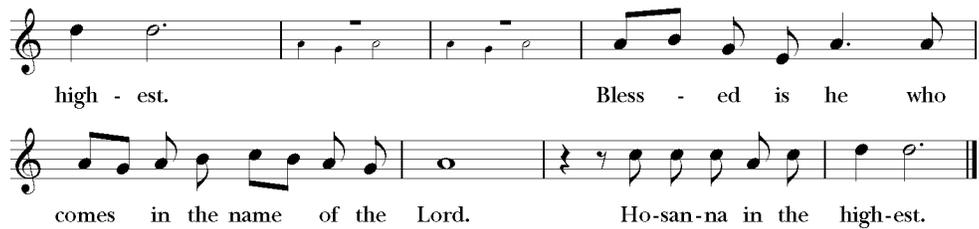
Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

S-128, *The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **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,
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

S-165, *The Hymnal 1982*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at each station; non-alcoholic wine is available from the chalice bearer at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Listen to the lambs

Listen to the lambs!
All a-crying!

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
and carry the young lambs in his bosom. Amen.

Words: Traditional Music: R. Nathaniel Dett (1882–1943), 1923

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

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.

THE PASCHAL BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (324, *The Hymnal* 1982)



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Last verse by Scott Perkins

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia sopra Sol, La, Re
 Johann Jacob Froberger (1616-1667), Fantasia no. 4

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Announcements

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

Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle. Thanks to the MANY folks who made possible last night's Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle. It took a village! Thanks all who provided food, labor, or baskets, and especially to coordinators Diana Empsall, Denise Terry, and Kyle Holton. And thanks to all who came!

SPIRIT Committee Update. Next meeting: Wednesdays, May 22, at 5:30 p.m., in the Lounge.

Sunday School Outreach Update. Please continue to collect loose change to support the Orphan Feeding Program in Malawi. We will continue collection through June 2, and announce the total on Pentecost (June 9).

Congratulations, Jonathan! The transition consultant assigned to us by the diocese, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Folts, is now the bishop-elect of the Diocese of South Dakota! He was elected bishop at a special diocesan convention on May 4. Jonathan has several months to wrap up as rector of St. John's Church in Essex, and as our transition consultant—his consecration as bishop is scheduled for November 2.

Choir Update. Remember, our choir provides musical leadership through Trinity Sunday, which this year is June 16. As a cost-saving measure, the section leaders will wrap up a few weeks early, on Sunday, May 19. Two of our long-time sections leaders are moving on from St. Thomas's: bass Andrew Hon and alto Evanna Lai. Andrew and Evanna: thank you for bringing your gifts to St. Thomas's! We wish you all the best!

2019 CT Food Bank Walk Against Hunger: Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m., Savin Rock Park, West Haven. Please participate by walking with or donating to our team.

The Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus presents *As You Are: 50 Years After Stonewall*

Saturday, May 18 at 8pm & Sunday, May 19 at 4pm, The Theatre at the CoOp in New Haven

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Stonewall, we'll be having a celebration of our own, featuring all the songs that made an impact on the lives of our own singers. From Diana Ross's *I'm Coming Out* to Lady Gaga's *Born This Way*, you'll recognize a part of your own life in every song. *We're commissioning a groundbreaking new work to be written just for this special event. Don't miss it!* (A note from Keri: For those of you who don't know it, St. Thomas's supports the CTGMC by providing rehearsal and office space throughout the year. The CTGMC is in its fourth decade of supporting and advancing the LGBTQ+ community through the power of music. The Chorus has rehearsed at St. Thomas's for most of that time, including back in the day when the rehearsal location was kept under wraps due to safety concerns. Their shows are always wonderful, and this one promises to be both extra-fun and extra-touching. I invite you to join me in "coming out" for the Chorus!)

The Case of the Missing Tablecloths. Many of the tablecloths we use in the Lounge seem to have disappeared. We suspect that they went off with folks for washing and haven't made their way back. If you happen to run across one, please help it come home.

Loaves & Fishes: for the month of April, please bring **CANNED SOUP** of all varieties.

Our Little Free Library always needs books. Just pop them in yourself.

Workshop with the Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas: rescheduled for May 11, 2019, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford. See the Enews for more information.

Looking for an opportunity for theological exploration? Our neighbors at Yale Divinity School are offering a wonderful opportunity: Summer Study 2019. Session I: June 3-7, Session II: June 10-14. The program is open to all. Learn more at <https://summerstudy.yale.edu/> or ask Jan Hagens at coffee hour (or email jan.hagens@yale.edu).

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

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Deacon: The Rev. April Alford-Harkey
Choir Director & Organist: Dr. Noah Horn
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Ricardo Chavira
Crucifers: Michael Dunlap, Lucy Sheehan
Lectors: Judy Thompson, Jenny Chavira
Intercessor: Bob Herdt
Vestry Host: Denise Terry
Sacristans: Judy & Madison Thompson
Ushers: Mel & Judy Thompson
Counters:
Coffee Hour Hosts: Marlene Baldizon, Joran & Kim Booth, Chris Martinez

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:

Bonnie, Dorothy, Drew, Greg, Katie, Marion

Pray for those who have died.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

St. Mark's, New Britain; St. Mark's, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; Parish prayer groups; intercessory prayer chains; and parish and community bible studies

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Anglican Church of Korea

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical

Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

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