

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, YEAR A

A DAY OF RACIAL HEALING,
JUSTICE, & RECONCILIATION

Service of Holy Eucharist

February 9, 2020 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. 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.

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.

In 2018, the Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut approved a resolution setting aside the second Sunday of February as a **Day of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation** “during which parishes are asked to begin a conversation about the sin of racism in our lives and in the world by hosting a forum on racial healing, justice, and reconciliation.” We observed that and are doing so again today. Know, however, that we at St. Thomas's are giving the ongoing sin of racism more than one day of attention a year. Please consider how God might be calling you to participate in our ongoing engagement. Today's observance includes, instead of a sermon, an African-American read-in and music from African-American composers. Our opening hymn, “Life every voice and sing,” is particularly important in that tradition. Those of us who are white should be mindful of singing it not as people who have experienced racism, but as people who have yet to fulfill our call to become full allies in the fight for justice.

To follow along with the service you will need this service bulletin as well as The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book in the pew racks).

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Bread of Heaven
William B. Cooper (1920–1993), 1976

INTROIT

Ihr Heiligen, lobsinget dem Herren

Ihr Heiligen, lobsinget dem Herren.
Danket und preiset seine Heiligkeit!
Denn sein Zorn wäret einen Augenblick,
und er hat Lust zum Leben.
Den Abend lang wäret das Weinen,
aber des Morgens die Freude.

Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favor for a lifetime.
Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.

Words: Psalm 30:4-6 Music: Johann Hermann Schein (1586–1630), 1623

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift every voice and sing (599, *The Hymnal 1982*)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider and People

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole 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; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

20, *Enriching Our Music 1*

In 2 *f*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
poco rit.
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
a tempo *mp* *poco cresc.*
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin ____ of the world; have
mer - cy on us; ____ you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our ____ prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, ____
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.

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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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to

cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-10 (*sung by the Choir*)

David Hurd

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but

with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

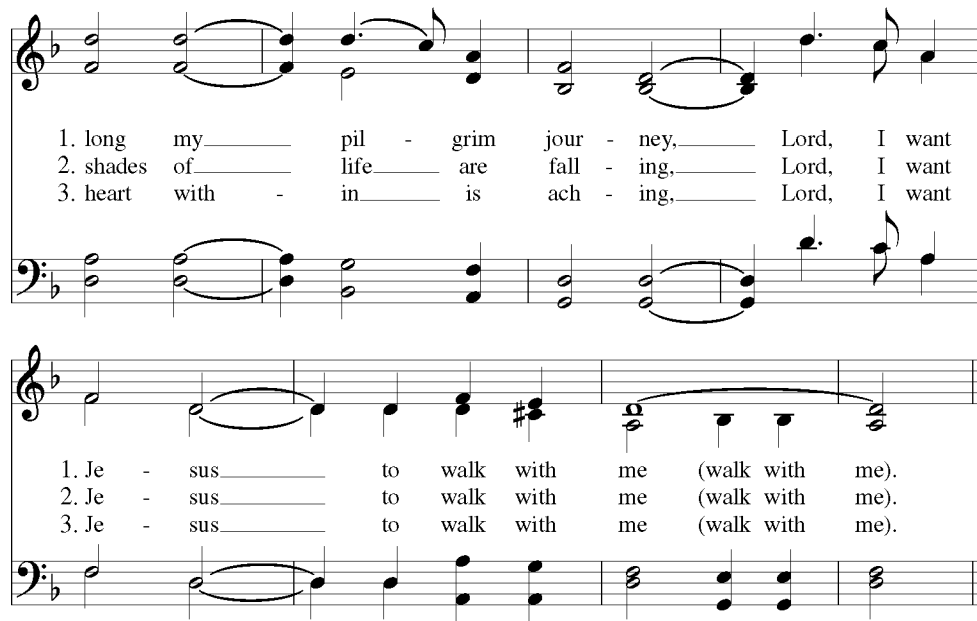
All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

I want Jesus to walk with me (70, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); All a -
2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When the
3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When my



1. long my pil - grim jour - ney, Lord, I want
 2. shades of life are fall - ing, Lord, I want
 3. heart with - in is ach - ing, Lord, I want

1. Je - sus to walk with me (walk with me).
 2. Je - sus to walk with me (walk with me).
 3. Je - sus to walk with me (walk with me).

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:13-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN READ-IN

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

[A Resource from the Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Liturgy & Music]

Presider

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor and People

God of love, we pray for your church: For all lay and ordained ministers, and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love, **Hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom, **Hear our prayers for the world.**

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us. God of justice, **Hear our prayers for the earth.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home. God of peace, **Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy, **Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of grace, **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Presider

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

[A Resource from the Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Liturgy & Music]

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and one another. *[Silence is kept.]*

Presider and People

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:

You create all people in your image

and call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that we have failed to honor you

in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom,

while building walls between ourselves and others.

We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,

while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,

or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.

We have tried to love our neighbors individually

while yet benefitting from systems

that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,

even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,

Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider

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

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 which the People remain seated for the **Offertory Anthem**, and during which the collection is taken.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

True Light

This little light of mine

I'm gonna let it shine.

Almighty God is light.

He lives in us as True Light.

In the beginning out of the darkness

God created True Light.

Don't let the light that You've given me die,

And don't desert my mind.

But let the one who serves You

Praise You again and again.

You are the one who judges right from wrong.

Your glory excites no envy.

Everywhere I go, I want the world to know.

God gave the world True Light!

Hold on to the true light.

Words and Music: Keith Hampton (b. 1957), 2002

*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. 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

Precious Lord, take my hand (106, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Precious Lord, take my hand'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. There are three verses of lyrics provided below the notation.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

23, *Enriching Our Music 1*

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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,

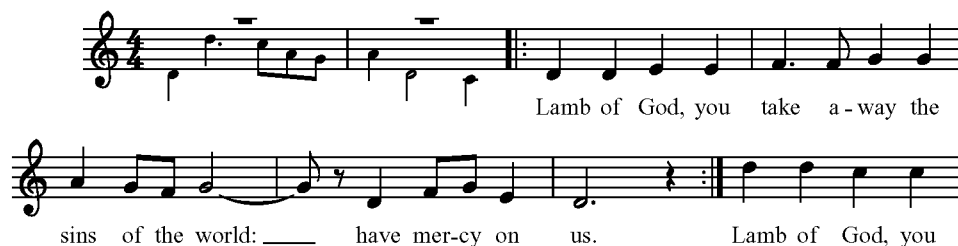
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

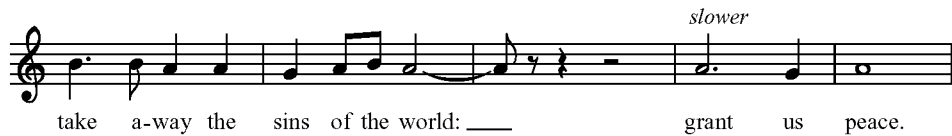
The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

27, Enriching Our Music 1



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



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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. 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

He shall feed his flock

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd;
and he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto him, all ye that labor,
come unto him, that are heavy laden,
and he will give you rest.

Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him;
for he is meek and lowly of heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Words: Isaiah 40:11, Matthew 11:28-29 Music: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), *Messiah*, 1742

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

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

[From "A Service of Commitment to Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation," January 18, 2014, Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans]

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son,
and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit.
We thank you for giving us the ministry of reconciliation,
and for inspiring us to seek Christ in all persons,
loving our neighbors as ourselves,
and respecting the dignity of every human being.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world,
committing ourselves to racial healing, justice, and reconciliation;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Come, we that love the Lord (12, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

1. Come, we that love— the Lord, And let our joys— be known;— Join
2. Let those re - fuse— to sing Who nev - er knew— our God;— But
3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets— Be -
4. Then let our songs— a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear— be dry;— We're

1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's

1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—
2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.—
3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.—
4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful
We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
Zi - on, Zi - on,

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

DISMISSAL

Presider: [The Presider dismisses the People.]
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasy on Walk Together, Children
 André J. Thomas (b. 1952), 2017

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Announcements

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Interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation? Inquirer's Class Forming! Contact Keri NOW.

Season of Racial Justice and Reconciliation Book Group, Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. For February, the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Reading Group will be following up on last month's reading with Michelle Alexander's study of our criminal justice system and mass incarceration, *The New Jim Crow*. Although the book was originally written ten years ago, as Alexander wrote recently in the New York Times, "Everything and nothing has changed." We will also be engaging with a study guide which may provide some insights into how we as a parish community might translate our concern into action. All are invited!

Next Delight Night: Friday, February 21, 2020. We'll have a combined February/March gathering, the Friday before Ash Wednesday. Join us for an early celebration of Mardi Gras a.k.a. Shrove Tuesday. It's likely to include a talent show featuring participants of all ages. Look for details to come.

Coming Soon: Two-Part Lenten Series on *Revolution of Values: Reclaiming Public Faith for the Common Good – Soup Supper and Conversation March 4 & 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge.* Hosted by our Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee, we will share a simple meal of soup/bread/salad and also share conversation and reflection while we read *Revolution of Values: Reclaiming Public Faith For the Common Good* by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. Additional details are in the Enews.

Noah on Leave. Today is Noah’s last Sunday before leaving for six weeks teaching at Oberlin College in Ohio, his alma mater, as sabbatical replacement for the choral director. He will return on Monday 3/23. Happy travels, Noah!

Loaves & Fishes. Please donate non-perishable food items.

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

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

Serving Today

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Eucharistic Minister: Chris Martinez
Crucifer:
Chalice: Judy Thompson
Lectors: Jenny Chavira, Jennifer Herdt
Intercessor: Judy Thompson
Vestry Host: Denise Terry
Ushers: Mel & Judy Thompson
Sacristans: Kyle Holton & Kids
Counters:
Coffee Hour Hosts: Sara Zampierin & Chris Keys, William English

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
Bonnie, Drew, Dwight, Franklin, John, Sally, Sue

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

All Saint's, East Hartford; Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; The Haitian Ministry Network; Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
the Anglican Church of Canada

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:
Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland

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