

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR A Holy Eucharist

April 2, 2017

10:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582i

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

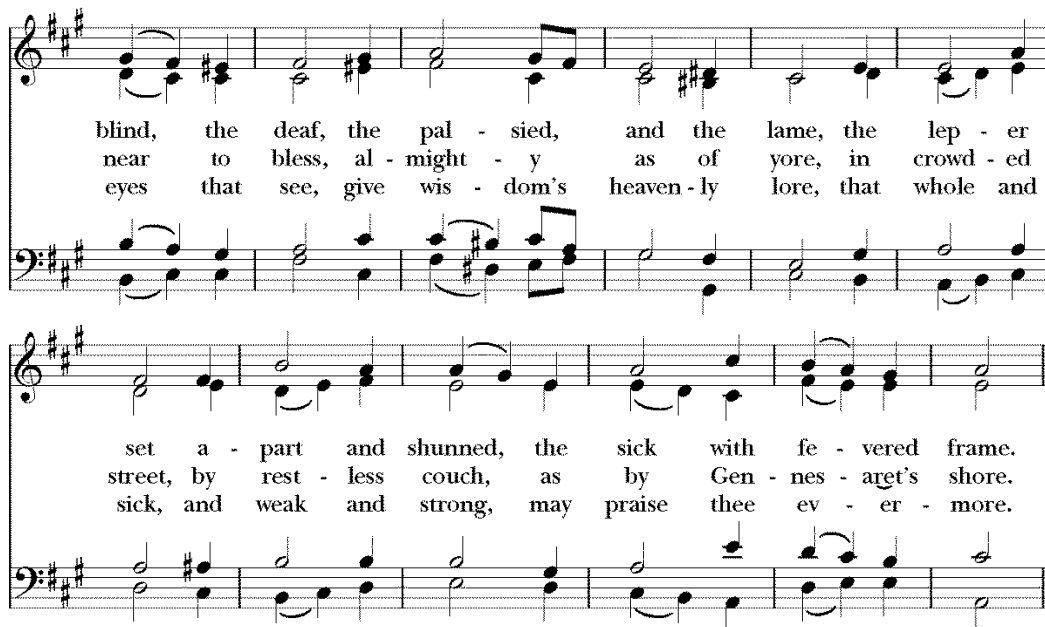
Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
Hymn 567 (*St. Matthew*)



1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and



blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Presider

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

THE CONFESSION

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

**Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*) Mass in G minor R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130 (*sung by the choir*)

De profundis

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Breath of God, life-bearing wind
VF 59 (*Bingham*)

1 Breath of God, life-bearing wind, wak-ing
2 Breath of God, word-bearing wind, truth-re-
3 Breath of God, fire-bearing wind, source of
4 Breath of God, song-bearing wind, stir-ring

mat-ter in-to birth, plant-ing prom-ise, prompt-ing
veal-er, pro-phet's speech, guide to vis-tas of the
pow-er, love, and light, melt-ing fears and join-ing
won-der to re-joice, yearn-ing's ech-o, gra-ce's

hope: with your life re-new the earth.
mind: let your word ex-cite and teach.
tongues: with your fire our hearts ig-nite.
dance: let your song give our prayers voice.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 11:1-45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said

to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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

THE NICENE CREED

Presider and People

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Priest

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

Intercessor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presider

God of all creation, hear the prayers of your people: lead us from the wilderness of earthly trials into the garden of your abundance, where we will no longer hunger or thirst, but be filled with your life forever; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God so loved the world

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

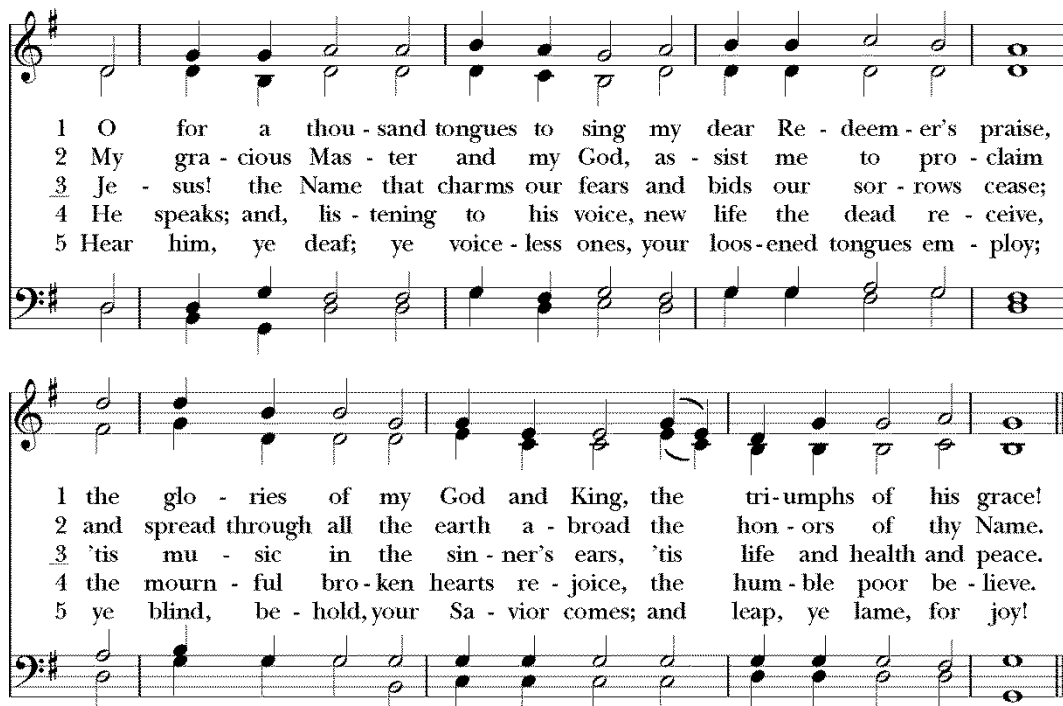
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Text: John 3:16-17

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing
Hymn 493 (*Azmon*)



1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;

1 the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.
3 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
5 ye blind, behold, your Saviour comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

AGNUS DEI (*sung by the choir*)

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

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

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

Mass in G minor

Vaughan Williams

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

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

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

Presider

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

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Verily, verily I say unto you Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Verily, verily I say unto you,
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink His blood, ye have not life in you.
Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood
dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Text: John 6:53-56

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,**

to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Priest

Bow down before the Lord.

Presider

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Hymn 508 (*Nova vita*)

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C minor, BWV 582ii

Bach

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Announcements

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

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

As a church, we are doing a special Lenten collection of funds for school and hospital supplies for St. Peter's, Likoma Island, Northern Malawi. Please give as you can. There will be a special collection for the children's donations on Palm Sunday.

Looking Ahead to Holy Week and Easter:

- Get your **Easter flower and music donations** in by Palm Sunday, April 9.
- On **Maundy Thursday** (April 13) we will have a soup & bread potluck and then a service of Holy Communion with foot washing. We need a volunteer to coordinate the potluck, people to help with set up and cleanup, and people to bring food. Sign up to help and/or attend on the flip chart in the Lounge or contact the Office.
- We will have an enhanced Coffee Hour "brunch" on **Easter Sunday** (April 16). We will need more food than usual, so please consider bringing a dish to share.

Beginning a Tradition. Part of Easter decorations this year will be a pot of mini narcissus for every child in pre-K through grade 5 who worships Easter Sunday. After the liturgy every child can take one of the narcissus pots home to plant next spring, when the narcissus bursts through the wintry ground, the family can teach that this demonstrates the way God can make little resurrections in our lives whenever we experience "winters." God will make something new out of our hardest experiences.

Connecticut Food Bank Walk Against Hunger: Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. at Lighthouse Park, New Haven. JOIN OUR TEAM! Did you know that hunger and food insecurity affects over half a million people in Connecticut and 1 out of every 6 children? You can make a difference! Join the walkers from the St. Thomas's Social Justice group, and help us help feed families who rely upon more than 650 local food-assistance programs served by the Connecticut Food Bank. To join us, just go to www.ctfoodbank.org/walk and click "Join a Team." Our team name is **St. Thomas Social Justice**. There is no fee to enter, but you are encouraged to make a personal donation when signing up - any amount will help. Parish members who aren't able to join us on the day may donate directly by following the same link. Go team St. T's!

Upcoming Major Events Associated with our Day School

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

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

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

March Vestry Meeting Highlights. After opening prayer, the Vestry reviewed the 2016 parochial report that will be sent to the Diocese. It reviews attendance, giving and spending at St. Thomas and is the basis for the parish's Diocesan pledge. The number of pledging units was up for 2017 but the average dollar amount is down. About half of donations are made online. Parish Administrator, Julie Kelly explained new exit signs that meet fire department regulations and new gutters to replace those stolen. Keri and the Vestry thanked Julie for her service to the parish. If you are involved in ministry (e.g. Altar Guild, Christian Education, Day School Board etc.), your ministry area will soon be assigned one or more Vestry member as liaison, so that Vestry can better support your effort. Vestry voted support for a grant application for a new young adult ministry being started by area clergy, including Keri, who will serve on the steering committee. Vestry also watched a webinar about ways to build a good relationship between the church and school communities. Discussion explored additional ways to build our relationship with the Day School.

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson
Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Julie Kelsey
Organist and Choirmaster: Simon Jacobs
Emcee: Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Johnson
Crucifer: Chris Martinez
Torchbearers: Sara Misgen, Peter Piech
Lectors: Charles Tyson, Constance Cahill
Intercessor: Drew McDermott
Sacristans: Mary Ann Nelson, Judy & Madison Thompson
Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Sally Nanfeldt
Coffee Hour Hosts: Erika Nemeti & Michael Dunlap, Chris Martinez, Sue Richmond

This Week's Prayer Intentions

The sanctuary candle this week is given: by the Bower-Phipps family in thanksgiving for the birth of Beckett Colliver Bower

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

Pray for those who have died, especially: Marilyn McCord Adams

In St. Thomas's Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for: Dan Edoma, Don Edwards, Sally Edwards, Diana Empsall, Nathan Empsall

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for: St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; St. Michael's, Litchfield; ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry and Donations & Bequests

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

Church Leadership

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

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Don Edwards (Junior Warden)
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Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)
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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

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If you are new or visiting ...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail & Phone _____

How did you hear about St. Thomas's? _____

I would like to:

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

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