



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

April 3, 2022 10 A.M.

Whether you are new or returning, **WELCOME!**

Please remain masked and observe social distancing throughout the service. Our expectation is that everyone who can be has been vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccine protection is not available to the very young or the immunocompromised, so your continued diligence is appreciated.

Please enter the church through the main doors and exit via the side door that opens onto Cliff Street. Please use the Ramp Door only if you need it. After the service, you're invited to the parking lot for coffee, snacks, and socially-distanced fellowship. Children may unwind in the playground.

The church spaces are not ventilated. The sanctuary provides room for social distancing, but we are eager to limit occupancy of smaller spaces. Therefore, **please avoid the sacristy and vesting room, and please do not linger in the narthex (the area inside the main doors), the restrooms, or the hallways.**

ALL are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. As a pandemic safety precaution, the People will be offered bread but not wine. Remember, the sacrament is complete and efficacious even when received in one kind only. Instructions for Holy Communion are included below at the appropriate point.

If you are new, please consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting on the table inside the main entrance.

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.

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.

Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the service.

St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (Quinnipiac) land. This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

INTROIT

Sicut cervus

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum
ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.

Words: Psalm 42:1 Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c1525–1594)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

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 OF SIN

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [*Silence is 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

Lord, have mercy (*Missa Chromatica*)

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray. [*Silence is kept.*]

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

ISAIAH 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

Presider and People

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN

She poured the perfume lavishly (137, *Voices Found*)

1 She poured the per - fume lav - ish - ly, a pound of pre - cious
2 What gift shall I pour out for him who gave his ve - ry
nard, a - noint - ing ten - der - ly the feet that
life? The trea - sure of my heart he seeks, the
nails too soon would pierce. With fra - grance sweet the
pre - cious nard of love. With fra - grance let me
house was filled, with scent of lov - ing deed.
fill his house, with scent of lav - ish love!

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THE GOSPEL

JOHN 12:1-8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All are seated.

THE SERMON

After the sermon, all remain seated for a period of silence. At the bidding of the Presider, 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 [*The Rev. Keri Aubert*]

Intercessor and People

Even the most barren landscapes contain seeds of life awaiting a season favorable for emergence. With gratitude for God's creative and re-creative power, we pray for the church and for the world.

We pray for Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic church, that all who proclaim Jesus' name may find unity of purpose in humble service to others. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all in authority around the world, including the elected and appointed officials of this nation, that they may see in every person the image of God. We pray especially for the President and Vice-President, Congress, Supreme Court, governors of all states, and mayors of all towns. Lord, have mercy; **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. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray that our nation will continue the turning necessary to resolve its sinful legacy of slavery and racism, that all Americans may at last attain the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for St. Thomas's Church and Day School, that we may continue to cultivate our unique gifts for making this a better world. During this period of Lenten preparation, we pray especially for our inquirers: Christy, Madeleine, and Ben. Lord, have mercy; **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. Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

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

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

We pray for the intercessions and thanksgivings that we now name before you, either silently or aloud. [*You are invited to offer your prayer intentions.*]

Presider

God of compassion, hear the prayers of your people: help us look past the temporary desolation of our earthly trials, and reach toward the eternal majesty of your heavenly kingdom, where all divisions dissolve, all creation prospers, and all believers rejoice; we pray through our redeemer Jesus Christ, in our advocate the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Please remain in place while greeting your neighbors with a sign of peace. You may then be seated for brief announcements and the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the altar is prepared.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is sincerely appreciated. We will not be passing a collection plate today; collection plates are located at the doors. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you may simply [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

You may be seated. All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Special pandemic precautions are in place for Holy Communion. The People come forward roughly from closest to farthest, while maintaining social distancing. You will be offered bread only. Approach the priest with your hands extended, and the priest will place a wafer in them. Do not consume the wafer immediately. Instead, return to your seat and then raise your mask to consume the wafer.

After all have received communion, all stand for the hymn.

HYMN

Jesus, all my gladness (701, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 Je - sus, all my glad - ness, my re - pose in sad - ness,
2 Hence with earth - ly trea - sure: thou art all my plea - sure,
3 Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy be - stow - er,

Je - sus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plain - eth, ah, my spi - rit
Je - sus, my de - sire! Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they
Je - sus, en - ters in! Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from des - o -

strain - eth, long - eth af - ter thee! Thine I am, O ho - ly Lamb;
were not rank and for - tune's hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;
la - tion, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,

on - ly where thou art is plea - sure, thee a - lone I trea - sure.
nought that I may suf - fer ev - er shall from Je - sus sev - er.
thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness!

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Arthur Wellesley Wotherspoon (1853-1936), alt. Music: *Jesu, meine Freude*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

THE POSTCOMMUNION 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

Presider

Bow down before the Lord. [*Silence is kept.*] 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.**

DISMISSAL

Presider: [*The Presider dismisses the People.*]

People: Thanks be to God.

You may be seated or exit. You are welcome to stay for fellowship.

VOLUNTARY

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897), Op. 122, No. 11, 1896

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Announcements

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To keep up with the latest parish events and information, please see the most recent edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Home page of the Parish website (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), you can go to the Enews archive or subscribe to have future editions delivered to your email inbox.

TONIGHT: "My Beloved is Mine": The Elm City Consort joined by Schola Antiqua of St. Thomas's featuring Sherezade Panthaki, soprano. St. Thomas's Church, Sunday, April 3, 5 p.m. Registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/my-beloved-is-mine-music-inspired-by-the-biblical-song-of-songs-tickets-296698421967>. An exploration of how the sensual texts of Song of Songs have inspired composers over several centuries. Music by Lassus, Schütz, Buxtehude, Purcell, Handel and more. The audience is required to wear masks throughout the performance. Singers will perform without masks based on vaccination status and Covid testing before the performance. A free will offering will be collected.

Easter Flower & Music Offerings. Your gift contributes to our beautiful Easter celebration, *and* it may be made in honor or memory of someone important to you. All donations will be listed in the Easter Vigil and Easter Day bulletins and in the April 14 Enews. Giving envelopes are at the doors; you may donate by check or online (by clicking the DONATE button on the St. Thomas's website). Please indicate whether your gift is for flowers and/or music. **For inclusion in the Easter bulletins, we must have your donation by MONDAY, April 11, at noon.**

Coffee Hour. You are invited to consider hosting coffee hour at St. Thomas's following Sunday worship. You may host it outside behind the church or inside in the Lounge. You may either prepare coffee (and tea, cocoa, etc.) in the church kitchen or bring it from a local retailer. Treats optional! To sign up for one or more weeks: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CABA92CA0F49-coffee>. /Contact Jennifer Herdt at jherdt44@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for contributing to our time of fellowship.

Dates for Baptism. With the improvement in the COVID-19 numbers and the coming of Easter, baptisms can resume! The next liturgies that are particularly appropriate for baptism are the Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 16, 7 p.m.) and the Day of Pentecost (Sunday, June 5, 10 a.m.). Other dates are available. If you're interested in baptism for yourself or your child, [email Keri](mailto:keri@stthomas.org).

Bible Study, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. We're currently using the Women in the Bible course from Yale Divinity School. Details in the Enews.

Liberating the Mind-Body-Spirit from White Supremacy with Dr. Christena Cleveland. Dr. Christena Cleveland, renowned speaker, scholar, activist, and leader in our country will lead ECCT in helping us to untether from white supremacy culture, and to be active agents towards the Realm of God on April 29-May 1 at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, CT. See the Enews for registration information.

Young Adult Episcopalians in the greater New Haven Area (YAE): Stations of the Cross Walking Tour and Dinner: April 8, 2021, 5:30 PM, Downtown New Haven. Young Adult Episcopalians is planning a Stations of the Cross Walking Tour on the New Haven Green (with dinner following). See the Enews for links.

The Way of the Cross for Holy Week. Building Faith (Virginia Theological Seminary) has created a video version of the Way of the Cross. **Keri** also created a Way of the Cross video that you can just click and play. It lasts about 30 minutes. Enews for links.

Holy Week & Easter

PALM SUNDAY ♦ APRIL 10

10 A.M. Liturgy of the Palms, Procession with Bagpipes, & Holy Eucharist
The service will begin on the Robbins Hall lawn (weather permitting)

MAUNDY THURSDAY ♦ April 14

7 P.M. Liturgy of the Word & Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY ♦ April 15

7 P.M. Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY ♦ April 16

7 P.M. The Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY ♦ April 17

10 A.M. Holy Eucharist

ALL SERVICES IN PERSON AND STREAMING ON ZOOM:
<https://zoom.us/j/5185223842> (USUAL CHURCH LINK)



Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Preacher: Madeleine Anderson
Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn
Eucharistic Minister: Madeleine Anderson
Lector: Jennifer Herdt
Intercessor: Claire Scully
Sacristan: Claire Scully
Usher: Gary Robison

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for this year's inquirers:
Christy, Madeleine, Ben

Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:
Cynthia (Sally Edwards' sister-in-law), Drew (McDermott), Katie (Coleman), Leon (Denise Terry's brother-in-law), Lily (Madeleine Anderson's mother), Sally (Edwards)

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
the people of Ukraine

Pray for those who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Holy Trinity, Middletown; St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; Collaborative ministries and all Ministry Networks; ECCT Regions, Region Leadership Teams, and Region Missionaries

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:
The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

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