



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

Service of Holy Eucharist

April 29, 2018 10 A.M.

If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! After the service, please come to Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the 2nd floor) for food and fellowship. Though other churches make the claim, ours really is the Best Coffee Hour in Connecticut. Please consider filling out a blue visitor information card (found in your pew rack). You can request a name tag using the form in the pew rack or the sheet at the entrance. Next Sunday your new name tag will be waiting for you on the table in the foyer inside the main church entrance.

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

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

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

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

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

For the celebration of Holy Eucharist, the People gather around the altar. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion at our common table.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Instructions for Holy Communion will be given during the announcements. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the single server 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.

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & DAY SCHOOL

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1852-1958)

INTROIT

*O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!
Amici stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.*

O quam gloriosum

O how glorious is the kingdom
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ,
clad in robes of white
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Words: All Saints, Second Vespers, Antiphon to the Magnificat; cf. Apocalypse 7:9; Music: T. L. de Victoria (1548-1611)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 296: We know that Christ is raised, *The Hymnal 1982*

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a specific melodic line. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are as follows:

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
We share by wa - ter in his say - ing death.
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life.
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

| *Final Ending*

lu - ia! — Al - - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.; Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

ACCLAMATION

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Said by all

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

S-236: Canticle 13, Benedictus es, Domine, *The Hymnal 1982*

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
 God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you
 — for the ra - diance of your ho - ly Name; we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
 3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, _____ seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
Descent
 5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
 5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the
 hold-ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of
 depths; _____ in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

heav - en, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 4:5-12

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
 so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM 22:24-30 (*sung by the choir*)

Deus, Deus mens

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Chant: Matthew Camidge (1764-1844)

SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we

also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN Hymn 487: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633); Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it

abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Priest

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

Intercessor

We pray for your universal church: guide your ministers 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 your 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 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 all who are discerning God’s call to them: stir within them curiosity, imagination, and passion. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose lives are tainted by violence: give strength and courage to all sufferers, and turn the hearts of all perpetrators. 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

Easter (from Five Mystical Songs)

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied,
And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633), from *The Temple: Sacred Poems and Private Ejaculations, 1633*,
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 Hymn 379: God is Love, let heaven adore him, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.; Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)

All remain standing.

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 him 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-125, *The Hymnal 1982*

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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 Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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,**

**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

S-155, *The Hymnal 1982*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. You may be seated while communion is served. At the usher's direction, please proceed to receive communion, and then return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O taste and see

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 24:8; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

Hymn 657: Love divine, all loves excelling, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem-bling heart. with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love. crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

DISMISSAL

Priest: [A priest dismisses the people.] Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude on 'Hyfrydol'

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1852-1958)

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Memorial and Honorific Gifts

The flowers on the altar this morning are in celebration of Marilyn Turnburke's birthday from her daughters, Constance Cahill and Anne Harrison

Announcements

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

Today: The care packages for college students will be assembled after church in the Lounge. Please stop by to sign the cards.

CT Food Bank Walk Against Hunger at Lighthouse Point. It's not too late to give to Team St. Thomas's!
The CT Gay Men's Chorus Spring Show, 4 p.m. at The Theater at the Co-Op.

This Friday, May 4: First Friday Potluck Social. Come for food, fellowship, and a special "Feast of Fools" evening prayer service created and led by the youth. If "Feast of Fools" is new to you, just Google it.

This Saturday, May 5, 5 p.m. Sweeter than Roses: Love Songs from 17th Century England and Italy

A Benefit Concert for the St. Thomas's Choir's choral pilgrimage to Wells Cathedral this summer. Please join us for prosecco and dessert following the performance. Tickets are available at the door, or by calling the Church Office. \$20 / \$10 students

Adult Forum, Next Sunday, May 6 – Nathan Empsall: The Stewardship of Creation 4, "And God Saw That It Was Good": Christianity and the National Parks. Nathan, a joint student at Yale's Divinity and Forestry schools, will play clips and lead us in a discussion about the Ken Burns documentary series, "The National Parks: America's Best Idea." We will use the curriculum And God Saw That It Was Good from Earth Ministry and WETA to discuss the history of the parks as a public place, our relationship with God the Creator in nature the creation, our covenant with other living things, and what we can do about threats to the parks, including climate change.

Last Sunday we blessed the Little Free Library! We need more books, especially children's books. All donated books may be left on the table in the Workroom.

Malawi Giving. The children are still collecting funds for orphaned children in Malawi. See our progress thermometer in the upstairs hallway.

New: Summary Financial Report. See the Enews for more about this report and why we are providing it.

	Mar-18		Year-to-Date	
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
Income (Pledge/Plate & Building Use)	\$ 12,186.43	\$ 12,175.30	\$ 36,559.25	\$ 31,812.05
School Reimbursement	\$ 3,175.15	\$ 11,712.08	\$ 9,525.47	\$ 11,712.08
Regular Endowment Income*	\$ 9,783.83	\$ 10,220.62	\$ 29,351.50	\$ 29,297.24
Total Income	\$ 25,145.41	\$ 34,108.00	\$ 75,436.22	\$ 72,821.37
Total Expenses	\$ 30,618.99	\$ 38,542.49	\$ 91,856.99	\$ 91,293.39
Net**	\$ (5,473.58)	\$ (4,434.49)	\$ (16,420.78)	\$ (18,472.02)

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

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Preacher: Matthew Babcock
Music Director & Organist: Simon Jacobs
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Seminarian Intern: Matthew Babcock
Eucharistic Minister: Sara Misgen
Crucifer: Derek Stefanovsky
Torchbearers: Michael Dunlap, Chris Martinez
Lectors: Jan Hagens, Jennifer Herdt
Intercessor: Don Edwards
Sacristans: Valerie Echols, Greg Echols, Jami Carlacio
Ushers/Greeters: Bob & Lorna Herdt
Coffee Hour Hosts: Jen & Rich Regan, Kevin Johnson, Hank Platt
Vestry Host: Joann Sweasy
Counters: Joann Sweasy, Martha Deeds Hogan
Flowers: Sally Edwards

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Dorothy, Greg, Katie, Lee, Luann, Maria, Marilyn, Parke

Pray for those who have died.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Jan Hagens, Jennifer Herdt, Cora, Adam, Daniel Harrison, Anne Harrison, Glenn Harrison, Theodore Harrison, Charlotte Harrison

Pray for our Parish, especially the Officers and Vestry:

Joann, Don, Diana, Martha, Anne, Constance, Dan, Dawn, Chris, Jen, Alexandria, Kate

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; Parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; The Most Rev. Suheil Dawani Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem

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

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Leadership at St. Thomas's

Church Officers and Vestry
Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)
Don Edwards (Junior Warden)
Diana Empsall (Treasurer)
Martha Deeds Hogan (Clerk)
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)
Constance Cahill
Daniel Harrison
Dawn Lorentson
Chris Martinez
Jennifer Regan
Alexandria Robison
Kate Schilling
The Rev. Keri Aubert (Priest-in-Charge)

Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

The Rev. Dexter Cheney
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

Seminarian Intern

Matthew Babcock

Church Ministry Coordinator

Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

Day School Board of Trustees

Gina Panza—Head of School
The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.
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Tracey Meares (Treasurer)
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