



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

February 17, 2019 10 A.M.

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## If you are new or visiting ...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Récit de Cromorne

Plein chant du dernier Couplet

from *Mass for the Parishes* by François Couperin (1668–1733)

## INTROIT

Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum Virgo serena.  
Ave cujus conceptio,  
Solemni plena gaudio,  
Caelestia, terrestria,  
Nova replet laetitia,  
Ave cujus nativitas,  
Nostra fuit solemnitas,  
Ut lucifer lux oriens,  
Verum solem praeveniens.  
Ave pia humilitas,

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with thee, serene Virgin.  
Hail, thou whose conception,  
Full of great joy,  
Fills heaven and earth,  
With new gladness.  
Hail, thou whose Nativity  
Became our great celebration,  
As the light-bearing Morning Star  
Anticipates the true Sun.  
Hail, faithful humility,

Sine viro faecunditas  
 Cujus annuntiatio,  
 Nostra fuit salvatio.  
 Ave vera virginitas,  
 Immaculata castitas,  
 Cujus purificatio,  
 Nostra fuit purgatio.  
 Ave praeclara omnibus,  
 Angelicis virtutibus,  
 Cujus fuit assumptio,  
 Nostra glorificatio,  
 O Mater Dei,  
 Memento mei. Amen.

Fruitful without man,  
 Whose Annunciation  
 Was our salvation.  
 Hail, true virginity,  
 Immaculate chastity,  
 Whose Purification  
 Was our cleansing.  
 Hail, glorious one  
 In all angelic virtues,  
 Whose Assumption  
 Was our glorification.  
 O Mother of God,  
 Remember me. Amen.

Words: Traditional Music: Josquin des Prez (c1450–1521), *à 4*, and Anonymous, *à 2*

*At the ringing of the bell, please stand.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Be thou my vision (488, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,  
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!  
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Copyright © by permission of the Estate of Eleanor Hull and Chatto & Windus Ltd. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948) Copyright © by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Presider and People*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GLORIA**

(Schubert, *Deutsche Messe*)

Glo-ry, glo-ry to  
God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glo - ry, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, 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, 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  
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

JEREMIAH 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.  
Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.  
The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse--  
who can understand it?  
I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 1** *(sung by the Choir)*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.  
 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.  
 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Blest are the pure in heart (656, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.  
 Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 6:17-26

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated.*

## THE SERMON

*All stand.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Presider and People*

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not**

made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### *Deacon*

Joining our hearts in hope and faith, let us pray to God, saying, "Light of Christ, shine on all creation."

### *Intercessor and People*

Flame of abundant love, give us joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world. We pray for your universal church and for all ministers of your Word. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Ember of steadfast presence, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence, and to pursue peace and reconciliation. We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Star of wondrous glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home. We pray for the land on which we stand, the waters that surround us, and the creatures that inhabit them. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Lamp of eternal wisdom, guide us as we seek and follow you. We pray for St. Thomas's Church and Day School, and especially the leaders who are listening to hear the guidance of your Spirit. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Radiance of boundless compassion, direct our hands to your loving service. We pray for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the homeless, and for all those in any need or trouble. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Spark of true liberation, send us your redeeming and reconciling grace. We pray for the dying and the dead. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Please offer your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

*Presider*

Holy God, you embrace the whole universe and sanctify all you have created: continually manifest in our hearts the constant awareness of your affection and the persuasive revelation of your desire, and thereby prepare us to offer our voices and bodies as courageous and confident bearers of the Good News of your light and love; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **THE CONFESSION**

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*]

*Deacon and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. 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.**

## **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**

Blessed are the poor in spirit

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Words: Matthew 5:3 Music: Patrick Hawes (b. 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

Within our darkest night (Taizé)

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -  
 way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the  
 fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 1

*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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. 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

S-130, *The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



*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.**

*The Presider continues*

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 daughters and sons, 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,  
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

### FRACTION ANTHEM

S-164, *The Hymnal 1982*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via the center 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

Vo tsarstvii Tvoyem

Vo tsarstvii Tvoyem pomiani nas, Ghospodi,  
yegda priideshi vo tsarstvii Tvoyem.

Blazheni nishchii duhom,  
yako teh yest tsarstvo nebesnoye.

Blazheni plachushchii,  
yako tii uteshatsia.

Blazheni krottsii,  
yako tii naslediat zemliu.

Blazheni alchushchii i  
zhazhdushchii pravdi,

yako tii nasitiatsia.

Blazheni milostivii,  
yako tii pomilovani budut.

Blazheni chistii serdtsem,  
yako tii Boga uzriat.

Blazheni mirotvortsi,  
yako tii sinove Bozhii narekutsia.

Blazheni izgnani pravdi radi,  
yako teh yest tsarstvo nebesnoe.

Blazheni yeste, yegda ponosiat vam,  
i izhdenut, i rekut fsiak zol glagol na vi lzhushe  
mene radi.

Raduytesia i veselitesia,  
yako mzda vasha mnoga na nebeseh.

Slava Ottsu i Sinu i Sviatomu Duhu,  
i nine, i prisno, i vo veki vekov. Amen.

In Thy Kingdom remember us, Lord,  
When Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit:  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:  
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:  
For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after  
righteousness:

For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:  
For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:  
For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
For they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for  
righteousness' sake:

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and  
persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil  
against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your  
reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the  
prophets which were before you.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, both now and ever and forever more. Amen.

Words: Luke 23:42, Matthew 5:3-12 Music: Serge Rachmaninoff (1873–1943), from *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Op. 31*

*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*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

# THE BLESSING

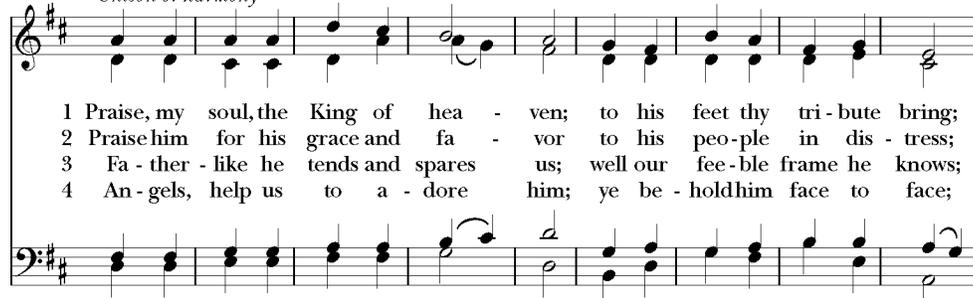
*Presider*

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.**

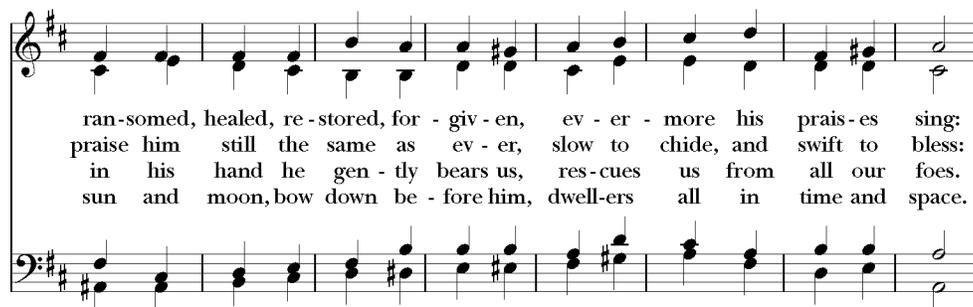
## FINAL HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (410, *The Hymnal 1982*)

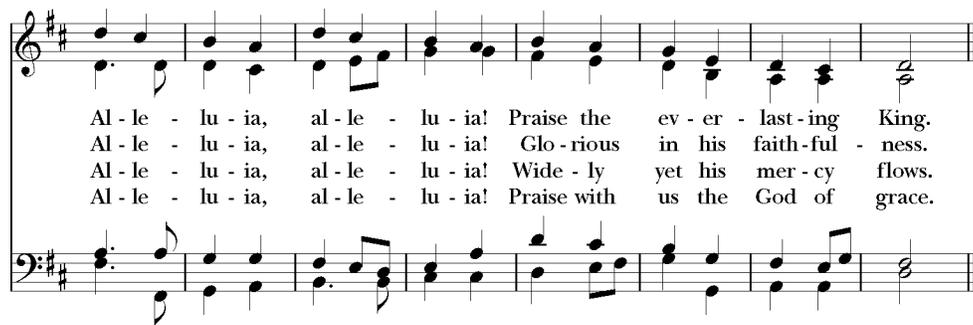
*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

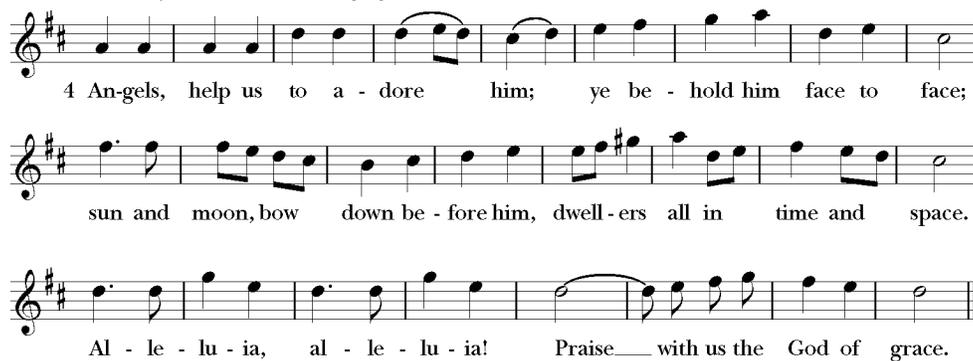


ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*Descant for use with unison singing*



4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, Alleluia!]**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Plein chant du premier Kyrie

Fugue sur les jeux d'anches

from *Mass for the Parisies* by François Couperin (1668–1733)

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## Announcements

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***Delight Nights!*** “Delight Nights” are evenings of fellowship, music, and community service for the people of St. Thomas’s. Our first event will be the night of the March potluck (**Friday, March 1, at 6pm, in the Lounge**) -- a celebration of Mardi Gras. Bring a dish to share, a friend or two, and join us! Delight Nights will feature short presentations about community outreach and inreach, along with a chance to eat and celebrate together. Our purpose is to find new missions, new joy, and new friends. In New Orleans, historically, those once excluded from Mardi Gras celebrations have protested by throwing bigger parties. In this brash spirit we welcome jazz music and new service opportunities. Once Saxophonist Herb Wilson gets us in the groove, and Linda Meyer will talk about: making up “welcome home” backpacks with necessities for people re-entering from prison; mentoring kids whose parents are in prison; and supporting ministries that let the voices of people be heard from inside prison. For more information, see the Enews.

**THANK YOU, Bob and Judy!** Please offer your gratitude to our new Assistant Treasurer, Bob Herdt, and our new Head Sacristan, Judy Thompson. We appreciate the volunteering to step into these important roles!

**SPIRIT Update.** Our first meeting was this past Wednesday. We had a great turnout! The group brainstormed ideas and is following up to explore many of them. It’s not too late to join us - everyone is welcome to participate! Contact Committee Chair Diana Empsall with any questions or comments at church01@sbc.edu.

**Interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation? Inquirer's Class Forming!** Have you yet to be confirmed? Were you confirmed in another tradition, and would you like to explore more deeply what it means to be an Episcopalian? Were you confirmed in The Episcopal Church but wish to reaffirm your statement of faith? Keri is now assembling a group for an Inquirer's Class that will begin around March 1. If you're at all interested, please contact Keri ASAP. We will decide the meeting day/time based on participants’ availability.

**Loaves & Fishes:** for the month of January, please bring **CANNED BEANS** and **TOOTHPASTE**.

**Four-Choirs Service of Lessons & Carols for Epiphany: Sunday, March 3, 5 p.m., Trinity on the Green**

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

Our **Little Free Library** always needs books. If you have books to donate, please bring them - you (and your kids!) can just pop them in yourself.

**Save the Date: One-Day Workshop on the History of Racism, featuring the Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas. April 6, 2019, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford.** See the Enews for more information.

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

## Serving Today

**Presider:** The Rev. Jakki Flanagan  
**Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Derek Stefanovsky  
**Conductor & Organist:** Dr. Noah Horn  
**Emcee:** Dr. Dorothy Asch  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Chris Martinez  
**Crucifers:** Kyle Holton, Eden Holton  
**Lectors:** Jan Hagens, Bob Herdt  
**Intercessor:** Kate Ross  
**Vestry Host:** Joann Sweasy  
**Sacristans:** Judy & Madison Thompson  
**Ushers:** Mel & Judy Thompson  
**Counters:** Dan Harrison, Ozan Say  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** No Formal Coffee Hour

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:**  
Dorothy, Drew, Greg, Jerry, Katie, Lee, Marion, Parke

**Pray for those who have died.**

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; The Union of Black Episcopalians CT; all ministries of racial reconciliation and racial justice

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
the Church of the Province of Central Africa

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:**  
France, Germany, Monaco

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

### Church Officers and Vestry

Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)  
Denise Terry (Junior Warden)  
Ricardo Chavira (Treasurer)  
Kyle Holton (Clerk)  
Constance Cahill  
Thomas Hogan  
Linda Meyer  
Alexandria Robison  
Ozan Say  
Catherine Stricklan  
The Rev. Keri Aubert (Priest-in-Charge)

### Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney  
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

### Church Ministry Coordinator

Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

### Day School Board of Trustees

Gina Panza—Head of School  
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