



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 11, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

July 21, 2019 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 (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 you need this service bulletin as well as two books in the pew rack: *The Book of Common Prayer* (RED) and *The Hymnal 1982* (BLUE).

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. We are currently on hiatus for the summer.

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

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

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each communion station; **non-alcoholic wine** is available from the chalice bearer at the center. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion hold out your hands, and the server will place bread in them. If you wish to receive wine, please sip it from the common cup, using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in E-flat major
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 552/1

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The God of Abraham praise (401, *The Hymnal 1982*)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

Presider: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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

AMOS 8:1-12

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord GOD; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 52 (*said by all*)

Page 657, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and

through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

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

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 10:38-42

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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, FORM IV **Page 388,** *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE CONFESSION **Page 360,** *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE PEACE **Page 360,** *The Book of Common Prayer*

*The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements. At the beginning of the **Offertory Hymn**, the People remain seated while the Ushers take the collection. When 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

God moves in a mysterious way (677, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Unison or harmony

1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form:
 2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines, with nev - er - fail - ing skill,
 3 Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread
 4 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;
 5 His pur - pos - es will ri - pen fast, un - fold - ing ev - ery hour:

1 he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.
 2 he trea - sures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.
 3 are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
 4 be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.
 5 the bud may have a bit - ter taste, but sweet will be the flower.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err, God is his own interpreter,
 and scan his work in vain; and he will make it plain.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800) Music: *London New*, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. John Playford (1623-1686)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer*

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God’s table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at each station; non-alcoholic wine is available from the chalice bearer at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come with us, O blessed Jesus (336, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

Hail, thou once despised Jesus (495, *The Hymnal 1982*)

DISMISSAL

Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E-flat major
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 552/2

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Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and “like” St. Thomas’s on Facebook.

If you're looking for a way to help immigrants at our nation’s southern border you might consider donating to either Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center (which provides legal assistance to migrants on the border) or the Fronterizx Fianza Fund (which bonds people out of ICE custody). A parishioner got these suggestions from a friend who is an immigration attorney in El Paso. If you'd like to help immigrants closer to home, please consider donating to the Immigrant Bail Fund (which funds bail for Connecticut residents in immigration detention).

Update on Dorothy. Dorothy is still at Whitney Manor (2798 Whitney Avenue, Hamden 06518). Please consider staying in touch with visits, cards, or calls.

Interfaith Day of Service: Thursday, August 8, 2019, starting at the New Haven Green. Christ Church Episcopal, along with Congregation Mishkan Israel and Muslim Life at Yale, is sponsoring an Interfaith Day of Service on Thursday, August 8, in partnership with IWagePeace and in conjunction with visiting Israeli and Palestinian youth. The day begins on the Green at 8:00 am, and there are a variety of service projects throughout New Haven. We would like to invite you and members of your parish to join in this important day of interfaith and peace-building work. For more information or to sign up, see IWagePeace.org. If you'd be interested in helping put together a group from St. Thomas's, contact Keri.

Education for All Ages is now on suspension for the summer. Look for our restart in September.

Sunday School Outreach. The Sunday School has been collecting coins for the Malawi Orphan Feeding Program. Keep those coin jars handy and start filling them up again. Thank you!

Summer Coffee Hour. Please use the link in the Enews to sign up for summer coffee hour, or use the sign-up sheet in the lounge, for the Sundays through September 1. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

Loaves & Fishes: For the month of June, please bring **DRIED BEANS** and **TOILET PAPER**.

Our Little Free Library always needs books. Summertime traffic has been high. You (and your kids) can just pop them in yourself.

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

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Deacon & Preacher: The Rev. April Alford-Harkey
Organist: Dr. Noah Horn
Eucharistic Minister: Ricardo Chavira
Crucifer: Madison Thompson
Lectors: Jocelyn Tidwell, Jenny Chavira
Intercessor: Judy Thompson
Vestry Host:
Sacristans: Valerie & Greg Echols
Ushers: Bill & Sally Nanfeldt
Counters: Ricardo Chavira
Coffee Hour Hosts: no formal coffee hour

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray that God's blessing be upon:
Chris Martinez and Rose Meyer, who were married yesterday

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
Bonnie, Dorothy, Drew, Dwight, Ginger, Greg, Imane, John, Katie, Marion, Pete

Pray for those who have died.

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

Christ Church, Redding; St. Stephen's, Ridgefield; St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill; Committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:
Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

Leadership at St. Thomas's

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Ricardo Chavira (Treasurer)
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