



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

Service of Holy Eucharist

May 6, 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

Andante in F, K 616

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

INTROIT

Salve Regina

*Salve, Regina, Mater misericordia,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hervæ,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.*

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile,
Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Words: Antiphon of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Music: Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 204: Now the green blade riseth, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain

Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt.;
Music: *Noël nouvelet*, medieval French carol; harm. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971); adapt. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935)

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 - di-ance 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. _____

Descant

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.
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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these

people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98 (*sung by the choir*)

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Chant: T. A. Walmisley (1814-1856)

SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 455: O Love of God, how strong and true, *The Hymnal 1982*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first staff contains lines 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the hymn. The second staff continues the hymn with lines 5 through 8. The third staff concludes the hymn with lines 9 and 10.

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889); Music: *Dunedain*, Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)

GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Kyrie (from *Mass in C minor*, K 427)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Words: The Ordinary of the Mass; Music: W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*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 291: We plow the fields, and scatter, *The Hymnal 1982*

1 We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,
 2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
 3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
 he paints the way-side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
 the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun-shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, his chil-dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt.;
Music: *Wir Pflügen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)

All remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



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*

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are integrated into the music as follows:
Staff 1: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Staff 2: lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
Staff 3: sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Staff 4: 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

Thou visitest the earth

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it, and crownest the year with thy goodness.

Words: Psalm 65: 9a, 12a; Music: Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

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 292: O Jesus, crowned with all renown, *The Hymnal 1982*

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major (one sharp). The lyrics are integrated into the music, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - noun, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy

trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt.;
Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Memorial and Honorific Gifts

Announcements

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

This Evening, May 6: Three Choirs Evensong. It should be a lovely service, sung by the combined choirs of St. Thomas's, Christ Church, and Trinity-on-the-Green, New Haven. The music includes settings by our own Simon Jacobs and Gabe Simerson:

- Jacobs Responses
- Psalm 34 (Chants by Hopkins and Atkins)
- Simerson The Wells Service
- Bairstow Blessed City, heavenly Salem

A freewill offering will be taken. All are welcome. **The three choirs will also be celebrating our outgoing Music Director Simon Jacobs during a reception after the service. Please come if you can!**

Adult Forum, Next Sunday, May 13 – Dr. Debra Brown-Norko: The Audacity of St. Paul and the Spread of Christianity: The Gift of Narcissism. A psychiatrist and M.Div. candidate will discuss what made Paul tick and how it affected the growth of the early church.

Adult Forum, May 20 – The Hildans: Kelsey Hitchcock & Molly Wyrsh: THE EPISCOPAL SERVICE CORPS AND ST. HILDA'S HOUSE. The mission of Episcopal Service Corps (ESC) is to develop and support a national network of intentional communities in the Episcopal Church. ESC communities are marked by young adults: serving others in solidarity, promoting justice in community; deepening spiritual awareness and vocational discernment; and living simply in intentional Christian community. St. Hilda's House is an ESC program based at Christ Church New Haven in partnership with Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University. Seven “Hildans” currently participate in the program. For ten months, they live and discern together, receiving housing and a small stipend, and working at different local nonprofit organizations. Three current Hildans will tell us more about it.

There will be NO Sunday School (K-5) next Sunday, which is Mother's Day.

Walk Against Hunger Report. Because some of our funds raised didn't go through our St. Thomas's team page, we can't give you an exact final tally, but ... WE MET OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$1000. Hearty thanks to all donors and walkers!

Simon's Departure and Year-End Planning

- Though some of us have been trying to ignore it, **Simon's last Sunday at St. Thomas's is NEXT Sunday, May 13.** We'll have a special good-bye Coffee Hour that day. Because we expect high attendance, please consider helping out the assigned Coffee Hour hosts with labor or food.
- Our **final Choir Sunday is May 20, the Day of Pentecost.** **Simon Lee** will be here as choir director, and it will be his last Sunday with us. Our own **Gabe Simerson** will return as organist for that Sunday and until the Choir trip to Wells.

A Note from Sunday School Coordinator, Denise Terry

We are coming to the close of a great year building Sunday School - although attendance has been irregular, we have about nine core members of the K-5 class. The Stricklans are providing a program in the gym for the little ones, and families are coming. As we look ahead to next year, I will remain in place as coordinator and teacher for Sunday School. [*Editor's note: YAAAAAAAY!!!!*] Keri has told me that a new space might become available on the second floor corridor, and I dearly wish that we can create a separate class and classroom for grades 3/4/5. K/1/2 can remain in the Kid Zone. I would want to take the 3/4/5 class. In order for this to happen, we need more teachers. WE NEED MORE TEACHERS. Yesterday, we focused on sheep and shepherds. As part of the lesson, I sang to them "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." I asked what words they heard in a special way. Audrey said, "Prayer" and Kaylee said, "Ever." and another child said, "I liked all the words." They were coloring their sheets of "The Good Shepherd" and listening closely. They are so precious and bright and wonderful. Thank you to Keri and to the Vestry and to everyone who has supported the Sunday School program this year.

Little Free Library! We need more books, especially children's books. All donated books may be left on the table in the Workroom – or simply placed in the Library.

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

Preside & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Music Director & Organist: Simon Jacobs
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Dunlap
Crucifer: Sara Misgen
Torchbearers: Ricardo Chavira, Chris Martinez
Lectors: Jami Carlacio, Sally Edwards
Intercessor: Dawn Lorentson
Sacristans: Bill & Sally Nanfeldt
Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Sally Nanfeldt
Coffee Hour Hosts: Chris Martinez, Joann Sweasy
Lanna & Ned Moore
Vestry Host: Don Edwards
Counters: Don Edwards, Dan Harrison

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:

Bob Herdt, Lorna Herdt, Heidi Herrick, Kenneth Hilliard, Deborah Hilliard, Ariayne Hilliard, Channing Hilliard

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. Peter's, Monroe; St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; Retirement communities, especially Seabury and Armsmear; chaplains at retirement communities

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Most Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya

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

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

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.
Jonathan Macey (Chair)
Gina Criscuolo (Vice-Chair)
Tracey Meares (Treasurer)
Jeralyn Fantarella (Secretary)
Alex Babbidge
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