

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

To participate in worship today all you need is this bulletin.

**Face masks are optional.** Our expectation is that everyone who can be has been vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. **Please be respectful of those who continue to mask by observing social distancing.** Know that there is no mechanical air exchange in the church portions of the building. The Lounge has high efficiency air filters but no mechanical air exchange.

All church spaces are accessible. Handicapped parking and a wheelchair ramp are located in back of the building; a lift for access to the second floor is located at the stairway.

**Restrooms** are located on the second floor. Go through the double doors near the pulpit, upstairs to the second floor, and to the far end of the hallway. A **restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit. All restrooms are all-gender single-use.

ALL are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required.

We are again offering wine during Holy Communion. To receive wine, you must sip from the common cup—you may not intinct (dip the bread into the wine). It may seem counterintuitive, but sipping is safer than intinction, because your hands touch many more surfaces than do your lips. You may choose not to partake of wine—Holy Communion is complete and efficacious when received in one kind only. Additional instructions for Holy Communion are included below at the appropriate points below.

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

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

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

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

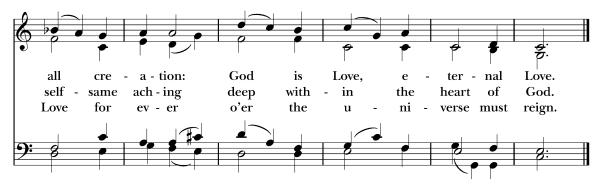
#### VOLUNTARY

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

#### HYMN

God is Love, let heaven adore him (379, The Hymnal 1982)





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#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF A CHURCH**

## Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

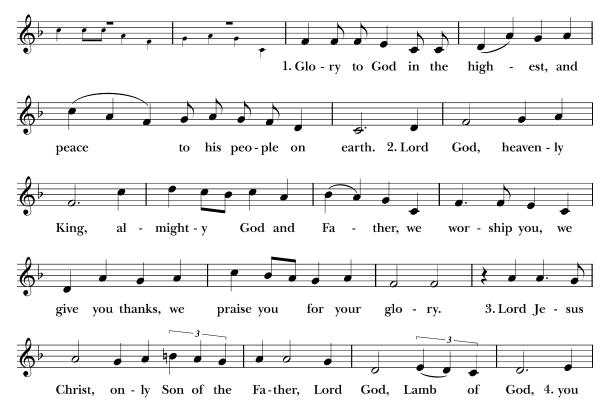
#### People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

#### Presider

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest (S 280, The Hymnal 1982)



Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and

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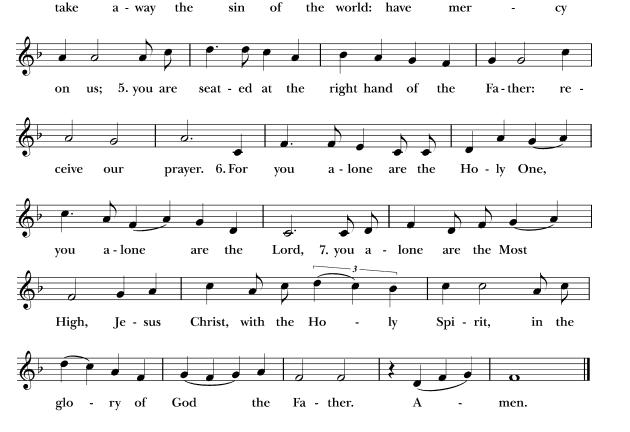
### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

#### THE FIRST LESSON



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### ACTS 7:55-60

the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

### PSALM 66:7-18 (sung by the Choir)

Walter Galpin Alcock

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \* make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \* and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \* you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \* you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;we went through fire and water; \*but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

### 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \* which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \* and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \* and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \* the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \* nor withheld his love from me.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

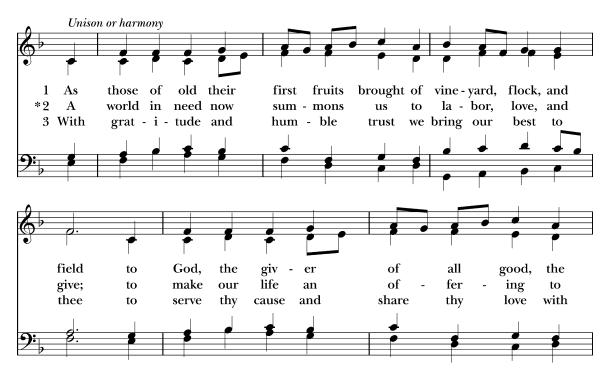
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN

As those of old their first fruits brought (705, The Hymnal 1982)





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#### THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Presider:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

#### THE SERMON

After the sermon, all remain seated for a period of silence. 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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [The Rev. Keri Aubert]

#### Presider

Our Savior is resurrected from the dead, bringing renewal to Christians around the globe. With joyful gratitude, we pray for the church and for the world, saying, Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

#### Intercessor and People

We pray for the church universal: guide the ministers of your Word 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 this 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 your human family: take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth. 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 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 the concerns that we now lift to you, either aloud or in the stillness of our hearts. [You are invited to offer your prayer intentions.]

### 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.

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

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial support is sincerely appreciated. To give online, go to the Church website Home page (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, simply <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Thank you!

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

O for the wings of a dove

O for the wings of a dove!	In the wilderness build me a nest,
Far away would I rove!	And remain there for ever at rest.
Words: William Bartholomew (1793–1867), after Psalm 55:1-8	Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), Hear my prayer (1844)

During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Ushers bring the gifts forward and the Presider sets the table. The People follow the Ushers and encircle the altar for the Eucharistic prayer. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If this is difficult for you, feel free to sit in a chair near the altar or in the the front row of pews. You may also remain where you are.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

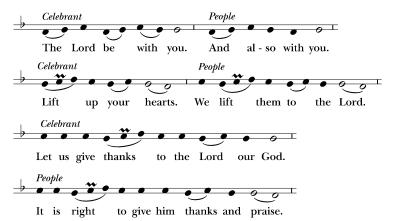
Come down, O Love divine (516, The Hymnal 1982)





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#### THE HOLY COMMUNION The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B



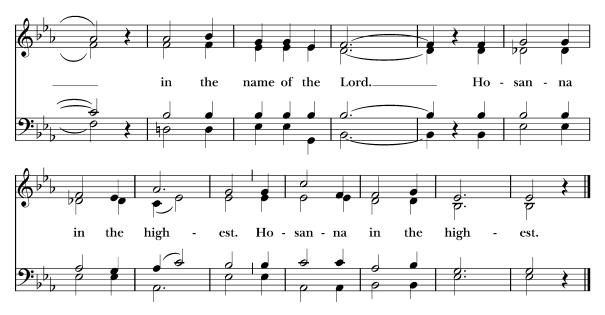
#### Presider

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:





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#### 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 [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all 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

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

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

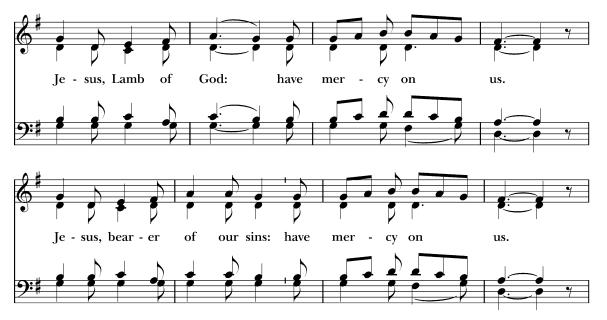
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

### FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God (S 164, The Hymnal 1982)





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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. For the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest and Eucharistic minister will come to you. To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest. To receive wine, you must sip from the common cup—you may not intinct (dip the bread into the wine). After receiving communion or a blessing, please return to your original seat.

#### **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

### Jehova quam multi sunt hostes mei

LORD, how many adversaries I have! how many there are who rise up against me!
How many there are who say of me, "There is no help for him in his God."
But you, O LORD, are a shield about me; you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.
I call aloud upon the LORD, and he answers me from his holy hill;
I lie down and go to sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.
I do not fear the multitudes of people who set themselves against me all around.
Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God; surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face, you will break the teeth of the wicked.
Deliverance belongs to the LORD. Your blessing be upon your people! Words: Psalm 3 Music: Henry Purcell (1659–1695), Z. 135 (1677)

After all have received communion, all stand.

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

#### Presider: Let us pray.

#### Presider and People

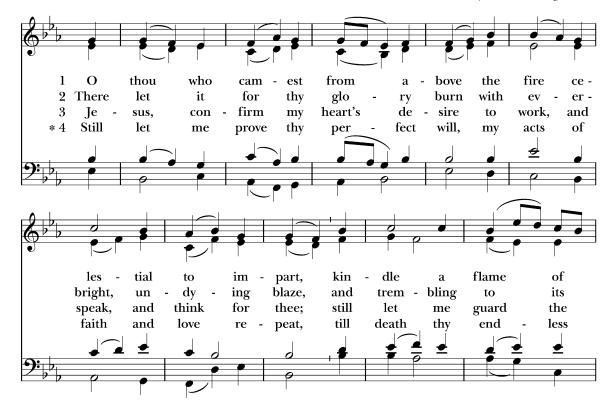
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

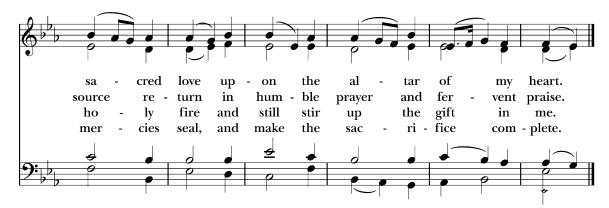
#### THE PASCHAL BLESSING

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.** 

#### HYMN

O thou who camest from above (704, *The Hymnal 1982*)





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Hereford, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

#### DISMISSAL

Presider:[The Presider dismisses the People.]Alleluia, alleluia!People:Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

You may be seated for the voluntary or exit the church.

#### VOLUNTARY

Prelude in A minor Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 543

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#### Announcements

For all the latest news and information, see last week's edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Parish website Home page (nww.stthomasnewhaven.org), click **Enews Archive** for the latest edition or **Enews (subscribe)** to subscribe.

**Updated COVID-19 pandemic response policies are in place. Face masks** are no longer required for the congregation or choir but are required in the Vesting Room and Sacristy. **Communion wine** will be offered during communion, but you may receive only by sipping from the common cup; YOU MAY NOT INTINCT.

Save the Dates! May 28 is Pentecost Sunday. It will be a bit low-key this year, because it's Memorial Day Weekend and we'll be gearing up for the next Sunday ...June 4 is Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday is a major feast day, and we are fortunate to have this year a formal *visitation from Bishop Jeff Mello*. He will confirm or receive our six inquirers, along with two from St. PJ's, New Haven, and four from Grace & St. Peters, Hamden. Those churches will not be hosting worship that day - instead their congregations and clergy will join us here at St. Thomas's. Worship will be followed by a festive reception to close out our 175th anniversary year. Come and celebrate our new bishop, our confirmands, our extended community of Episcopalians, and our church. And, especially with the extra crowd, please plan ahead to help with food for the reception if you can. This is also the last Sunday with our wonderful choir until September. June 25 is Keri's last Sunday. Please come and say farewell.

**ECCT** is Celebrating Pride! Keri has been part of a group planning the first-ever organized ECCT Pride observances. We're starting out on June 3 with the Middletown Pride March. We expect participation from folks all over the diocese, and we'll be led by Bishop Jeff. The march begins; details about the time and location for the lineup are forthcoming. Keri hopes you can come and join the fun!

**Donating Clothing for Loaves and Fishes.** Our support for the clothing ministry is ongoing. Please be thoughtful in your selection of items. Current specific requests include: men's/women's jeans; men's short-sleeved shirts, sweaters, jackets, shoes, new socks; spring and summer clothing. Bring donations to St. Thomas's (leave them in the tub at the Whitney Ave. entrance) or to Loaves and Fishes (Thurs-Sat, 9-11 a.m., in the driveway at 57 Olive St.).

Thursday Night Study Group, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom. On Thursday we began an eight-week study of Exodus using the Yale Bible Study curriculum. Watch the video and check out the other materials ahead of time, and then join us for conversation and fellowship. See the Enews for info and links.



#### Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Keri Aubert Preacher: Denise Terry Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn Eucharistic Minister: Lector: Jennifer Herdt Intercessor: Sacristan: Madeleine Anderson Usher: Gary Robison Coffee Hour Hosts: The Robisons

#### Leadership at St. Thomas's

#### **Church Vestry**

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden) Linda Meyer (Junior Warden) Bill English (Treasurer) Denise Terry (Clerk) Madeleine Anderson Max Ballardo Valerie Cicero Claire Scully The Rev. Keri Aubert (Rector)

#### **Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests**

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

#### This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for this year's Inquirers Class:** Josh M., Josh P., Justin, Morgen, Nancy, Sheldon (from St. Thomas's); Milton, Veronica (from St. PJ's)

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

Pray for those who have died.

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

St. Thomas's, New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; Clergy peer groups and the Clergy Family Assistance Program

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

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

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