



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

May 26, 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 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)** 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

Andante sostenuto

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937), *Symphony Gothique*, Op. 70, 1895

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

As those of old (705, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Unison or harmony

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and
*2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and
3 With grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv - er of all good, the
 give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
 world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

S-278, *The Hymnal 1982*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. 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, 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

ACTS 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 *(sung by the Choir)*

Charles Villiers Stanford

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Like the murmur of the dove's song (513, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:23-29

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

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

To the God who created us, redeemed us, and guides us, we bring our prayers for the church and world, saying, Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor and People

We pray for your church throughout the world. Help us to live in peace with each other, and draw us into closer unity. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the world. Give them compassion for the vulnerable and needy, and move them to works of justice and mercy. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth and all that you have made. Teach us to care for the world that sustains us, and inspire us to preserve it for generations to come. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of faith. Help us to bring the good news of your love to the world, in all that we do. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children of this congregation, and those who have taught them this year. Continue to guide them in the way of holiness and righteousness, and bless the ministry of education to which you have called us. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose lives are marked by violence and suffering. Give strength and comfort to the victims, and move the perpetrators to repentance. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need or trouble: feed the hungry, tend the sick, relieve the weary, bless the dying, and soothe the suffering. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died. May perpetual light shine upon them. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all that we now name before you, either silently or out loud.

Presider

Most holy and triune God, accept these prayers of your gathered people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, and to you we give Glory, now and forever. **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

Subdue us by Thy goodness

Subdue us by Thy goodness.
Awake us by Thy grace;
That men whose hearts are weary,
May life anew embrace.

And though earth's woes be near us,
Thy Spirit still shall cheer us.
All praise and thanks to Thee!

Words: Elisabeth Kreuziger, 1524 Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 22

*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

I've got peace like a river (201, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
 2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
 3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; I've got riv - er in my soul.
 2. soul; I've got foun - tain in my soul.
 3. soul; I've got o - cean in my soul.

wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

Presider and People

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for 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.

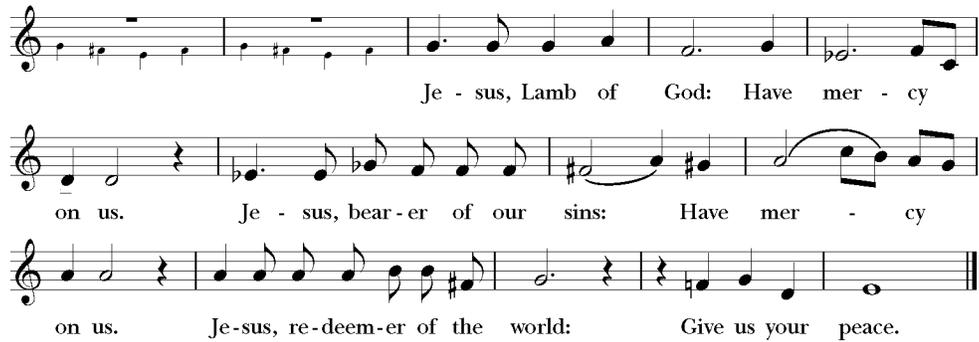
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,	as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

S-165, *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 of the world: 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 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 ANTHEM

Pleasure it is

Pleasure it is to hear iwis, the birdés sing.
The deer in the dale, the sheep in the vale.
The corn springing.

God's purveyance for sustenance it is for man.
Then we always To Him give praise;
And thank Him than.

Words: William Cornysh (1465–1523) Music: Cecil Cope (1909–2003)

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. Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: Amen.

Presider: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. 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

Christ is made the sure foundation (518, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
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DISMISSAL

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

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

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Announcements

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

Today, May 26: Rogation Sunday in Edgerton Park. Immediately after our 10 a.m. worship (at around 11:15), we will process out of the church for prayer at our Memorial Garden, and then to Edgerton Park for prayer at several stations, including the Community Garden. We will wrap up at the fountain, for fellowship and ice cream sandwiches.

Parish Office Closed. The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, May 27, for the Memorial Day holiday.

Sunday, June 2: SMART Goal Conversation During Coffee Hour. Your Vestry is nearly finished developing the SMART goals you've been hearing about. During Coffee Hour on June 2, you'll be invited to join leaders from the five ministry areas (Fellowship & Witness, Justice & Service, Sacrament & Song, Spiritual Development & Education, Thanksgiving & Stewardship) to discuss the goals for each area and consider where you might "plug in."

Sunday, June 9: The Feast of Pentecost

Sunday, June 16: Trinity Sunday (the last Choir Sunday of the program year)

Sunday School Outreach Update. Please continue to collect loose change to support the Orphan Feeding Program in Malawi. We will continue collection through June 2, and announce the total on Pentecost (June 9).

Save the Date: Next Delight Night: Friday, June 7, 6 p.m. Weather permitting, we will have a picnic potluck in Edgerton park near the gate closest to St. Thomas. Join us for food, drink and conversation! Aside from some good old-fashioned fellowship, we will explore local environmental justice work, throw a frisbee, and maybe even have an ad-hoc bird walk. Join us for outdoor shenanigans!

Growlers for Goulash

Friday, June 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m. New England Brewing Co.

A fundraiser for the Community Soup Kitchen (at Christ Church, New Haven)

Get your tickets at www.G4G2.eventbrite.com

Loaves & Fishes: for the month of May, please bring **CANNED SOUP** of all varieties.

Our Little Free Library always needs books. With the improved weather, traffic to Edgerton Park—and at our Library—has been heavy, and so the books have been flying off the shelves! Just pop them in yourself.

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. Learn more at <https://summerstudy.yale.edu/> or ask Jan Hagens at coffee hour (or email jan.hagens@yale.edu).

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. April Alford-Harkey
Choir Director & Organist: Dr. Noah Horn
Emcee: Dr. Dorothy Asch
Eucharistic Minister: Chris Martinez
Crucifers: Michael Dunlap
Lectors: Jan Hagens, Sally Edwards
Intercessor: Don Edwards
Vestry Host: Joann Sweasy
Sacristans: Valerie and Greg Echols
Ushers: Bill and Sally Nanfeldt
Rogation Thurifer: Michael Dunlap
Rogation Crucifer: Eden Holton
Rogation Lectors: Kyle Holton, Jocelyn Tidwell
Counters: Erika Nemeti, Kyle Holton
Coffee Hour Hosts: No formal Coffee Hour, but come to Edgerton Park for Rogation Sunday observance and ice cream sandwiches

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Bonnie, Dorothy, Drew, Greg, Katie, Marion

Pray for those who have died.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; St. Thomas's, New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; Camp Washington: staff, board, counselors, and campers

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
all members of the Anglican Communion around the world

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

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