

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 12, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist
with the Holy Baptism of Amelia Ann Mellor

July 28, 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 G minor
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780), BWV 558/1

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O all ye works of God (428, *The Hymnal 1982*)
Verses 1-3

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: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

HOSEA 1:2-10

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

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

PSALM 85 (*said by all*)

Page 708, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 2:6-19

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell (377, *The Hymnal 1982*)

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 11:1-13

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

THE SERMON

All stand.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

The Presider says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate is presented by her Parents and Godparents

I present Amelia Ann Mellor to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as our Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

The Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Presider then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven.
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE AND FOR WORLD

Presider

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth, and for the welfare of the whole world.

Intercessor

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open her heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Unite your church and all your people. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of every nation and land. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and all its inhabitants. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us fulfill our baptismal promises through service to you. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deliver all who live in danger, sickness or need. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Hold the living and the dead in the communion of all your saints. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Presider pours water upon the candidate, saying

Amelia Ann, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for the candidate, the Presider prays over her, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Presider uses chrism to mark on the person's forehead the sign of the cross, saying

Amelia Ann, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

A candle lit from the Paschal Candle is presented to the newly baptized with the words

Receive the light of Christ as a sign of the new life enkindled within you.

Presider

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

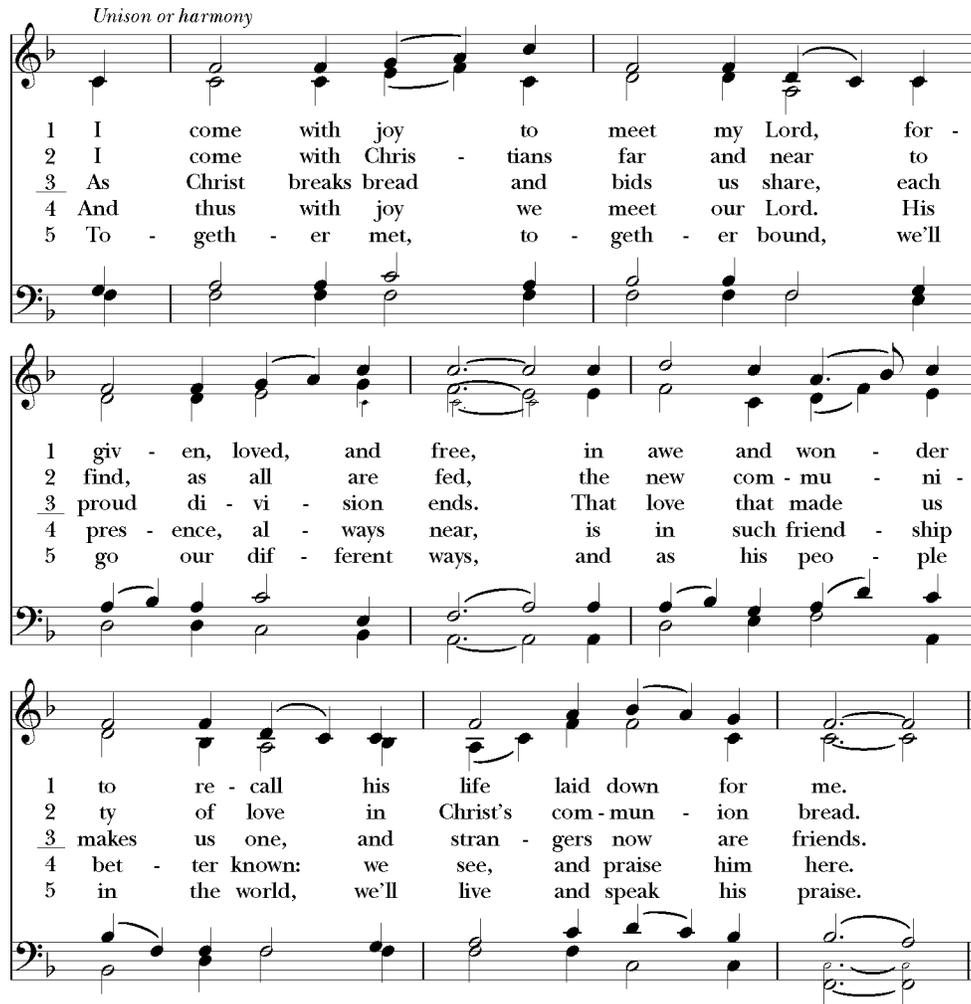
People: **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements. 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

I come with joy to meet my Lord (304, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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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

Let thy Blood in mercy poured (313, *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

Holy God, we praise thy Name (366, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Verses 1-4

DISMISSAL

Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in F major

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780), BWV 556/1

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Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and "like" St. Thomas's on Facebook.

Today we will baptize... Amelia Ann Mellor. Please pray for Amelia and her parents, Jon and Karolina.

Thank you... to today's substitute organist, Madison Thompson. Thank you, Madison, for offering your musical gifts to the Church!

Keri is on vacation ... through August 18. Contact the Church Office for pastoral emergencies.

Liturgy Notes. We will continue to use *The Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal* for the summer. Note that on August 18, we'll begin three weeks of using **Rite I**, the traditional-language Eucharistic liturgy in *The Book of Common Prayer*.

We're already seeing lots of newcomers and visitors on Sundays. St. Thomas's has long taken pride in its welcome - which is a good thing, because hospitality is important. This is something to which everyone can contribute. So please: wear your nametags; be ready to help during worship; extend a sign of Peace; and introduce yourself after worship.

Next Delight Night (Parish Potluck): Friday, September 6, 6 p.m. Because so many people are away, there will be NO Delight Night in August. Look for the festivities to return in September.

Save the Date: Startup Sunday and Bishops Visitation: September 8. Startup Sunday, September, is also the date of our official Bishop's Visitation. Bishop Laura Ahrens will be presiding and preaching as well as doing confirmation/reception/reaffirmation; the Choir will return. Look for more information to come.

Holy Baptism? The next "regular" dates for holy baptism are September 8 (Bishop's Visitation) and November 3 (All Saints' Sunday). If you're interested in holy baptism for yourself or your child, contact Keri.

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.

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: Through the summer, please bring **DRIED BEANS** and **TOILET PAPER**.

Our Little Free Library always needs books. Summertime traffic has been high. Just pop them in yourself.

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

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Organist: Madison Thompson

Eucharistic Minister:

Crucifer:

Lectors: Judy Thompson, Don Edwards

Intercessor: Sally Edwards

Vestry Host:

Sacristans: Claire Scully & Kids

Flowers: Sally Edwards

Ushers: Mel & Judy Thompson

Counters: Ricardo Chavira, Alexandria Robison

Coffee Hour Hosts: Ricardo & Jenny Chavira

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray that God's blessing be upon:

Amelia Ann Mellor, today's Candidate for Baptism, as well as her parents, Jon and Karolina

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, Roxbury; St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; Parish office volunteers; curates; seminary interns; parish assistants and associates; missional curacies

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

the Scottish Episcopal Church

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical

Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe

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