

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – YEAR C Holy Eucharist

July 10, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Information for newcomers and visitors is located on the back page of this service bulletin.

PRELUDE

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

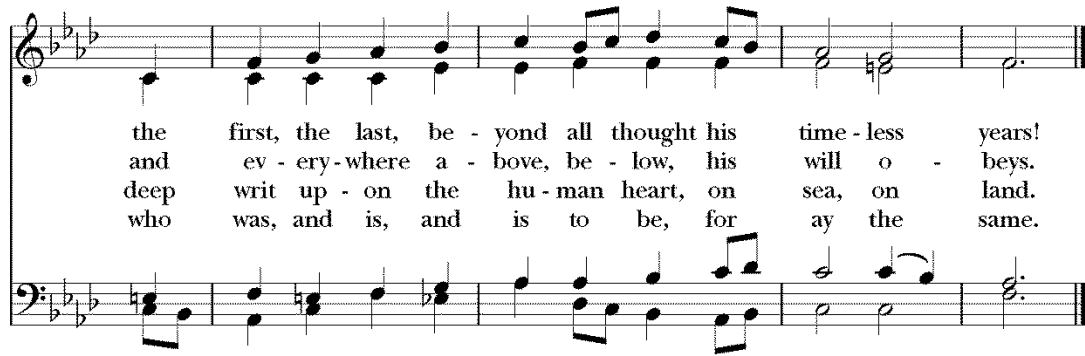
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the living God!
Hymn 372 (*Leoni*)

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

AMOS 7:7-17

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82 (*said by all*)

Deus stetit

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge un-justly, *
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

THE SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it

and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

O Master, let me walk with thee
Hymn 660 (*Maryton*)

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 10:25-37

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Celebrant 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III

Intercessor

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Priest

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Priest and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: 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.

During the Offertory Hymn, the People gather around the altar for Communion by following the ushers in procession up the center aisle. You are encouraged to position children where they can see, and 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 in your seat.

OFFERTORY HYMN

When Christ was lifted from the earth
Hymn 603 (*St. Botolph*)

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
as but his friends and loves us as we are.
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

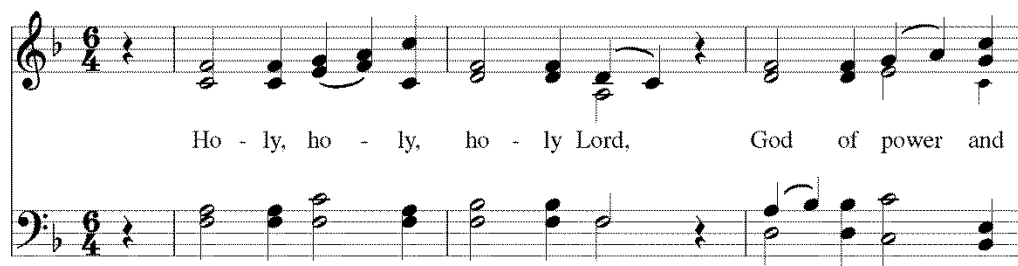
Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

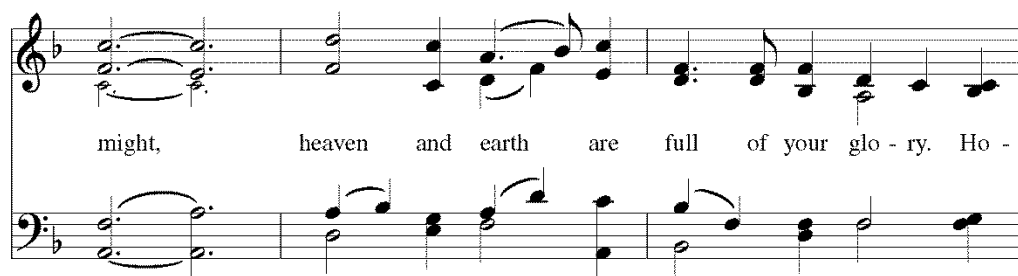
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

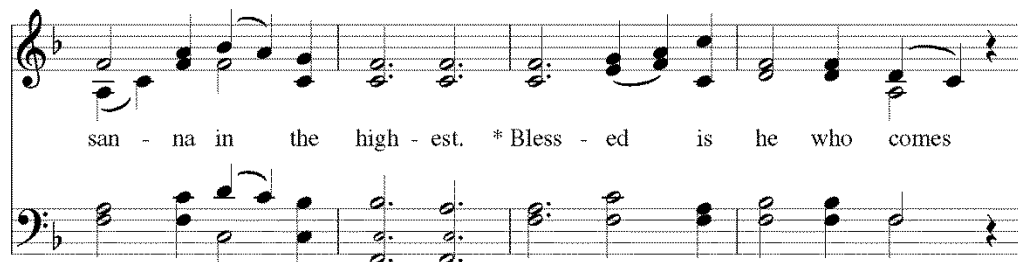
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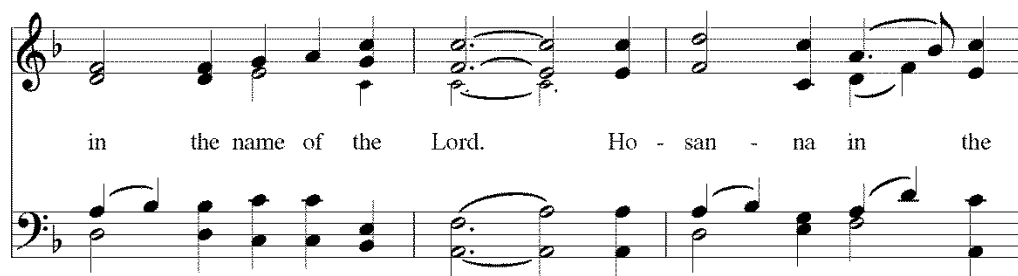
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



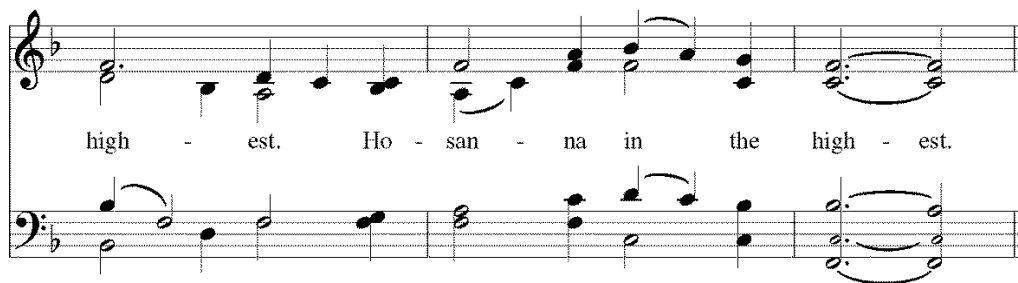
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them

to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Thomas and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. 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 any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

In Christ there is no East or West
Hymn 529 (McKee)

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

Where cross the crowded ways of life
 Hymn 609 (*Gardiner*)

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

DISMISSAL

Priest: *[A priest dismisses the people.]*

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Julie Kelsey
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp
Organist: Thomas Williford
Eucharistic Minister: Dorothy Asch
Crucifer: Michael Dunlap
Acolytes: Jill Morrison
Lectors: Don Edwards, Diane Schultz
Intercessor: Drew McDermott
Sacristans: Jennifer & Michael Fournier
Ushers/Greeters: Gary Robison, Mary Ann Nelson

Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Ben, Bob, Donna, Ginny, Jane, Jonathan, Judith,
Katie, Lee, Marj, Marilyn, Norma, Phil, Suzanne

In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Bill Nanfeldt, Sally Nanfeldt, Mary Ann Nelson

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
St. James', Poquetanuck; St. Philip's, Putnam; Christ
Church, Redding; ECCT and parish committees on
investments, stewardship, finance, planned giving,
insurance, and personnel policy

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; The Most
Revd. Renato Mag-Gay Abibico Prime Bishop of the
Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Collect for Social Service (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 260)

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be
served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his
steps, give themselves to the service of others; that
with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may
minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless,
and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his
life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.

Church Leadership

The Rev. Keri Aubert—Priest-in-Charge
Simon Jacobs—Director of Music and Organist
Julie Kelly—Administrator, Parish and Property

Officers and Vestry

Ricardo Chavira (Senior Warden)
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Chris Martinez
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Jennifer Regan
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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
The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

Ministry Coordinators

Dr. Dorothy Asch— Volunteer Lay Assistant
Jennifer Ricker— Children and Youth Ministries
Jennifer Herdt, David Kelsey— Adult Formation

Day School Leadership

Gina Panza—Head of School

Board of Managers

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The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.
Jennifer McTiernan (Chair & Parish Rep)
Jonathan Macey (Vice-Chair & PTO Rep)
Tracey Meares (Treasurer & Member of the Parish)
Gina Criscuolo (Secretary & PTO Rep)
Marlene Baldizón (Parish Rep)
Mark Branch (Warden Rep)
Ricardo Chavira (Warden Rep)
The Rev. K. Dexter Cheney (Parish Rep)
Lois DeLise (Community Rep)
John Forrest (Alumni Rep)
Michael Fournier (Vestry Rep)
Greg Mokotoff (PTO Rep)
Kenneth Paul (Community Rep)
Marjorie Robison (Secretary and Parish Rep)
Barbara Schaffer (Community Rep)
Kathryn Scherer (Parish Rep)
Rebecca Streeter (PTO Rep)

Announcements

For more calendar highlights, visit www.stthomasnewhaven.org and www.musicatstthomas.org.

Choir trip!

Remember, today, July 10, the St. Thomas's Choir will be singing the morning Eucharist at Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue, New York. Music Director Simon Jacobs is along for the trip. We are pleased to welcome Thomas Williford as our guest organist today.

Facebook Friend Requests

This fall, the Vestry will be taking a look at various parish policies and procedures, and part of that work will include developing a policy around social media. For now, know that Church staff (Keri, Simon, and Julie) will accept Facebook friend requests *from* parishioners, but they will not make Facebook friend requests *to* parishioners.

Office Hours and Emergencies

Remember, the office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In case of a pastoral emergency outside those hours, contact Keri at her home number, which is listed in the directory. If you are unable to reach Keri, contact either Ricardo Chavira or Mark Branch.

Vacation Bible School at Trinity Episcopal Church on the Green, New Haven

Trinity on the Green is offering FREE summer Vacation Bible School the week of August 22nd. It will take place from 9AM-12PM Monday through Friday, with after-school programs for parents who are unable to pick up their children until later in the day. Trinity is inviting churches around New Haven to explore how to "Follow Jesus, the Light of the World." Joining together through our summer program will create a greater sense of community for children in the greater New Haven area. If you have any questions, email Church School Director, Julia Johnson, at jjohnson@trinitynewhaven.org.

Summer Pick-Up Choir

During the summer, musical leadership is provided by a pick-up choir that is convened each Sunday. The only rehearsal is just before the service. This can be perfect for people who cannot make the larger commitment to the Adult Choir. If you are interested in participating this summer, contact Simon Jacobs.

Summer Coffee Hour

Please sign up on the flip chart located near the door of the Lady Chapel.

St. Thomas's Choristers

Children 7 and up are invited to join the St. Thomas's Choristers (junior choir). They rehearse following the Sunday service and sing monthly on the 3rd Sunday. Contact Simon Jacobs.



Electronic Giving. You can give online via the St. Thomas's website or by scanning the QR code at left. If you do so using a credit card, the Church pays a small fee. If you do so using a debit card, there is no fee. Also, if you use online banking, you can always set up automatic pledge payments. There is no fee to the Church if you use this option.

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If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! Thank you for attending worship at St. Thomas's. Please consider returning the information slip below, signing the guest register near the main entry, and introducing yourself to a clergyperson or usher. After the service, you are invited to join the congregation for Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

Families with children: On most Sundays during the school year, Sunday School is offered for children from pre-K through grade 8. All children are invited to attend. On three Sundays a month, Sunday School takes place during the service; on one Sunday a month, it follows the service. On any given Sunday, the bulletin announcements and worship instructions provide additional information.

Families with small children: There is a "soft play" area at the front of the church, under the array of paper cranes. For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of Holy Communion. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

There are usually two stations (located at the front corners of the altar) where you may receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-free bread is available at both stations. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference in orientation will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands; they will place it on your tongue if that is your practice. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. Some people 'intinct' (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail & Phone _____

I would like to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak to a clergyperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receive parish emails | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about joining the Adult Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a permanent name tag | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's
Choristers (Junior Choir) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explore becoming a member | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get involved with _____ | |