



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 12, YEAR B

Service of Morning Prayer

July 25, 2021 10 A.M.

## INTROIT

The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Words: George Herbert (1593–1633), *The Temple*, 1633 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), *5 Mystical Songs* (1911)

*The invitation to worship is sounded with the ringing of the bell.*

## HYMN

O Love of God, how strong and true (456, *The Hymnal* 1982)



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



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



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



thought. 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous  
flow. 3 We read thee best in him who  
die. 4 We read thy power to bless and  
might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)  
Music: *de Tar*, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984) Copyright ©1973, Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [*Silence is kept.*]

*Officiant 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.**

*Officiant*

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

## THE INVITATORY

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## JUBILATE

*Officiant and People*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**PSALM 14** (*sung by the musician*)

William Best

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the LORD is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

2 SAMUEL 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your

house?” Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.” Then David said to Uriah, “Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## CANTICLE 9

The First Song of Isaiah

*Officiant and People*

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \***

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \***

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

JOHN 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about

five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 15

The Song of Mary

*Officiant and People*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \***

**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \***

**the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE HOMILY

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People*

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

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

<b>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,</b>	<b>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.</b>
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Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*Officiant*

*(The Collect of the Day)* 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.**

*(A Collect for Sundays)* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(A Prayer for Mission)* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The Officiant may add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

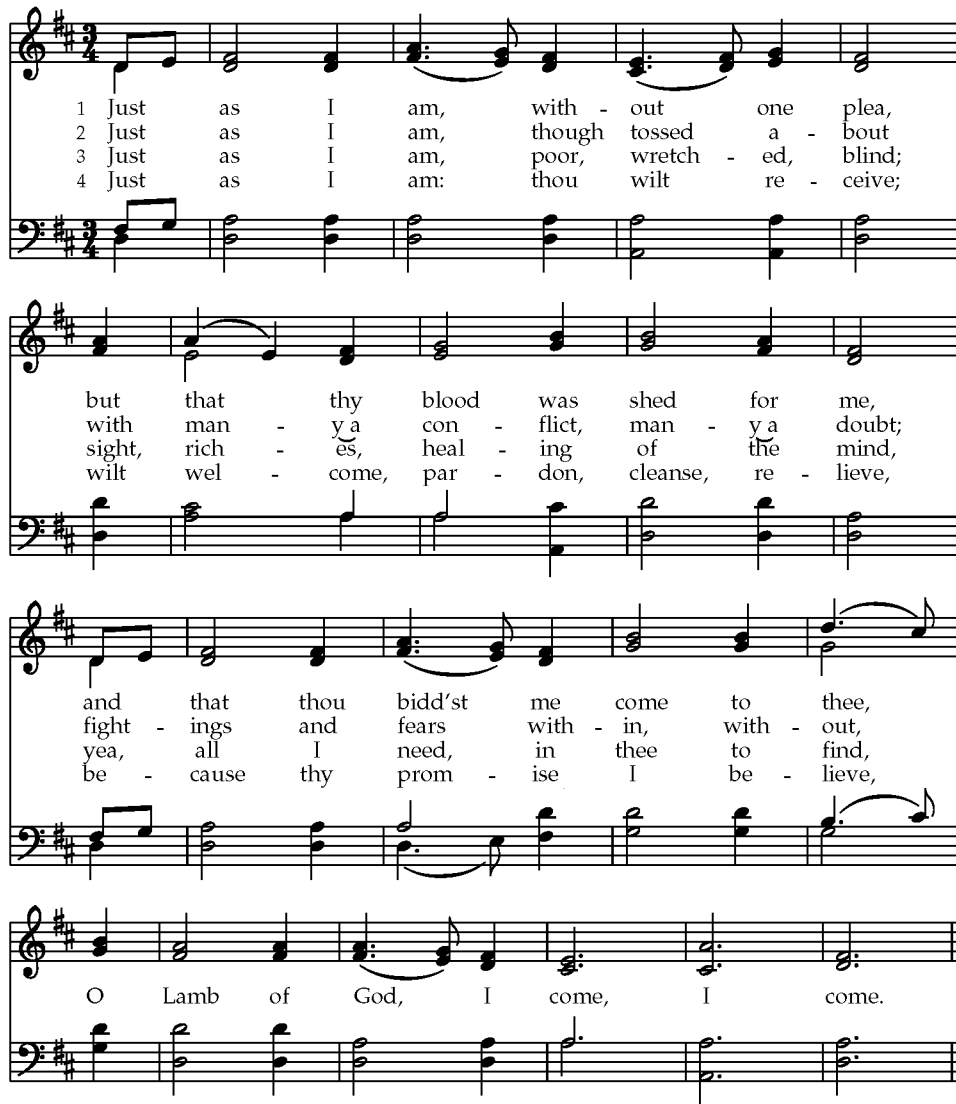
Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is especially appreciated at this time. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you can simply [CLICK HERE](#). Know also that the Church office is able to process checks that have been mailed. Thank you!

## HYMN

Just as I am (84, *Voices Found*)



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea,  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout,  
3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;  
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive;

but that thy blood was shed for me,  
with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt;  
sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,  
wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,

and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871).

Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

## DISMISSAL AND CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*



## ANTHEM

Panis angelicus

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum  
dat panis coelicus figuris terminum  
o res mirabilis manducat Dominum  
pauper servus et humilis.

The bread of angels becomes the bread of people,  
the heavenly bread gives an end to earthly forms.  
O wondrous sacrament: feeding on their Lord  
are the poor, the slave, and the humble person.

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) Music: César Franck (1822–1890), *Mass*, Op. 12 (1872)

*After the Anthem, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour. Please see the Parish Enews for the latest announcements and information.*

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## Announcements

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### Sunday Servers Needed!

Recruitment is underway for all Sunday morning lay ministries:

- Acolytes/Eucharistic ministers (crucifers, torch bearers, altar servers)
- Sacristans (folks who prepare the altar and elements for communion)
- Ushers/greeters
- Sunday School leaders

These lay ministries are vital to congregational life. TO STAFF OUR RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP, WE ARE PARTICULARLY IN NEED OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND SACRISTANS! Training and support will be provided. Please prayerfully consider whether you feel called to serve at this important time. If you do, email Keri.

**Keri Away.** Keri will be on vacation (and off email) for three weeks beginning Sunday afternoon and returning Monday, August 16. For pastoral emergencies, contact a warden. For other concerns, email Julie. Sunday morning worship will continue with lay-led morning prayer. Thanks to substitute officiants Alexandria Robison, Sally Edwards, and Ricardo Chavira!



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## Serving Today

**Officiant & Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert

**Music Director:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Lectors:** Don Edwards, Claire Scully

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:**

Cynthia (Sally Edwards' sister-in-law), Fern (Nathan Empsall's grandmother), Franklin (Heather and Alexandria Robison's grandfather), Marion (Brewer) Sally (Edwards)

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**  
those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

**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:**

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

**Church Vestry**

Greg D'Andrea (Senior Warden)

Linda Meyer (Junior Warden)

Bill English (Treasurer)

Denise Terry (Clerk)

Valerie Garlick

Claire Scully

Sara Zampierin

The Rev. Keri Aubert (Rector)

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The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

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