



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 14, YEAR C

## Service of Holy Eucharist

August 11, 2019 10 A.M.

### If you are new or visiting ...

**Welcome!** After the service, please come to Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Fugue in E-flat major  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 552/2

*At the ringing of the bell, please stand.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** All creatures of our God and King (**400**, *The Hymnal 1982*)  
Verses 1-4

### 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: Lord, have mercy.  
**People: Christ, have mercy.**  
Presider: Lord, have mercy.  
Presider: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Presider: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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**

ISAIAH 1:1,10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

**PSALM 50:1-8,23-24** (*said by all*)

**Page 654,** *The Book of Common Prayer*

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

HEBREWS 11:1-3,8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

#### SEQUENCE HYMN

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

#### THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:32-40

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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, FORM IV**      **Page 388, *The Book of Common Prayer***

**THE CONFESSION**      **Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer***

**THE PEACE**      **Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer***

*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

Lead me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord; thou, Lord, only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

Words: Psalm 5:8, 4:9      Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876), from *Praise the Lord, O my soul*

*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

Glorious things of thee are spoken (523, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters  
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,  
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges  
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a  
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their  
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -  
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they  
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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**EUCCHARISTIC 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 ANTHEM**

Sicut cervus

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

Words: Psalm 42:1      Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

*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**

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

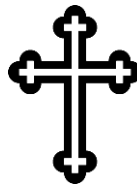
**DISMISSAL**

**Page 366, *The Book of Common Prayer***

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Prelude in E-flat major  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 552/1

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## Announcements

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

**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. Canon K. Dexter Cheney

**Deacon:** The Rev. April Alford-Harkey

**Organist & Choir Director:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kyle Holton

**Crucifer:**

**Lectors:** Don Edwards, Sally Edwards

**Intercessor:**

**Vestry Host:**

**Sacristans:** Kyle Holton & Kids

**Ushers:** Claire Scully, Alexandria Robison

**Counters:** Erika Nemeti

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Catherine & Jesse Stricklan, Sally & Don Edwards

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**

Bonnie, Dorothy, Drew, Dwight, Imane, John

**Pray for those who have died, especially:**

the victims of gun violence in El Paso and Dayton

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

St. Peter's, South Windsor; Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington; Liturgical assistants serving in parishes: lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists, and vergers

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**

the united Church of South India

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

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

**Church Officers and Vestry**

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