



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 13) – YEAR A

Service of Holy Eucharist

August 6, 2017 10:00 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. You can request a name tag using the form in the pew rack or the sheet at the entrance. Next Sunday your new name tag will be waiting for you on the table in the foyer inside the main church entrance.

To follow along with the service you will need this bulletin and, from the pew racks, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red) and *The Hymnal 1982* (blue). During Holy Communion, you will need only the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*.

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.

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.

Education for all ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. on most Sundays during the academic year. All programs are currently on hiatus until September.

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)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

For the celebration of Holy Eucharist, the people gather around the altar. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion at our common table.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. There are usually two communion stations, one at each front corner of the altar. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

Receiving Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands. Please sip wine from the common cup; using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips—this is the most sanitary option. 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 following order of service.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Plymouth Suite: Salix
Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 591 O God of earth and altar, *The Hymnal 1982*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

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Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Response

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99:5-9

Page 728, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE SECOND LESSON

2 PETER 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN **Hymn 639** Come, O thou traveller unknown, *The Hymnal 1982*

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 9:28-36

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE SERMON

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Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM VI

Page 392, *The Book of Common Prayer*

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE PEACE

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please remain seated for the beginning of the Offertory Hymn. The Oblationers come forward immediately, presenting the bread and wine for communion. The Ushers follow but turn and take the collection from the front to the back of the church. The Ushers then bring the collection forward. After the ushers pass, rise and follow them up the center aisle, and then join with the congregation to 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 **Hymn 304** I come with joy to meet my Lord, *The Hymnal 1982*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

Page 369, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 761 All who hunger gather gladly, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
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Taste and see that God is good.
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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