



**ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
&
YOUNG ADULT EPISCOPALIANS**

SERVICE FOR ALL HALLOWS' EVE

October 31, 2021 7:30 P.M.

Whether you are new or returning, WELCOME!

Please remain masked and observe social distancing throughout the service. The building remains closed, and the restrooms are available for limited use only. ♦ **You are invited to stay after the service** for socially-distanced fellowship.

VOLUNTARY

Philosus Figulus
Johannes Guillaumes (b.1932)

At the invitation of the Officiant, all stand.

OPENING SENTENCE & PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The candles at the Altar are now lighted, as are other candles and lamps as may be convenient.



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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All are seated.

THE FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you

shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 143:1-11

Officiant and People

- 1 LORD, hear my prayer,
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For my enemy has sought my life;
he has crushed me to the ground; *
he has made me live in dark places like those who
are long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
- 7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, *
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God, you have called your people to your service from age to age. Do not give us over to death, but raise us up to serve you, to praise you, and to glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SECOND READING

REVELATION 12:1-12

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 12

A Song of Creation

Officiant and People

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O most merciful and mighty God, your son Jesus Christ was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary to bring us salvation and to establish your kingdom on earth: Grant that Michael and all your angels may defend your people against Satan and every evil foe, and that at the last we may come to that heavenly country where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HOMILY

Madeleine Anderson

All stand.

CANTICLE 21

Te Deum laudamus

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.**

When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

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.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,	as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.
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Officiant

(The Collect of the Day) Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(The Collect of All Saints' Day) Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

You are invited to share your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

HYMN

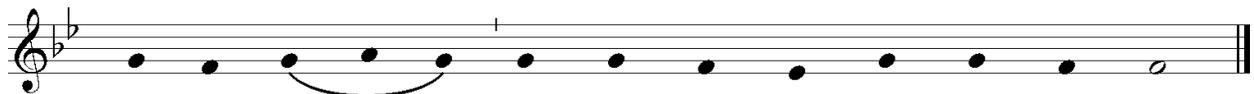
To you before the close of day (44, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 To you be - fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor
 2 Save us from trou - bled, res - tless sleep, from all ill
 3 A health - y life we ask of you, the fire of
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je - sus



of all things, we pray that in your con - stant
 dreams your child - ren keep; so calm our minds that
 love in us re - new, and when the dawn new
 Christ, our Lord Most High, whom with the Spi - rit



cle - men - cy our guard and keep - er you would be.
 fears may cease and rest - ed bo - dies wake in peace.
 light will bring your praise and glo - ry we shall sing.
 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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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. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

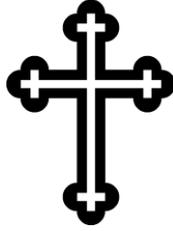
All are seated.

VOLUNTARY

Tocatta in D minor
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 565/1

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Announcements

S'mores! You are invited to stay after the service for a time of fellowship, s'mores, hot chocolate, hot tea, and enjoying the campfire.

Land Acknowledgement: St. Thomas's Church is located on Quinnipiac land. This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

Young Adult Episcopalians (YAE)

What is YAE?

YAE is a group of young adult Episcopalians (ages 21+) living in the greater New Haven Area. Some are professionals, some are students, some are parents, some are solo, some are partnered. We meet for meals, hikes, local events, social hours, Bible studies, and any other event that seems interesting.

What is the Commitment?

We try to host events on a regular basis. You have a life... so participate as much, or as little as you like. Come to one event for free food and conversation, host an event, offer ideas, invite your friends.

I don't really like to go to church...

No judgment here. Some of us go to church on a weekly basis, and some don't. When we talk about our spirituality, we try to do so in a comfortable non-judgmental or pressure-filled way.

How do I get involved or find events?

Email us at yaeforjesus@gmail.com and we will add you to the mailing list; or find us on Facebook – YAE: Young Adult Episcopalians.

St. Thomas's Episcopal Church

Join us next week for the celebration of All Saints' Sunday. Worship begins at 10 a.m. WE ARE PLANNING TO MOVE OUR IN-PERSON WORSHIP INTO THE SANCTUARY FOR ALL SAINTS'. PLEASE SEND US THE NAMES OF THOSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER. Details in the Enews.

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