



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE
FEAST OF ST. THOMAS (TRANS.)

Celebrating a New Season of Ministry
and Installing the Rev. Keri Aubert as the
Sixth Rector of St. Thomas's Church

November 20, 2019 6:30 P.M.

WELCOME!

Welcome to St. Thomas's Episcopal Church and Day School and to this service of Choral Evensong. The liturgy is drawn from Anglican traditions dating as far back as the *1662 Book of Common Prayer* of the Church of England.

To follow along with the service you will need **only this service bulletin**. Throughout, the People's responses are shown in **bold**.

After the service there will be a **reception in the Lounge** on the 2nd floor. All are welcome. Thanks to the Vestry of St. Thomas's Church for hosting!

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 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.

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.

This evening's worship is offered in loving memory of and joyful gratitude for the life of **E. Dorothy Asch, Ph.D.** A courageous groundbreaker who paved the way for the women who followed, we remember her especially as co-founder of St. Thomas's Day School. Dr. Asch died on September 18, having logged decades of dedicated service to St. Thomas's. This is the eve of what would have been her 98th birthday, and so tonight we honor her as one of the saints in light.



ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prélude and Fugue in B major
Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921), Op. 99

INTROIT *(played by the Day School Orchestra)*

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827), Symphony no. 9, Op. 125, 1826; arranged by D. R. Bellwood

Ode to Joy

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(sung by all)*

Earth and all stars (412, *The Hymnal* 1982)



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the
4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the
5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the
6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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OPENING SENTENCES

Bishop

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

THE INSTITUTION

The Wardens and new Rector stand before the Bishop, who says these words

People of St. Thomas's Church, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

Wardens

We have chosen and called Keri Aubert to be our Rector, and she has accepted.

Bishop

I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Bishop reads the Letter of Institution and then says

Keri, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility with the people of St. Thomas's Church?

New Rector

I do.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation

Are you, the people of St. Thomas's, ready to continue in your ministry, with Keri as your priest?

People

We are.

Bishop

Let us pray. Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Keri, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRECES AND RESPONSES *(sung by the Church Choir)*

Iain Quinn (b. 1973)

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

All are seated.

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
 - 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
 - 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
 - 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
 - 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
 - 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
 - 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
- 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 FIRST LESSON

HABAKKUK 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

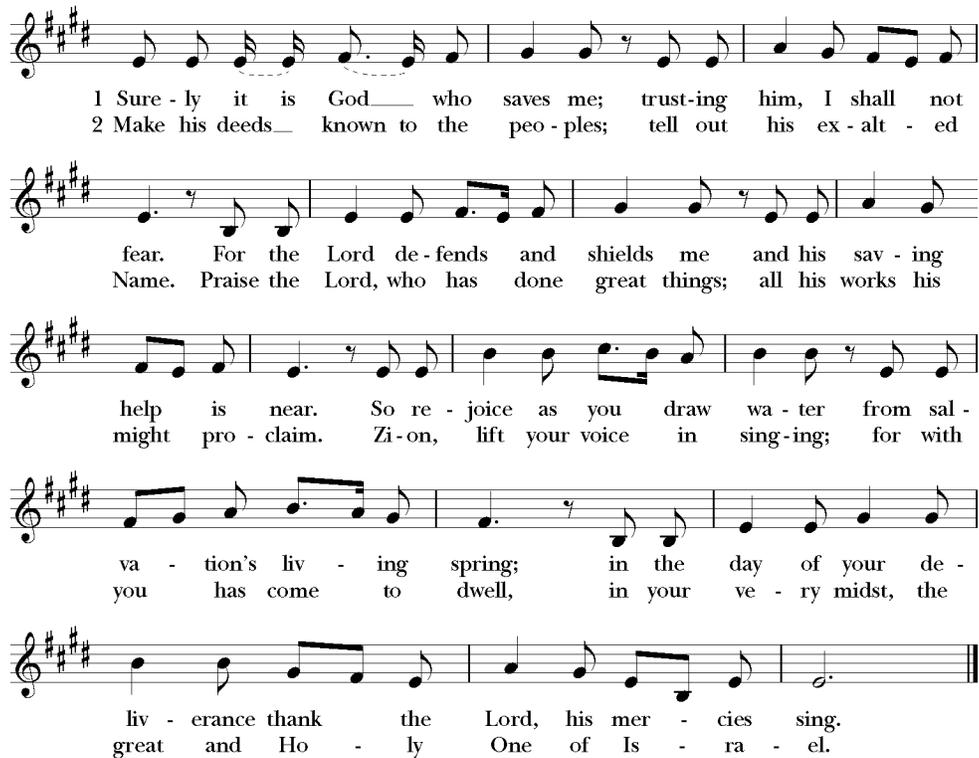
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

CANTICLE 9 (*sung by all*)Surely it is God who saves me (679, *The Hymnal 1982*)


1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
 2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
 fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
 help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
 va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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*All are seated.***THE SECOND LESSON**

JOHN 20:24-29

A reading from the Gospel of John.

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

CANTICLE 15 (*sung by all*)

The Song of Mary (S-247, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Antiphon

Unison or harmony

1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness

of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in

God my Sa - vior; for he has looked

spi - rit re - joic - es in God

with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
 3 He has mercy on those who fear him
 4 He has shown the strength of his arm,
 5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
 6 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 7 He has come to the help of his ser - vant Israel,
 8 The promise he made to our fathers,
 9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 10 As it was in the be - ginning, is now,

2 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
 3 in every gen - er - ation. [Ant.]
 4 he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit.
 5 and has lifted up the lowly. [Ant.]
 6 and the rich he has sent a - way empty.
 7 for he has remembered his prom - ise of mercy,
 8 to Abraham and his chil - dren for ever. [Ant.]
 9 and to the Ho - ly Spirit:
 10 and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*sung by all*)

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

Iain Quinn (b. 1973)

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And also with you.
Cantor Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Iain Quinn (b. 1973)

Cantor Show us your mercy, O Lord;
Choir And grant us your salvation.
Cantor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Choir Let your people sing with joy.
Cantor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Choir For only in you can we live in safety.
Cantor Lord, keep this nation under your care;
Choir And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Cantor Let your way be known upon earth;
Choir Your saving health among all nations.
Cantor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Choir Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Cantor Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Choir And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collects

Iain Quinn (b. 1973)

Intercessor

(Collect for St. Thomas) Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Collect for Schools) O God of light and truth, we pray for all schools, especially St. Thomas's, that all who teach here may be taught by you, and all who learn here may be guided by your Spirit. Grant that as we leave this place, we may go forth in your presence and love all the day long. **Amen.**

(Collect for Mission) 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.**

All are seated.

ANTHEM *(sung by the Church Choir)*

Quia vidisti me Thoma

Quia vidisti me Thoma credidisti
beati qui non viderunt et crediderunt.

Because you saw me, Thomas, you believed;
blessed are those who do not see, but believe.

Words: John 20:29 Music: Jacobus Handl (1550–1591), 1590, à 5

THE HOMILY

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

Representatives are invited forward to present the symbols of ministry. Each pair proceeds in turn to stand before the Bishop and New Rector.

Representatives of the congregation present a Bible and Book of Common Prayer, saying
Keri, receive this Bible and Prayer Book, and be among us as preacher and teacher. **Amen.**

Representatives of the congregation present a stole and healing oil, saying
Keri, receive this stole and oil, and be among us as healer, pastor, and priest. **Amen.**

Representatives of St. Thomas's Day School present a bell, saying
Keri, accept this bell, and be among us to educate children in this community. **Amen.**

Representative clergy of the Diocese present the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying
Keri, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese. **Amen.**

Representative clergy of the Community present a candle, saying
Keri, take this candle, and be among us to seek justice and build peace. **Amen.**

The Wardens present the keys of the church, saying
Keri, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people. **Amen.**

The Bishop then says
Keri, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place. **Amen.**

Bishop
Greet your new Rector.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM *(sung by the Church Choir)*

Praise His Holy Name

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout hallelujah! Praise His holy name!

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!
Shout hallelujah! Praise His holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.

Must Jesus bear the cross alone
and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone
and there's a cross for me.

Words and Music: Keith Hampton (b. 1957)

During the Anthem a collection is taken. The offering will be split between the Day School Scholarship fund and the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

After the Anthem, all stand.

ST. THOMAS'S DAY SCHOOL SONG



1. Hai - ling it with joy - ful glad - ness, of Saint Tho - mas - 's we sing,
2. Taught to seek through ev - 'ry sea - son all the know - ledge we can glean,
3. Beck - oned by the Source e - ter - nal forth in - to the mys - te - ry,
voi - ces of our ho - ly cho - rus, 'round the cha - pel ec - ho - ing.
found in words and woods and wis - dom, rocks sup - por - ting all our dreams.
gui - ded by Sun's bla - zing can - dle through Sky's vast in - fi - ni - ty,
Rain - bows pierce the gra - nite shel - ter, light and strength with them are spun,
With com - pas - sion, hope and kind - ness, faith and cu - ri - o - si - ty,
far be - yond these halls we'll tra - vel, gold and blue u - pon our sleeve,
bin - ding stu - dents past and fu - ture, we are ma - ny, we are one.
we have cou - rage to be daunt - less, we have strength to go and see.
love will be the on - ly mea - sure of the heights that we a - chieve.

Words: The Rev. Keri Aubert (b. 1962) Music: Edgerton, Simon Jacobs (b. 1983)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(offered by the Bishop)*

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

The St. Thomas's Day School Prayer, adapted from a prayer attributed to St. Francis

Intercessor and People

Where there is hatred, **may I bring love.**
Where there is pain, **may I bring healing.**
Where there is darkness, **may I bring light.**
Where there is despair, **may I bring hope.**
Where there is discord, **may I bring harmony.**
Where there is strife, **may I bring peace.**
Make this a better world, **and let it begin with me.**

COMMENDATION

Bishop

Gathered in worship, we have celebrated this new season of ministry. Keri, I commend to your love and care the people of St. Thomas's. People of St. Thomas's, I commend to your love and care your colleague, friend, and new Rector, Keri.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Bishop Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prélude in E-flat major
Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921), Op. 99

*Please remain standing while the procession exits the church. You are welcome to sit for the organ voluntary.
You are invited to the reception, in the Lounge on the second floor.*

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SERVING THIS EVENING

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The Rev. Paul J. Carling, Ph.D., Chaplain, The Episcopal Church at Yale

Emcee

The Rev. Derek Stefanovsky, Assistant Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Darien

Bishop's Chaplain

Will Parker, Chaplain, St. Thomas's Day School, and Seminarian, Yale Divinity School

Church Choir Director & Organist

Dr. Noah Horn, Music Director

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Nora Lee, Music Teacher

Crucifer

Chris Martinez

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Representatives of the Class of 2020

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Gina Panza, Head of School, St. Thomas's Day School

Kyle Holton, Senior Warden, St. Thomas's Church

Intercessor for the Collects

Ricardo Chavira

Presenters of Symbols of Ministry

Bible and Book of Common Prayer: Catherine Stricklan & Alexandria Robison

Stole and Oil: Martha Deeds Hogan & Diana Empsall

Bell: Gina Criscuolo (Board Chair) & Gina Panza (Head of School)

Canons: The Rev. Jane Hale (Trinity Church, Brooklyn, CT) &

The Rev. Tracy Johnson Russell (St. Monica's Church, Hartford, CT)

Candle: Rabbi Herbert Brockman (Congregation Mishkan Israel, Hamden, CT) &

The Rev. Jack Davidson (The Spring Glen Church, UCC, Hamden, CT)

Keys: Kyle Holton (Senior Warden) & Denise Terry (Junior Warden)

Intercessor for “A Prayer for the World”

Don Edwards

Ushers

Gary Robison (Head Usher), Bob Herdt, Lorna Herdt, Don Edwards, Tom Hogan

Hospitality

Reception hosted by the Vestry of St. Thomas’s Church

Coordinated by Denise Terry & Alexandria Robinson



LEADERSHIP AT ST. THOMAS’S

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