



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, CHRIST THE KING, YEAR C

Service of Holy Eucharist

November 20, 2022

10 A.M.

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**Whether you are new or returning, WELCOME!**

**Please remain masked and observe social distancing** throughout the service and any time you are inside, regardless of vaccination status. Our expectation is that everyone who can be has been vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. Very young children and people who are immunocompromised lack vaccine protection, so your continued diligence is appreciated.

**There is no mechanical air exchange in the church portions of the building.** We are eager to limit occupancy of smaller spaces, so please avoid the Sacristy and Vesting Room, and please do not linger in the narthex (the area inside the main doors), restrooms, or hallways. The Lounge has high efficiency air filters but no mechanical air exchange.

**All church spaces are accessible.** Handicapped parking and a wheelchair ramp are located in back of the building; a lift for access to the second floor is located at the stairway.

**Restrooms** are located on the second floor. Go through the double doors near the pulpit, upstairs to the second floor, and to the far end of the hallway. A **restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit. All restrooms are all-gender single-use.

**ALL are invited to receive Holy Communion.** Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. As a pandemic safety precaution, the People will be offered bread but not wine. Remember, the sacrament is complete and efficacious even when received in one kind only. Instructions for Holy Communion are included below at the appropriate point.

**After the service**, please stay for food and fellowship. Coffee hour is hosted either outside behind the building (exit via the side door facing Cliff Street and walk around to the back) or in the Lounge (exit via the double doors near the pulpit and go upstairs to the second floor; the Lounge is at the end of the hall). Children may unwind in the kindergarten playground behind the building.

If you are new, please consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting on the table inside the main entrance.

Three seating areas at the front of the nave are reserved for **families with small children**: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the two areas in front of the 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 the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the service.

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**St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (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.

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# VOLUNTARY

## Processional Meditation

Peter Hurford (1930–2019), *Suite "Laudate Dominum"*, 1961

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

# HYMN

Crown him with many crowns (494, *The Hymnal* 1982)

*Descant*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

**Presider:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF A CHURCH

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## GLORIA

Matthew Harrison (2021)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth Lord God, hea - ven - ly  
King al - might - y Fa - ther we give you thanks we praise you for your Glo - ry Lord, Je - sus  
Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther Lord God, Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the  
world have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther re - ceive our  
prayer for you a - lone are the Ho - ly One You a - lone are Lord You a - lone are most high Je - sus  
Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of god the Fa - ther A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 46** (*sung by the Choir*)

Ivor Algernon Atkins

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 “Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body,

the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

## HYMN

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine (477, *The Hymnal* 1982)

*Descant*

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

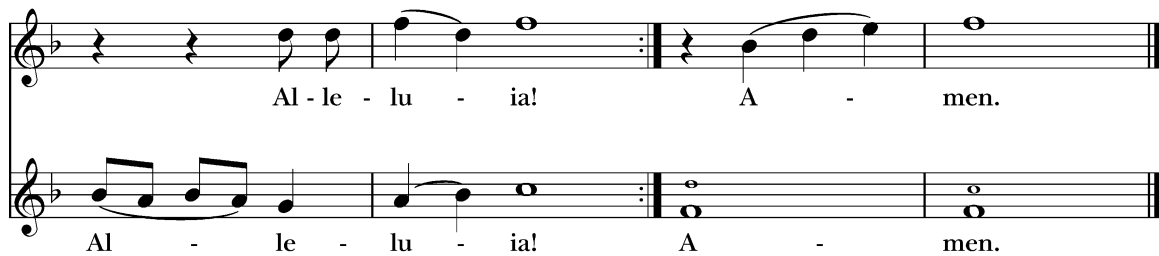
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



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## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 23:33-43

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Presider:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated.*

## THE SERMON

*After the sermon, all remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [*The United Church of Canada*]

*Presider and People*

**We are not alone,**

**we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,**

**the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others**

**by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our guide and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [*The Rev. Keri Aubert*]

*Intercessor and People*

As the leaves fall and the nights lengthen, we remember the uncertainties of our age, and we pray to God for the church and for the world.

Lend your wisdom to all Christians, and help all churches proclaim the Good News of your justice and mercy. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your vision to political and business leaders whose decisions affect people around the globe, and help them prioritize compassion, equity, and peace. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your strength to those who work to end marginalization and oppression, and help them find joy in their labors. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your vision to the human stewards of the living Earth, and help them safeguard its health for the future of our children. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your gifts for ministry to all members of the St. Thomas's community, and help us serve and uphold one another and our neighbors. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**



Lend your comfort to all who lack adequate food, employment, housing, or health care, and help our nation understand how its abundant wealth might be more fairly shared. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Lend your holy light to all our loved ones who have died, and help us follow their pathway to your eternal presence. Christ, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear our prayers for those intercessions and thanksgivings that we now offer silently or aloud. *[You are invited to offer your prayer intentions.]*

*Presider*

God of rest and renewal, during this turn of the seasons, help us to remember that the cycle of birth and death is the means by which you cultivate new life, and send the peace of your assurance to all who seek and serve you, through your Christ, in your Spirit. **Amen.**

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Presider*

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

*Presider 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.**

*Presider*

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

## **THE PEACE**

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

**People:** And also with you.

*Please remain in place while greeting your neighbors with a sign of peace. You may then be seated for brief announcements and the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the altar is prepared.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is sincerely appreciated. We will not be passing a collection plate today; collection plates are located at the doors. 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 may simply [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His Kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules over earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given.

He all His foes shall quell,  
Shall all our sins destroy,  
And every bosom swell with pure seraphic joy.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), 1746    Music: Henry Pfohl (1915–2005), 1950

## THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

*Presider*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*A proper preface is sung or said.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

Matthew Harrison (2021)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *Presider*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### *Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### *Presider*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Matthew Harrison (2021)



Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You may be seated. **All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church.** Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Pandemic precautions remain in place for Holy Communion.** Please come forward when instructed by an Usher and endeavor to maintain social distancing. You will be offered bread only. Approach the priest with your hands extended, and the priest will place a wafer in them. Do not consume the wafer immediately. Instead, return to your seat and then raise your mask to consume the wafer. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Laudamus te

Laudamus te benedicimus te  
adoramus te glorificamus te.

We praise you, we give you thanks,  
we worship you for your glory.

Words: Canticle 20 Music: Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741), *Gloria*, RV 589

*After all have received communion, all stand.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider and People*


**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

Presider: *[The Presider blesses the People.]*

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! (495, *The Hymnal* 1982)


1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy

le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bid; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,

thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic

Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our

we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

## DISMISSAL

Presider: *[The Presider dismisses the People.]*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*You may be seated for the voluntary or exit the church.*

## VOLUNTARY

## Marche de Procession

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911), Op. 41, No. 5

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## Announcements

*Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and “like” St. Thomas’s on Facebook.*

*To keep up with the latest parish events and information, please see the most recent edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Home page of the Parish website ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), you can go to the Enews archive or subscribe.*

**Our formal Stewardship Season has concluded, but it's no too late to participate.** For details, see our three Enews Steward Specials. In short, please consider whether you will start giving or change your giving. If the answer is YES: inform Parish Administrator [Julie Kelly](#); and, if you will give automatically/electronically (highly encouraged!), set up your payment via the Donate button on the website or your bank's bill pay portal. For all that you give to support the ongoing life of our community, THANK YOU!

**Our Formal Stewardship Season Has Concluded.** But it's always a season of giving at St. Thomas's. While stewardship is a year-round activity, we are in the midst of a more intentional season of giving. Among other things, look out for a series of Enews specials with information about why and how to give. If you have any questions, you can always ask a member of the Vestry.

**Young Adult Board Game Night: Sunday, November 20, 4-6pm in the Church Lounge.** The young adults of St. Thomas's are hosting a board game night on Sunday November 20. All are invited, regardless of age. You are welcome to bring your favorite board game and a snack or beverage to share. Click the link in the Enews if you plan to come, or if you want to be in the loop about future events. RSVPs encouraged but not required.

**Thursday Night Bible Study, Weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 pm.** This coming Thursday, we're wrapping up our series on First Isaiah. Stay tuned for what's next. Details are in the Enews.

**Next Sunday, November 27, the St. Thomas's Choir will premiere a musical setting of Sally Edwards' poem “Thin Place,” composed by Gabriel Rhys Simerson and entitled “Yarmouth Rock.”** It seems particularly appropriate that we will offer this on Advent 1, since it contains the text “Be watchful and aware.” If you don't know Gabe, he's a former member and continuing friend of St. Thomas's. After singing in our choir during high school, he left CT for studies at American University in Washington, D.C. He currently serves as Director of Music and Organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke, VA. See Thursday's Enews for Gabe's words about this piece.

**A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent: Sunday, December 4, 5 p.m.** This year, our beloved Advent Lessons & Carols service returns to Sunday evening. This is arguably the most beautiful service of the liturgical year. It appeals even to folks who don't normally “do” church, so it's a great way to reach out to the broader community. Please help us get out the word!

**Coffee Hour Hosting. Link to sign up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee>. Thank you!

**Free Upcoming Anti-Racism Training.** Kaleidoscope Institute is offering another 4-session cohort in December for those in ECCT seeking to embrace and enact the vision of Becoming Beloved Community. The dates are: December 3, 4, 10 & 11. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

**Region-Wide Advent Offering - All Are Welcome.** From Regional Missioner Rachel Thomas: As Advent is a season of preparation for the inbreaking of Jesus, the Episcopal Church has developed an Advent study series to help us reflect on how we are preparing to make flesh the Beloved Community of God's dream. Each week will we look at the lectionary readings for the preceding Sunday. The Rev. Rachel Thomas will facilitate the Monday evening group, which will take place on Zoom from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm beginning November 28. Email her at [rthomas@episcopalet.org](mailto:rthomas@episcopalet.org) to receive the link.



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## Serving Today

**Presider:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Music Director:** Laura Richling  
**Eucharistic Minister:**  
**Lector:** Madeleine Anderson  
**Intercessor:** Claire Scully  
**Sacristan:** Claire Scully  
**Usher:** Claire Scully  
**Coffee Hour:** Lorna & Bob Herdt

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

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

Cynthia (Sally Edwards' sister-in-law), Dwight (Miller), Katie (Coleman), Leon (Denise Terry's brother-in-law), Lily (Madeleine Anderson's mother), Tom (Linda Meyer's father)

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**  
the people of Ukraine

**Pray for those who have died.**

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

St. Paul's, Woodbury; St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic; The health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church; the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church

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

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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

East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

### Church Vestry

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden)  
Linda Meyer (Junior Warden)  
Bill English (Treasurer)  
Denise Terry (Clerk)  
Madeleine Anderson  
Valerie Cicero  
Claire Scully  
The Rev. Keri Aubert (Rector)

### Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

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